

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
25 N BROADWAY  
PERU, IN 46970  
July 5 2022

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

**TOWN OF CONVERSE**

Joe Lennon, President of Town of Converse came before the board to request \$350,000 from ARP funding to cover the cost of new roads to the housing addition in Converse. Mr. Lennon noted the Town of Converse reviewed the needs of housing in Miami County and have started building Borderman Crossing Subdivision on the county line road, directly South of the Converse Elementary. Mr. Lennon explained the new subdivision will hold 37 lots to attract families with children due to the proximity to the Converse Elementary School. The homes would be priced in the range of \$270,000 to \$335,000. Mr. Lennon, on behalf of the Town of Converse requested the county assist in the cost of the roads to complete the subdivision, noting this would be a significant investment to the Town of Converse and Miami County. Mr. Lennon went on to state the project was not selected under the READI grant application. Commissioner Weaver suggested Mr. Lennon speak to Jim Tidd, MCEDA because this project would fall under economic development. The board would like to continue to discuss before making a final decision.

**TOWER DEMOLITION CONTRACT**

The board received the final contract for demolition services of the old control tower. Commissioner Weaver made a motion to approve the contract and authorize Commissioner Hunt to sign. Commissioner Musselman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and to passed 3-0

**HIGHWAY**

Highway Superintendent Worl is working with Attorney Steve Downs on preparing a driveway ordinance for the county.

Highway Superintendent Kerry Worl noted the work on Glen Cove is about 50% done and hoped to be completed by this week.

Highway Superintendent Worl requested the board contact Circus City Festival to ensure they are not using stakes on the new parking lot with the carnival rides.

Highway Office Manager Janice Hughes explained the department has been using Ken Einselen, former Highway Engineer to help answer questions and provide guidance on certain projects. It has not come to the point the county needs to reimburse for his time and working to have a consulting agreement prepared. Office Manager Hughes noted Mr. Einselen would not be involved in any bridge design as he would not be maintaining his PE certification. The Highway Department would like to pay Mr. Einselen \$100 per hour and working with Mark Frantz to finalize the consulting agreement, but needs final approval to move forward. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve entering

into a consulting agreement with Ken Einselen for \$100 per hour and authorize Superintendent Kerry Worl to sign the agreement. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## **IT**

Jim Deniston came before the board to present a quote from additional monitoring with RocketCyber for \$1,505 a month and a one-time setup fee of \$800. Mr. Deniston explained this allows for 24/7 monitoring and adds another layer of protection for the county to monitor Office 365 and the firewall. Commissioner Weaver made a motion to approve the request for additional monitoring with RocketCyber for \$1,505 a month and a one-time setup fee of \$800.

Mr. Deniston also presented a quote for \$9,250 for Datto backup server and firewall/log traffic monitoring. Mr. Deniston noted the current backup server is 85% full, which is mainly due to court recordings. Mr. Deniston verified the recordings cannot be deleted and one it's full would not allow for backup for these critical files. The current cost for a backup server is over \$13,000, however Datto is offering the server hardware for \$4,300 for a limited time. The yearly fee for retention is \$4,950. Commissioner Weaver made a motion to approve the quote for the Datto backup server and yearly retention fee of \$4,950. Commissioner Musselman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## **MCEDA**

Jim Tidd, MCEDA Director advised the board the MCEDA Board voted to approve a donation to the Circus Hall of Fame of \$10,000 to help with marketing needs.

Director Tidd noted MCEDA recently put out an RFP for a housing study. The study would review the need to develop more housing to attract additional population to the community. The study will look at specific areas, suggest price ranges and types of housing.

Commissioner Hunt asked about MCEDA working with the Town of Converse on the roads for the housing addition. Director Tidd explained the project did not make the cut for the READI grant, but hopes the state will open a READI 2 grant and would hope the project would make the next round of funding.

## **ABM MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS**

Auditor Brown presented maintenance agreements for printers in the Auditor and Recorder's Offices. The printers were purchased, but the maintenance agreement would cover cost of repairs and copy prints. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the ABM maintenance agreements. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## **PITNEY BOWES**

Auditor Brown presented a quote for a new postage machine for \$505.56 per month. Auditor Brown explained the current postage machine lease is up and needs to be replaced. In addition, it was found the county was paying more for certain postage due to

the company used for mailings for the Clerk’s Office. Pitney Bowes explained with the new machine and changes using a different company for the supplies for the Clerk, the county could save up to \$200 per month. Commissioner Weaver made a motion to approve the lease for Pitney Bowes for \$505.56 per month. Commissioner Musselman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the 6/20/2022 minutes. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

**PAYROLL**

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

**CLAIMS**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Elaine Anderson asked Jim Tidd for an update on the projects under the READI grant. Director Tidd noted the total application for the region was \$50 million dollars, but the region received \$30 million dollars. The projects are still under review under the READI guidelines, but are as follows:

1. Expansion of Canal at the YMCA and new housing addition location.
2. Extension of water, sewage and roadways at Broadway Landing.
3. Extension of water to Silo Concert Venue (Bellar).
4. Ramp repair at Grissom.

Commissioner Musselman asked how the Silo Concert Venue took precedent over the Town of Converse housing project. Director Tidd explained the regional group voted on projects presented and the Silo Concert Venue ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in projects amongst the group because of the potential regional economic impact to the community.

**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**