

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
JUNE 2, 2020

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

HIGHWAY

Ken Einselen, Highway Engineer came before the board to present a bid for Bridge #98 Deck Overlay. Engineer Einselen received 1 bid from E & B Paving for \$91,854.00. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to take the bid under advisement. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0. Engineer Einselen will review the bid to ensure all documents are in order.

Engineer Einselen presented new forms for the board for the bridge scoring for signatures.

HEALTH DEPT/COVID-19

Dr. Redmon provided an update on COVID-19, stating that she had been attending weekly webinars from the state. The state has put together a contact tracing team to review all COVID-19 cases. The state has moved to Phase II of the data collection, of whom the patients came into contact, what to do with those exposed, etc. The virus is rapidly changing, still highly contagious, we need to continue to take necessary precautions and protect our vulnerable groups. Dr. Redmon spoke about services offered by 2-1-1 to those families affected by COVID-19 for food, supplies and other needs of the household. Dr. Redmon noted that there are 200 testing sites now open in Indiana and do not require a doctor's order for testing. Social distancing remains in effect until July 4, 2020, but after June 14, 2020, the number of patrons allowed in the building can be expanded. Commissioner West asked about needing an officer stationed at the door after June 14th. Sheriff Hunter stated that he needed to get his Civil Process and Transport Officers back out because it is putting the courts behind. If the board wants someone stationed at the door after the 14th, they will need to find someone else. Dr. Redmon asked for explanation on the alarm system available for employees to use in the event an officer was not stationed at the door. Sheriff Hunter stated that if the alarm system were used, the Courthouse Security, Sheriff's Department, City of Peru Police Department and State Police would all automatically respond. Dr. Redmon felt comfortable with the system available if there was not an officer stationed at the door, but noted that employees should continue to wear masks as they have been and can remove as long as they are social distancing. The public should still wear masks while in the building as well. Sheriff Hunter noted he could not enforce or remove voters from the building for not wearing masks, as it is a civil rights violation. Dr. Redmon explained if a voter did not wear a mask in the building, they no longer have legal protection.

HONORING OF LOCAL GRADUATE

The board recognized Brayden Lilley, Peru High School Senior who will be enlisting in the US Army and will miss his graduation ceremony due to COVID-19. The board presented Mr. Lilley with a letter of congratulations for his accomplishments in school and for his service to our country.

YMCA RURAL TRANSIT

Kathy Brehmer came before the board to introduce Stacy McBride, who will be taking over for her when she retires June 30, 2020.

Ms. Brehmer stated that all fees for transports in Miami County have been waived through the CARES act and the program is funded through 2021.

Ms. Brehmer presented a payment voucher for 2 new vans for \$29,608.00 each. Ms. Brehmer explained that Rural Transit did a local match of \$7,401.00 for each van, received a \$10,000 grant from Dukes Community Foundation and the rest came from the United Way. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the request to purchase the 2 new vans for Rural Transit. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Ms. Brehmer noted that all YMCA employees are screened prior to working daily.

Ms. Brehmer presented a lease agreement to the board for approval for 2 buses (buses 25 & 26) for 4 years or 100,000 miles. Commissioner West made a motion to approve the lease agreement for 2 buses (buses 25 & 26) for 4 years or 100,000 miles. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0. Ms. Brehmer noted that the YMCA takes care of all the vans such as maintenance, repairs, etc., including disposal and the money then goes back to Rural Transit.

Courthouse Security Officer Paul Daugherty thanked Ms. Brehmer for donating, delivering, picking up and cleaning the masks for the courthouse.

DRAINAGE ISSUES

Linda Flinn came before the board regarding a drainage issue on her property at 6823 E 200 N. Ms. Flinn requested ditching to the road to move water away from her property and out of her garage. Kerry Worl, Highway Superintendent explained that the real issue is the farmer who owns the property next to her, which the county has no authority over. Ms. Flinn's issue with ditching is on the list of projects for the Highway to complete, but other work takes precedence. If the Highway Department is able to get to it earlier, they will, but Superintendent Worl will not make any promises. Engineer Einselen does not recommend ditching the area and redirecting water artificially. The board suggested Ms. Flinn contact the landowner and see if the field tile could be fixed, which should help with her water issue.

MCEDA SMALL BUSINESS GRANT

Jim Tidd, MCEDA Director and Steven Ray, Executive Director NCIRPC came before the board to provide an update on the OCRA small business grant program. Mr. Tidd stated that 82 applications were submitted, totaling \$600,000.00. A committee was formed for local review and they were close to making the awards. Some businesses withdrew their application when they received federal assistance and others did not qualify, leaving about 62 applicants to be awarded.

Mr. Ray presented a certificate of environmental status, which states the county would not impact the environment with the grant funds. Commissioner West made a motion to authorize Commissioner Hunt to sign the certificate of environmental status. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mr. Ray presented the contract for grant administration services to the board for fees associated with the small business grant. This covers fees associated with the tracking of the grant with North Central Indiana Regional Planning Council over the next 2 years. Commissioner West made a motion to approve the contract for grant administration services with North Central Indiana Regional Planning Council. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mr. Ray presented the sub-recipient agreement for ratification, making MCEDA a sub-recipient to the OCRA grant. Pending approval of the MCEDA Board, Mr. Tidd stated MCEDA would front the funds and request reimbursement from the county when the grant funds come in. Commissioner West made a motion to approve the ratification to the sub-recipient grant. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

HIGHWAY BID AWARDS

Engineer Ken Einslen reviewed the bid documentation and completed the tabulation for the quote on the Bridge #98 overlay bid from E & B Paving. Commissioner West made a motion to accept the bid from E & B Paving for \$91,854.00 for Bridge #98 deck overlay. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Worl stated the department started dust control and currently working on bids for 1500 N. Superintendent Worl asked if the board made any decision regarding compensation for those who worked during the COVID-19 shutdown.

MINUTES

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the 5/18/20 minutes. 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.

BOILER CLEANING

The board received a letter from Goudy Bros. Boiler Co. regarding cleaning, inspecting and adjusting the boilers. Auditor Brown will call and get a quote for the board.

COURTHOUSE REPAIRS

Commissioner Hunt spoke to someone about a quote to redo the floor in the men’s restroom on the 1st floor. The person gave a quote of \$1,700.00 to \$2,000.00, but did not feel he had time to do the job. Auditor Brown will contact MC Contracting for a quote.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Hunter informed the board that he received 2 notices of potential demonstrations to be held this week and on Saturday. Sheriff Hunter will be meeting with the State Police and City of Peru Police Department today to put a plan together on how they will address the demonstrations.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner West noted the board needed to look at picking up illegal dumping in the county right-of-ways.

The board would like to have an Executive Session on Monday, June 15, 2020 at 8:15 to discuss personnel matters. Auditor Brown will advertise.

ADJOURN

Commissioner West made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Musselman 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