

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
July 19, 2021

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

MCEDA

Brooke Robertson, MCEDA spoke to the Commissioners about a package of information being gathered to send to the Acting Secretary of the Air Force, The Honorable John Roth. The information being sent is to urge their strong consideration for basing the new KC-46A Main Operating Base at the Grissom Air Reserve Base (ARB). A letter was provided to be signed by the Miami County Commissioners that will be sent to the Acting Secretary of the Air Force to be included in the information. Brooke also stated that having the support from our county and surrounding counties would help in the effort to choose our location. Ms. Robertson also stated that the Grissom ARB would still remain a reserve base. In the near future, a tour will be provided to help in the effort in the decision process. Commissioner Musselman made the motion to approve signing the letter and Commissioner Hunt 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Corey Roser, Planning & Zoning Administrator provided notification of the rezoning of 63 parcels at the Grissom area in Pipe Creek Township to the board. Administrator Roser stated the Planning & Zoning had recorded the information November 16, 2020. Administrator Roser will verify with Aaron Wilson in the Auditor's Office to have the parcel information corrected on the Elevate GIS website.

Administrator Roser also spoke about reviewing and proposing to update the fees in the Planning & Zoning office. It was stated that the fees have not changed for over 27 years. At a future Planning & Zoning meeting, the changes will be addressed and he will get back with the BOC.

PUBLIC COMPLAINT

Ronald Cook spoke about issues that he and his neighbors have had with vandalism in the area of State Road 124, which he has discussed with Commissioner Hunt and already been discussed with the Attorney, Steve Downs. Mr. Cook wants to understand what is being proposed by the BOC and DNR to help with the issue. The DNR proposed a section of the of the road be closed or poles placed at the roadside to stop illegal trespassing. Mr. Cook was concerned if this may anger the trespassers and what should be done when that happens. Attorney Downs stated if that happens a plan would need to be in place if the vandalism continues. This matter will continue to be discussed with our Attorney and DNR to decide a plan to help detour the vandals. Kerry Worl, Highway Superintendent stated that vandalism is everywhere and is difficult to stop. Commissioner Hunt stated that poles were spoken about being used but can talk to DNR again.

Commissioner Musselman made a motion to table the matter. Commissioner Weaver 2nd the motion and passed 3-0.

COURTHOUSE RENOVATION EVALUATION

Miami County Council President Ralph Duckwall introduced Tom Salzer, Bona Vita Architecture from Fort Wayne, Indiana. Mr. Salzer is the architect for the new YMCA in Miami County. Mr. Salzer is offering to bring a proposal to the board with information for the restructuring of the Miami County Courthouse. Mr. Salzer is working with Allen County on a proposal for them. Commission Hunt stated that he and Council President Duckwall spoke about Superior Court 2 needing more space. Commissioner Hunt stated he would be interested in listening the proposal. Commissioner Musselman asked about the cost involved. Mr. Salzer stated that he could work on a proposal and request to come back and speak to the board. Audience member Elaine Anderson asked if the Building Committee should be in attendance for the proposal and it was agreed by Mr. Salzer and Commissioners Hunt & Musselman that the committee should be notified. Commissioner Musselman asked if he had a ballpark figure and Mr. Salzer said he would get back with a proposal. This matter was tabled until Mr. Salzer returns.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Kerry Worl, Highway Superintendent and Janice Hughes, Bookkeeper presented two business letters to be sent to INDOT for Community Crossing Matching Grant – Financial Commitment Letters. If the county is approved for the grant, we would receive 75% reimbursement. The first letter is for Road Project: 400 S from Route US31 S to CR 100 West/Wallick Road. Miami County patch and rehab pavement for cost of \$288,466.00. Total CCMG requested funds \$214,650.00. The local cost would be for the project would be \$72,116.50. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the letter for INDOT. Commissioner Weaver second the motion and it was approved 3-0

The board reviewed the second letter to INDOT: Asphalt Overlay in the Unincorporated Community of Eagle's Pointe-Phase 3 of CCMG project. Altus Ct., Beale Ct., Carswell Ct., Castle Ct., Dow Ct., Edwards Ct., Fairchild Ct., Gunter Ct., Hamilton Ct., Keesler Ct., Little Rock Ct., MacDill Ct., March Ct., N. Lincoln St., Schilling St., Shaw Ave., Thule Ct., Travis St., and Westover St., Estimate total project cost \$964,580.11. Total CCMG requested funds for project \$723,435.01. The local cost would be for the project would be \$241,145.10. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the letter to INDOT. Commissioner Weaver seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

Bookkeeper Hughes stated that she would be taking a class to keep up the information for grants because we do not want to lose any that can be given to Miami County. Bookkeeper Hughes will work with Auditor Mary Brown to cover the qualification for the Title 6 Coordinator and ADA functions since the county does not have a designated person.

Commissioner Hunt also asked if the Wheel Tax money could be used on projects such as the Wayne St Bridge because Council President Ralph Duckwall had asked him.

Superintendent Worl and Bookkeeper Hughes explained that Wheel Tax monies can be used for any roadways and bridges.

Superintendent Worl noted the water line issues at the Wayne St Bridge and the Deniston Bridge needs an engineer to sign off the projects.

Superintendent Worl introduced Collin Sullivan, Client Services and Jonathan Olson, PE, Bridge Project Manager both from BF & S Civil Engineer. The Highway Dept. is needing and requiring engineering advice and approval for bridgework and changes. Mr. Sullivan spoke about their services that their company has provided and would come back with a proposal to the board.

MINUTES

Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the 7/6/21 minutes. Commissioner Weaver 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

CLAIMS

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

NEW HEALTH DEPT. PARKING LOT

The board received a quote for the parking lot at new Health Department for \$14,650. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the bid of \$14,650 from Gaunt and Sons to do the paving at the new Health Department. Commissioner Weaver second the motion and it passed 3-0

REMC BROADBAND CONTRACT

Attorney Steve Downs had some questions about the REMC Contract for the Broadband services. Mr. Downs will speak more with REMC and finalize the contract review.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Weaver 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**
Keith Musselman

_____, **Member**
Brenda Weaver

Attest: _____, **Chief Deputy Auditor**
Mary Betzner