

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
MAY 3, 2021

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Hunt called the public hearing to order for the Miami County COVID Phase 1 OCRA Grant. Steven Ray, North Central Indiana Regional Planning Council explained Miami County served as the lead applicant for the economic assistance to employers. The program helped 59 businesses within the county. Mr. Ray stated the public hearing is part of the requirements to close out the program. With no questions or comments from the public, Commissioner Hunt closed the public hearing.

HIGHWAY

Commissioner Hunt spoke to Kerry Worl, Highway Superintendent regarding road complaints he had received. Highway Engineer Sean Yoon stated that he would review the complaints and see what could be done to help.

MINUTES

Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the 4/19/21 minutes. Commissioner Weaver 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

CLAIMS

Commissioner Weaver made a motion to approve claims. Commissioner Musselman 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.

VPN REQUEST

The board received a VPN request Jessie Halterman, Bailiff. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the VPN request for Jessie Halterman. Commissioner Weaver 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

2021 COMMON SCHOOL FUND REPORT

Auditor Mary Brown presented the 2021 Common School Fund Report to the board of Commissioners for approval. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the 2021 Common School Fund Report. Commissioner Weaver 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Elaine Anderson stated that one of the Highway Foreman told her farmer the gravel roads in the county are too expensive to maintain and wanted to know if it was true. Ms. Anderson also questioned the grading of the roads, as the quality of work is not acceptable. Commissioner Hunt stated there are several new employees and not all know how to properly grade. Additional training needs to happen and can be difficult when there is limited experience and time with the employees. Ms. Anderson feels that not being able to grade properly is making the roads worse and it would be better to leave them alone if employees do not know what they are doing. Ms. Anderson also feels the Highway Supervisors need to address the issue with employees not understanding how to do the work.

RURAL TRANSIT

Stacy McBride, YMCA Rural Transit came before the board to present her quarterly reporting for Rural Transit reimbursement request of \$127,231.00. Commissioner Weaver made a motion to approve the quarterly reporting for Rural Transit reimbursement request of \$127,231.00. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

REMC BROADBAND PROJECT

Rob Schwartz, REMC came before the board to discuss the project for the underserved residents as it pertains to broadband service. REMC has identified the areas of within the county who are unable to receive broadband coverage. REMC would like the county to help in the cost of the project, which would help the students and families have access to broadband coverage. The service would be free to students who qualify, based on the recommendations of each school. The board requested a quote for the project as they feel the fund from the American Recovery Plan could cover the project.

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: _____, **Auditor**
Mary Brown