

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
APRIL 19, 2021

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

HIGHWAY

Kerry Worl, Highway Superintendent presented the three bids for the Asphalt Cracking Sealing/Filing as follows:

Russell Standard \$108,909.06
Harding Group \$125,644.42
Pavement Solutions \$210,873.67

Commissioner Weaver made a motion to approve the bid from Russell Standard for \$108,909.06 approval and Commissioner Hunt 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Hunt discussed the issue with trash dumping along roads. Commissioner Hunt asked Superintendent Worl about Highway employees working over or weekends to collect the illegal dumping on roadsides. The Commissioners understand any overtime form the work would come from their budget. Superintendent Worl stated that he would talk to some employees and determine what equipment will be needed to use to collect the trash/debris. Commissioner Hunt stated tires or recycling debris should be delivered to the Miami County Solid Waste District. Commissioner Weaver said to call Samantha St John, Solid Waste Director to discuss some options on disposal of such debris.

Elaine Anderson asked how the board would know where the debris is being dumped. Superintendent Worl stated that his workers travel their territories, make a note, and call in dumping areas to be cleaned up. A list would need kept to determine how and when debris would be picked up. The Commissioners will check with Auditor Brown on how to proceed with the payroll for workers collecting trash for the Highway Dept.

Janice Hughes, Highway Bookkeeper asked Steve Downs, County Attorney if there was an Ordinance in place to fine people that are doing the illegal dumping. Attorney Downs will verify if there is an ordinance in place, review and update if necessary.

Richard Hostetler a citizen/taxpayer to speak about the dumping of trash along the roadsides. He stated that there use to be a program with the former Highway Department if citizens cleaned up debris, the department would pick up the bags of trash for disposal. He wanted to know if this could be available again. Commissioner Hunt stated the board and Highway Department had just discussed working on a plan to make this possible. Superintendent Worl stated he did not see a problem as long as residents did not use this as a way to dump and not use the proper procedures to dispose of the trash and

recyclables. The citizens in his neighborhood are willing to help if they have access to a pickup of the bags.

Superintendent Worl wanted to let the Commissioners know that the department has a mower and a truck that has several issues for repairs. Superintendent Worl will keep them posted on what needs to be done.

ANIMAL CONTROL

John Heeter, Animal Control came before the board to discuss process for his reporting. The Commissioners requested he deliver all claims and receipts to the Auditor's Office and not to the Sheriff Dept. for them to deliver. Mr. Heeter stated he did not come to the Courthouse because of the mask mandate. Mr. Heeter offered to send them certified mail. Commissioner Hunt stated he was required to get them to the Auditor's office for processing. Mary Betzner, Chief Deputy Auditor told him because of internal controls he was requested to bring or mail them to our office only. Steve Downs also spoke to John Heeter and the board about other contracts needed review for his services with Converse & Bunker Hill under IC 15-20-1-4. Attorney Downs will review all the documents and will get back with the board and Mr. Heeter.

TIF MANAGEMENT REPORTING

The board received the 2020 TIF Management reporting, which was filed on April 15, 2021

ARP ORDINANCE

The board received Ordinance 4/19/2021 Establishing the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Grant Fund. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve Ordinance 4/19/2021 Establishing the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Grant Fund. Commissioner Weaver 2nd and it passed 3-0.

VPN REQUEST

The board received a VPN request Josi R Burgess, Superior Court II Bailiff. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the VPN request for Josi Burgess. Commissioner Weaver 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

The board received an Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Bunker Hill for sharing fees under the Spillman Agreement. The agreement was by the Town Board of Bunker Hill on 03/08/2021 and now presented to the Commissioners for their approval. Commissioner Hunt stated that he talked to Sheriff Timothy Hunter and was comfortable with the agreement. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Bunker Hill for sharing fees under the Spillman Agreement. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion and it passed 3-0. The Agreement now will be presented to the County Council on April 20, 2021 for approval.

MINUTES

Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the 4/5/21 minutes. Commissioner Weaver 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

CLAIMS

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

PAYROLL

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

5th STREET PARKING LOT

The board discussed the 5th Street parking lot and transferring ownership to the City of Peru. Attorney Downs will talk to the Auditor's office regarding information on the parcels. The board would prefer to transfer ownership of the parcels to the City of Peru and not contribute to the renovations proposed by Jim Tidd, MCEDA. Attorney Downs will email the City Attorney to discuss the matter further.

AGENDA REQUEST

Josh Winthrop requested to be seen on May 17th, 2021 for the Miami County Commissioner's Meeting to introduce the new Extension Agents.

PUBIC COMMENT

Elaine Anderson had questions about the cost of the proposed software for \$40,000 for the Planning and Zoning. The software would be used to update and track Ordinances and Resolutions. The Commissioners will contact Corey Roser, Plan Administrator once he returns from vacation.

COURTHOUSE REPAIRS

Security Officer Paul Daugherty stated that the light fixtures for Circuit Court are being installed. Officer Daugherty also spoke about the thermostat differences throughout the Courthouse. Officer Daugherty will be speaking to Contractors to find a resolution for this issue.

Officer Daugherty spoke about the floor waxing issues being done by the Maintenance Department. Maintenance has had difficulty with the old wax, which was not completely stripped over the years. Maintenance will continue to get the floors stripped, waxed and then maintained.

ADJOURN

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

Adjourned
MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

_____, **Chairman**
Alan Hunt

_____, **Vice Chairman**
Keith Musselman

_____, **Member**
Brenda Weaver

Attest: _____, **Chief Deputy Auditor**
Mary Betzner