

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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JUNE 15, 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 bids for the paving for Community Crossings at Eagles Pointe. The bids were as follows:

1. Phend and Brown

Capehart	\$213,596.80
Shaw	\$ 71,083.40
George	\$ 80,273.80
Cannon	\$ 35,431.00
Lincoln	\$ 35,181.00
Patrick	\$ 37,024.60
Randolph	\$ 41,573.00
Kelly	\$ 79,268.20
Lowry	\$ 48,725.40
North Lincoln	\$ 77,985.40
Norton	\$ 87,402.20
Total	\$797,544.80

2. DC Construction

Capehart	\$203,546.28
Shaw	\$ 73,186.14
George	\$ 72,931.90
Cannon	\$ 19,746.93
Lincoln	\$ 32,061.88
Patrick	\$ 33,091.04
Randolph	\$ 35,530.17
Kelly	\$ 39,650.08
Lowry	\$ 40,032.19
North Lincoln	\$ 61,006.63
Norton	\$ 71,377.71
Total	\$682,160.95

3. E & B Paving

Capehart	\$188,839.65
Shaw	\$ 58,531.95
George	\$ 64,990.15
Cannon	\$ 21,224.50
Lincoln	\$ 28,106.50

Patrick	\$ 29,477.55
Randolph	\$ 32,866.75
Kelly	\$ 38,548.10
Lowry	\$ 38,042.40
North Lincoln	\$ 61,410.70
Norton	\$ 68,069.10
Total	\$630,107.35

Commissioner West made a motion to take the bid under advisement. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0. Engineer Einselen will review the bid to ensure all documents are in order.

JUDGES REQUEST

Judge Banina and Judge Spahr came before the board to discuss the 2nd Courthouse Security position. Judge Banina stated in February the board and Council discussed adding the 2nd Security position at the Courthouse. Since that time, the pandemic hit, bringing the matter to a halt, but with the Courthouse opening back up, the Judges wanted to start talking about the security position again. Judge Banina explained during the closure, officers were stationed at 1 entrance to monitor patrons coming to court for masks and ensuring those entering the building did not have any symptoms of COVID-19. Judge Banina went on to state that Auditor Brown has since mentioned the projected lack of funding, but the Judges would like to continue to push the plan and offered a source of funding. Judge Banina explained the county has an opportunity to apply for a grant for \$79,286.00 for losses due to the pandemic. Judge Banina suggested applying for the grant with Probation, who will be applying for computers. The grant funds must be used for criminal justice related expenses. In addition, the Public Defender is cutting a position in 2021 and those funds could help with the cost of funding the position. Judge Banina noted that the Courthouse is currently understaffed at the recommended level and it is virtually impossible for 1 Security Officer to monitor an entire building while providing security to the courts and all the offices. Judge Spahr reminded the board that in January the Courthouse Security Committee met and made the recommendation, supporting the additional position. Judge Spahr requested permission from the board to apply for the grant, recommended the single-point entry and having the officer at the door. Commissioner Hunt asked Auditor Brown if there was enough money to fund the 2nd Security position. Auditor Brown stated that there was not a salary established and with expressed concern over applying for the grant because it would only last 1 year. Auditor Brown explained that she is in favor of the 2nd Security position, but is concerned with the impact COVID-19 will have on the county. The state has already directed counties to start planning for the next 3-5 years and to prepare for loss of income tax, loss in assessed value and a reduced growth quotient. These factors need taken into consideration before creating the new position. Further, Auditor Brown does not want to create the position at the expense of other employees or services. Once the position is created, it will never go away. Auditor Brown asked if the courts would be willing to cut their own staff if the county found itself in that position because it would be unfair to ask other offices to do so, especially those who do not have the staff to spare. Auditor Brown also expressed concern regarding a secured Annex facility and properly providing

security to those employees. Auditor Brown went on to note the Council continues to transfer money to Rainy Day for the construction/reconstruction project and continuing to work on the project, which includes a secured point of entry with metal detectors and additional security staffing. Commissioner West questioned the ability to apply for a grant for Courthouse Security because he does not feel adding the position can be justified or qualifies under COVID-19 expenses. This would be adding a new Security position, not adding on to an existing position with COVID-19 responsibilities. Susan Rice, Chief Probation Officer noted the funds are there for the position and in these types of grants, funding is normally provided without any kind of follow-up from the funding source. Commissioner Musselman agrees with Auditor Brown that it does not make sense to apply for a grant if the funds are only guaranteed for a year. Once the position is created, it will not go away. Sheriff Hunter agrees with adding the 2nd Security position, but does not like the idea of having the Security Officer stationed at the door checking for corona virus, as they are not medical personnel. The Security Officer should be protecting both the Courthouse/Annex, not stationed at the door. Commissioner West is not opposed to the additional Security Officer, but concerned about what happens when the money is not there and could require a cut to the bailiff positions.

