

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
25 N BROADWAY  
PERU, IN 46970  
April 4, 2022

Commissioner Hunt called the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order. All Commissioners were present.

**JAIL DEMO BID OPENING**

The board received the following bids for demolition of the old jail.

- Bowyer Excavating \$549,500
- Denney Companies \$650,000
- Kreager Group \$289,730
- Dore & Associates \$474,400
- Green Demolition \$696,400

Commissioner Musselman made a motion to take the bids under advisement and have Eric Woodmansee with AME Consulting to review and make a recommendation. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

The board received a request from Brent Wedding to hold National Day of Prayer on the Courthouse steps on May 5, 2022 at noon. Commissioner Weaver made a motion to approve the request from Brent Wedding to hold National Day of Prayer on the Courthouse steps on May 5, 2022 at noon. Commissioner Musselman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

**PROBATION**

Amanda Mavrack, Chief Probation Officer explained to the board when the state required the county to create the Intake Officer Position, she did not realize that would increase the number of employees she supervised. Due to the addition of the Intake Officer Position, she is required to appoint an Assistant Chief Probation Officer and would require a pay increase of \$5,000. Chief Probation Officer Mavrack noted the state sets the salaries for Probation Officers and is required to follow the judicial schedule. Chief Probation Officer Mavrack is requesting support to present to the Council an increase for the newly appointed Assistant Chief Probation Officer. Commissioner Weaver made a motion to approve the request to go before the Council to create the Assistant Chief Probation Officer and increase of \$5,000 to the salary. Commissioner Musselman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Chief Probation Officer Mavrack advised the board that due to the change in the law last July, anyone 18 years and under who is arrested is required to go to juvenile detention and cannot be housed in a county jail. The county is required to cover the cost of juvenile detention and comes from the Board of Commissioners budget. Chief Probation Officer Mavrack explained juvenile detention is currently housing 2 under age murders and will likely result in a shortfall in the appropriation before the end of the year.

Chief Probation Office came back to the meeting to note that because of the change in the number of people she is supervising, she would also be required to increase her salary by \$2,500. Commissioner Weaver amended her original motion to approve the request to go before the Council to create the Assistant Chief Probation Officer position, increase the salary by \$5,000 and increase the Chief Probation Officer salary by \$2,500. Commissioner Musselman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

### **REQUEST TO MAKE POSITION ELECTED**

John Riffle, citizen requested how the board could make the position of the MCEDA Director an elected position rather than appointed. Commissioner Hunt noted the board does not appoint that position and only appoint the board members at the recommendation of the MCEDA Board. Mr. Riffle would like to contact an attorney to determine if a petition is necessary to start the process to make the position elected. The board suggested he contact an attorney.

### **SOLAR PROJECT CONCERN**

Mr. Riffle also spoke to the board about the placement and glare of solar panels if a solar project happens in the county. Mr. Riffle wants to be assured that proper shrubbery or trees cover the glare. Mr. Riffle noted he had his property appraised and is concerned about loss in value of his property. Mr. Riffle questioned who would be responsible to pay him the difference in the lost value. Mr. Riffle suggested the board consider a cap on the number of acres that could be used for solar and to ensure that if the project moves forward, the money stays in the area it was created. Mr. Riffle stressed the importance of being transparent with the public.

### **ASSESSOR**

Karen LeMaster, Assessor requested to purchase 2 scanners for her office for \$1,020 and asked the board cover the cost to purchase. The board asked Auditor Brown how the purchase would work. Auditor Brown explained if the purchase was because they wanted something better, the Reassessment budget could cover the cost. If it was a major replacement such as a computer or copier then the board could cover the cost. Auditor Brown suggested Assessor LeMaster cover the cost from her Reassessment budget. Auditor Brown noted the Assessor could only use Reassessment funding. There is enough money to cover the cost from the Reassessment budget and would eliminate using County General funding. Commissioner Weaver made a motion to approve the purchase of the scanners for \$1,020 to be paid from the Reassessment budget. Commissioner Musselman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

### **EMA**

Kris Marks, EMA Director provided an update to the board regarding the tower inspection. Director Marks requested a couple of the board members come to his office to review the deeper findings of the report as to not hold up the meeting. Director Marks did note the initial work that needed to be complete for light repairs would be \$2,840. Director Marks would like to contact the tower company after meeting with the board to make sure all questions are asked prior to the repair work starting.

## **PAYROLL**

Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve payroll. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## **MINUTES**

Commissioner Weaver made a motion to approve the 3/22/2022 minutes. Commissioner Musselman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## **CLAIMS**

Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve claims. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## **CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS/BLUE JEANS MONTH**

The board received a request to allow employees to wear blue jeans the month of April for a donation of \$3 per week to be donated to Child Abuse Awareness. Commissioner Weaver made a motion to approve the request, but increase the cost to \$5 per week and to ensure employees are not wearing jeans with holes, rips or tears. Commissioner Musselman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0. Auditor Brown will make sure the email references the dress code in the handbook related to wearing jeans at work.

## **ARPA FUNDING**

Auditor Brown explained she attended the Association of Indiana Counties last week and during the meeting, a new final rule for ARPA funding was distributed. The new final rule states that units who receive less than \$10 million in award can claim all the funds as lost revenue, without performing the calculations previously required under the rule. Auditor Brown stated the board must adopt an ordinance by 4/30/22 stating they would claim the funding as lost revenue and would allow the county to use as normal operating expense and without the current restrictions placed on the funding. Auditor Brown noted the money must remain and expenses paid from the grant, but the county would have the ability to use the funding, as the county wants. Auditor Brown stated the current plan in place for ARPA funding could remain as a guide with the change in ordinance.

## **COUNTY ATTORNEY**

County Attorney, Steve Downs stated he reviewed the engagement letter for Broadband consulting with Ice Miller Whiteboard. The Broadband Committee reviewed the consulting submissions and made the recommendation of Ice Miller Whiteboard to assist with the project. Commissioner Weaver made a motion to approve the engagement letter with Ice Miller Whiteboard and authorize Commissioner Hunt sign the contract after Attorney Downs corrects the signature line. Commissioner Musselman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Attorney Down noted the meeting with IDEM regarding the Tolley-Hunt Landfill would be May 5, 2022 at 10 am.

**IT CONTRACT**

The board received the new IT Contract from 10 Krypto effective July 1, 2022 with pricing schedule as follows.

**Pricing Schedule**

Calendar Year	Monthly Total	Annual Total
2022	\$17,200	\$206,400
2023	\$17,200	\$206,400
2024	\$17,500	\$210,000

Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the IT Contract with 10 Krypto effective July 1, 2022. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

**ADJOURN**

Commissioner Musselman made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

**Adjourned**

**MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

\_\_\_\_\_, **Chairman**  
**Alan Hunt**

\_\_\_\_\_, **Vice Chairman**  
**Keith Musselman**

\_\_\_\_\_, **Member**  
**Brenda Weaver**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_, **Auditor**  
**Mary Brown**