

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
APRIL 20, 2020

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

HIGHWAY

Highway Superintendent Kerry Worl requested to advertise for purchase of 2 dump trucks, with opening of the bids to be held on May 18, 2020. Commissioner West made a motion to approve the advertising for purchase of 2 dump trucks, with opening of the bids to be held on May 18, 2020. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Highway Engineer Ken Einselen requested to advertise bids for 4 paving projects, with opening of the bids to be held on May 18, 2020. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the request to advertise bids for 4 paving projects, with opening of the bids to be held on May 18, 2020. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

HEALTH DEPT/COVID-19

Dr. Redmon provided an updated on the current COVID-19 Executive Order issued by Governor Holcomb. Currently, the order has been extended another 2 weeks, with businesses taking this time to put a plan in place for reopening. Dr. Redmon noted that during this time, it would be important for businesses to recognize and protect the vulnerable groups. This could include not having them come to work, having them work from home, etc. Dr. Redmon noted that all employees in the building should be required to wear masks to help reduce the spread of germs. There is more testing going on, but the virus is still very deadly and we need to continue to take necessary precautions to limit exposure. Dr. Redmon stated that people are still in denial about how deadly, serious this virus really is, and there are not enough test kits available for everyone. The medical community is hoping to have test to be able to test all employees, but it will not happen for a long time. Commissioner Hunt asked Dr. Redmon about the possibility of reopening. Dr. Redmon stated the Governor extended the order and the county should continue operating as they are now, but work on coming up with a plan over the next 2 weeks, outlining the procedures and precautionary measures for the employees and public. The plan must be distributed to the employees and community and everyone must comply. If offices need to open back up to get caught up, the board can make that adjustment, but require all employees to wear a mask while in the building and do not open to the public.

Attorney Steve Downs stated that the county is relying on the recommendations of the Health Officer and the board should not go against the recommendations provided by the Health Officer to remain closed and impose a rule on wearing masks in the building. Commissioner Musselman asked if the board could call the employees back before the order ends. Attorney Downs stated the Governor is making the call, but leaving it up to the local units to bring employees back with whatever requirements are put in place.

Commissioner West made a motion to have employees report to work on May 4, 2020 and reopen to the public on May 5, 2020. Effective April 21, 2020 all employees will be required to wear masks in the building at all times, with Department Heads enforcing the rule. Effective April 21, 2020, the Treasurer can require the Courthouse Floats to report to her office to help in posting tax payments. The board will put together a return to work plan and distribute to all employees. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

VACATING ROADS

Attorney Steve Downs reviewed the request for vacating 510 E and 625 E with the board and Highway Engineer Ken Einselen. Engineer Einselen noted the vacation on 510 E would eliminate the area that extends on the property owned by the Department of Conservation. Engineer Einselen noted that INDOT agreed of the closure. Engineer Einselen explained the vacation at 625 E would be the road north of the gatehouse are

leading up to the launch ramp. The board requested that Attorney Downs proceed with the vacation of the roads.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Hunter came before the board to discuss an issue with the intercom and recording system at the jail. Sheriff Hunter stated cost to update the license could be as much as \$85,000.00. Sheriff Hunter will be talking with Intrasect to work on resolving the matter.

OLD GYM EQUIPMENT

The board received a request from Tim Colwell, Jail Deputy to purchase the gym equipment in the basement of the old jail for \$200.00. Sheriff Hunter explained when the new jail was built it included a gym for the jail staff to use and most the old equipment left behind no longer works. Sheriff Hunter stated the equipment was donated to the department years ago and he is ok selling it. Commissioner West made a motion to approve the request from Tim Colwell to purchase the gym equipment at the old jai for \$200.00. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

MINUTES

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the 4/6/20 minutes. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

CLAIMS

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

PAYROLL

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

YMCA RURAL TRANSIT

The board received the following documents for review and approval for the YMCA Rural Transit grant:

1. Authorizing Resolution-allowing YMCA to apply for the grant.
2. Capital Projects Checklist-Proof that the YMCA will purchase vehicles with the grant funds.
3. Local Finance Assurance-Recognizing that the YMCA Rural Transit will use Miami County as a pass-through agent.
4. Certificate of Capital Equipment-Certification that the YMCA will comply with the rules outlined in the grant.
5. Capital Project Public Hearing-Permission to hold a public hearing for the grant application.
6. Special Labor Warranty-Certification the protection of employees under the Rural Transit program.
7. Pass-Through Agreement-Agreement that Miami County will serve as the pass-through agent for the grant.
8. FTA FY2020 Certifications and Assurance-Giving authorization for YMCA Rural Transit to apply for the grant.

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the documents for the YMCA Rural Transit Grant. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

The board received a copy of the 1st quarter 2020 reimbursement for \$95,631.00. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the 1st quarter 2020 reimbursement for \$95,631.00. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

GIS DATA REQUEST

The board received a request from Jeff Rhodes with Mapping Solutions for GIS data from the county. Commissioner West made a motion to approve the request from Jeff Rhodes with Mapping Solutions for GIS data. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

VACATION CARRYOVER

Auditor Mary Brown asked the board to consider allowing employees who had unused vacation time during the closure for COVID-19 to carryover their time. Auditor Brown does not think there are many employees who had time remaining and it should be minimal time they have to use. Auditor Brown specifically noted Health Nurse Marie Nichols had at least 5 days that she is not able to use. Commissioner Hunt feels that a carryover should be allowable in this situation. Auditor Brown suggested that once everyone has returned, her office could put a list together of those who had remaining time and present to the board for a review. Commissioner West agreed that the board could review the carryover on an employee basis due to the circumstances.

LITIGATION UPDATE

Attorney Downs stated that he received rulings on litigation the case with Peru Utilities and Hidden Hills Dams.

Attorney Downs noted that the court ruled in favor of Peru Utilities, including defense costs. Attorney Downs explained the insurance company would cover the costs under the county insurance. The county has 30-days to appeal and it will be up to the insurance company to determine if they will proceed with an appeal or not.

Attorney Downs stated that the ruling was in favor of the county regarding the Hidden Hills Dam litigation. The ruling reversed the decision of the trial court, stating the county has no interest or obligation to repair the dams. The homeowners have 30 days to file to transfer the case to the Indiana Supreme Court.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Curt Bullick with Circus City Speedway stated that he has put together a business plan to reopen and wanted to know whom he should submit to for review. The board suggested he send it to the Health Department.

ADJOURN

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

Adjourned

MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

_____, **Chairman**
Alan Hunt

_____, **Vice Chairman**
Larry West

_____, **Member**
Keith Musselman

Attest: _____, **Auditor**
Mary Brown