HEALTH DEPT/COVID-19

Dr. Redmon explained the Department of Education continues to meet to come up with a plan on how to best open the schools. There are free testing sites available and most tests have been coming back negative, but the state does continue to have new cases; the virus is not going away. Dr. Redmon commended the long-term care facilities for their efforts to keep their patients secure. She knows it is difficult on the residence, as they need human contact. Ideally, long-term care facilities would test employees every 2 days and offer some kind of testing for family members, but currently, no plan is in place.

MINUTES

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

PAYROLL

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

COURTHOUSE ACCESS

Commissioner Musselman made a motion to continue to leave 5th Street as a single point of entry for the public. Employees can use any door for entry, but should not allow patrons in the doors during entry. Patrons can exit any doors from the Courthouse. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

FACIAL MASKS

Commissioner Musselman made a motion to make facial masks optional use at the Courthouse and Annex buildings. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

HIDDEN HILLS DAM LITIGATION

The board received a quote for \$5,000.00 for legal fees from Barnes & Thornburg for the petition to transfer for the Hidden Hills Dam litigation. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the quote from Barnes & Thornburg not to exceed \$5,000.00. Commissioner Hunt 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0-1. (West abstained)

PLAN COMMISSION ORDINANCE

Commissioner Hunt explained the law changed and the Extension Agent serving on the Plan Commission must reside in Miami County. The board can pass an ordinance to extend the position of the current Extension Educator, Corey Roser, who resides in Wabash County to remain on the board through September 2021. Commissioner West made a motion to approve Attorney France to draft the ordinance for review and approval at their next meeting. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

IT AUDIT

Peter Diedrichs, IT Committee Chair stated that Intrasect is reluctant to provide contracts to Edge to complete their audit of the county IT infrastructure. Intrasect does not have a network diagram, which Mr. Diedrichs believes should be maintained with such a complicated network. In addition, there are contracts Edge needs to complete the audit, but Intrasect has yet to turn them over. The board spoke to Jim Deniston, Intrasect and asked him to provide Edge with the necessary contracts. Mr. Deniston stated the Dato contract would be the only contract Intrasect would have and contained the most information related to the network. The board also spoke to Mr. Deniston about the network diagram. Mr. Deniston explained it is not something Intrasect has and would take time to create, with a cost of about \$1,500.00. Commissioner West made a motion to authorize the release of the Dato contract to Edge for the IT audit. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

INTRASECT CONTRACT

Commissioner Musselman made a motion to terminate the contract with Intrasect effective 12/31/2020. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

PRAYER VIGIL

Commissioner Hunt received an email requesting permission from Kevin Palmer with Peru Calvary Church to use the Courthouse steps to hold a prayer vigil on June 28, 2020. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the request from Kevin Palmer with Peru Calvary Church to use the Courthouse steps to hold a prayer vigil. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0. Commissioner West requested Commissioner Hunt to verify the needs/intentions of Mr. Palmer.

VACATION CARRYOVER

Commissioner West made a motion to allow those employees not able to use their accrued time by their anniversary date due to COVID-19 to carry over their time until October 31, 2020. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

COURTHOUSE/ANNEX KEYS

Auditor Brown explained Bob’s Lock and Key needed to have an updated authorization form to have keys made for the Courthouse and Annex buildings. Commissioner West made a motion to approve Commissioner Hunt and Auditor Brown as authorized persons to order keys for the Courthouse and Annex. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

HIGHWAY

Kerry Worl, Highway Superintendent asked for clarification on the cost for the sale of dirt from the Highway. Superintendent Worl also asked the board not to allow any more loads of dirt to be sold until the drainage work at the building is completed. The board asked Superintendent Worl to get pricing in the cost of dirt and the board will decide on cost.

Engineer Einselen will send the paperwork to INDOT to obtain a purchase order for Bridge #98 crack-sealing project.

The county should get the contract from INDOT for Eagles Pointe this week.

HIGHWAY BID AWARDS

Engineer Einselen reviewed the bids for paving at Eagles Pointe and recommended awarding the bid to E & B Paving for \$630,107.35. Commissioner West made a motion to approve the bid from E & B Paving for \$630,107.35 for the paving at Eagles Pointe. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0. Engineer Einselen noted that the county would provide a 25% match of \$157,526.84 and the grant would cover the remaining \$472,580.51.

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