

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
25 N BROADWAY  
PERU, IN 46970  
June 5, 2023

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

**MUSEUM**

Anna Pohlman, Museum Director/Curator and Jill Ash, Historical Society Treasurer came before the board to present a repair bill from TK Elevator and Climate Makers for repairs at the museum. The bill from TK Elevator for \$4,933.31 covered the cost to repair the eyes for the elevator to close the doors and should be covered by the county. Director Pohlman noted the repair needed to take place prior to the Cole Porter Festival and TK did not require a down payment, however the museum is struggling to pay for the repairs to the building. Director Pohlman reviewed the quotes from Climate Makers to install new air conditioning units on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the museum for \$9,800 and for her office for \$2,675. The units went out during a storm, but insurance denied the claim because it was due to storm damage. Commissioner Weaver made a motion to approve the repairs to the air conditioning units for \$12,475. Commissioner Musselman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

**EMA TOWER**

Molly Grant, 9-1-1 Director came before the board to present a quote from AllState Tower for repairs to the EMA tower for \$6,010 and includes the cost of climbing the tower again. Director Grant explained AllState came to the county to do repairs on Friday and the work they did, did not fix the lights on the tower. Unfortunately, the tower has been neglected for years and the county is trying to play catch-up on the repairs. Director Grant noted that if anyone else works on the tower, the warranty is voided. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the quote from AllState Tower for \$6,010 for the EMA tower repairs. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

**HIGHWAY**

Office Manager Janice Hughes came before the board to advise that Bridge #47 will not be repaired by county Highway crew. Office Manager Hughes noted the work is greater than the crew can manage, which includes widening and will be contracted out. Cost is estimated at \$300-\$400,000.

Office Manager Hughes introduced Dave Buck from Butler, Fairman and Seufert. Mr. Buck spoke about Logansport Road and using Community Crossings funds to pay for the project. Mr. Buck explained BF & S looked at the entire road to determine the phases and determined phase 1 would cover 3 miles from west of the county line to almost the Peru City limits. Phase 2 would finish phase 1 and phase 3 would cover east of the county line to Peru City limits. Some areas will be milled out to correct grade.

## **BID OPENING**

Office Manager Hughes opened the following bid for Community Crossings. One bid was received from E & B Paving for \$1,293,557.08 with alternate pricing of \$71.00 per ton. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to take the bid under advisement. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## **COURTHOUSE BOILER INSPECTION**

The board received a letter from Goudy Brothers to clean and evaluate the boilers at the Courthouse for efficiency and operating conditions. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to allow Goudy Brothers to come clean and evaluate the boilers at the Courthouse for efficiency and operating conditions. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## **INDIANA MICHIGAN POWER**

The board received a letter from Indiana Michigan Power regarding upcoming vegetation management work from May 30, 2023 – August 31, 2023.

## **MINUTES**

Commissioner Musselman made the motion to approve the minutes from the May 15, 2023 meeting. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## **PAYROLL**

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

## **CLAIMS**

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

## **SOLAR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT**

Steve Downs, County Attorney presented the economic development agreement to the board for review. Attorney Downs stated in November the Council was approved and granted an abatement to Huckleberry for a solar project. The 10-year abatement would reduce the amount of taxes paid to 85%. Attorney Downs noted the agreement is between the Board of Commissioners and the developer. Attorney Downs has been working with a committee to draft and present the agreement to the board. The economic development agreement allows for payments to the county of \$17.5 million if both the solar and battery storage are built. The money would be deposited to County General for the county to use as appropriated. The agreement does mention exhibits for the road use and decommissioning agreements, however there are details that are not finalized, but does not change the materiality of the agreements. Both agreements require bonding to be in place to repair roads and dispose of solar panels and return the land to use. The bond is to be adjusted every 5 years to assure road materials or disposal of equipment are in align with current costs. Commissioner Hunt has recommended to the board to take under advisement, make available to the public and take final action at their next meeting. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to take the agreement under advisement. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to put the agreement on the website. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Elaine Anderson how the agreement could be approved without the exhibits in order. Attorney Downs noted the agreements do not change the materiality of the agreement and the fine details of cost can be added later.

**BROADBAND**

Jim Tidd, MCEDA Director noted 6 proposals were received and being taken under advisement by the steering committee.

Director Tidd noted the runway project is going well. The lack of rain has kept the project on track for completion on August 31.

**BID AWARD**

Mr. Buck noted that the bid for E & B Paving was in order and recommended awarding the base bid of \$1,293,557.08 and reject the alternate pricing. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to take the bid under advisement. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

**COVID FUNDING**

Elaine Anderson stated the news commented about the debt ceiling and questioned if the COVID money the county received would have to be returned. Auditor Brown explained at this time there has not been any notification received about any funds needing to be returned.

**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**