

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
25 N BROADWAY  
PERU, IN 46970  
August 15, 2022

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

**VOTE CENTERS**

Mary Kaye Jones, Voter Registration brought the list of vote centers and hours for early voting and the general election. Commissioner Hunt reviewed the proposed voting centers. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the vote centers as presented. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the hours for early voting and election day. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

**MIAMI COUNTY WORTH REMEMBERING**

Regine Brindle came before the board to request permission to place signage at the current employee parking lot, which was formerly know as the location of “The Peru Republican” the newspaper as part of the Miami County Suffrage Trail. Miami County Worth Remembering is planning to place a time capsule at the library by the statue and will unveil the trail of downtown buildings relevant to the movement and Women’s Legacy. Ms. Brindle is requesting permission to place a temporary sign on the properties along the trail, with one of them belonging to the county. The goal would be to place a permanent sign at a later date if approved. Commissioner Hunt stated if signage were placed he would want input from the Highway Department to ensure there are not issues with blocking areas for snow. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the request to place a temporary sign at the employee parking lot for the Miami County Suffrage Trail. Commissioner Hunt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 2-0-1. Commissioner Weaver abstained due to being President of Miami County Worth Remembering.

**JAIL DEMO**

Eric Woodmansee, AME Consulting Engineer provided an update to the board on the status of the jail demo. Engineer Woodmansee noted work finally started last week in the interior of the building. The environmental review did not find asbestos, but Kreager Group determined there could be asbestos containing materials in old floor and ceiling tiles. Kreager Group is taking the steps to remove the materials from the building and will be shutting down 5<sup>th</sup> Street and tearing down the portion of the building that does not have a basement. Kreager Group will then move to the E side while the water line is rerouted and shut down the portion of Wabash Street around the old jail, which will likely be closed for 1.5-2 months. Engineer Woodmansee will be back to the Board of Works tomorrow to request an amendment to the original request for closure to October 22. Engineer Woodmansee also discussed the closure of access between the old jail and annex. 2 means of egress are required to meet fire code. Engineer Woodmansee will contact the Fire Marshall for a final determination and if so, the county could hire an architect to design the additional egress.

## **MINUTES**

Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the 8/1/2022 minutes.  
Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## **PAYROLL**

Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve payroll. Commissioner Weaver 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.

## **PLAN COMMISSION**

Plan Commission Administrator Corey Roser noted the Plan Commission recently reviewed the fee schedule and determined the fees were on par, but would like to add a fee of \$225 for Developmental Plan Review. In addition, the Plan Commission would like to request a stipend of \$25 for those who serve on the Developmental Plan Review Committee. \$125 of those permit fee would cover the cost of the stipend and the remaining \$100 would go to county general to help fund budgets. Commissioner Weaver made a motion to approve the request to amend the fee schedule to allow for a \$225 fee for Developmental Plan Review and a stipend of \$25 for those who serve on the Developmental Plan Review Committee. Commissioner Hunt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 2-0-1. Commissioner Musselman abstained due to serving on the Developmental Plan Review Committee.

## **UNITED WAY**

The board received a request from United Way to place the campaign goal thermometer on the lawn of the Courthouse beginning this week through January 31, 2023 or until the ground is warm enough to remove. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the request from United Way to place the campaign goal thermometer on the lawn of the Courthouse beginning this week through January 31, 2023 or until the ground is warm enough to remove. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## **OCRA BLIGHT DISBURSEMENT REQUEST**

The board received a request from North Central Indiana Regional Planning Council for disbursement for \$20,092.98 from the OCRA grant for the demolition of the old control tower. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the request from North Central Regional Planning Council for disbursement for \$20,092.98 from the OCRA grant for the demotion of the old control tower and approve Commissioner Hunt to sign the request. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## **HIGHWAY**

Janice Hughes, Highway Bookkeeper requested approval of the 2027 Federal Contract for Bridge 144 & 165 for professional engineer design for each bridge. Bookkeeper Hughes explained the contract needs completed before the end of the week and would need Commissioner Hunt to sign. In the past, the professional engineer design has never

been covered under the grant before, however the county could receive 80% reimbursement for these fees. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the professional engineer design for each bridge up to \$300,000 and approve Commissioner Hunt to sign the contract upon legal review. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Bookkeeper Hughes noted Gaunt & Sons has requested a change to the completion date for Eagles Pointe Phase 3 to October 31, 2022. The change was approved by the Highway Department and subject to INDOT approval.

Kerry Worl, Highway Superintendent presented a permit request from BS & M to bore and place UG duct along and under Racoon Lane, approximately 541' NE of the intersection of N Harbour Pointe Road. Commissioner Weaver made a motion to approve the request from BS & M to bore along and under Racoon Lane, approximately 541' NE of the intersection of N Harbour Pointe Road. Commissioner Musselman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Kerry Worl, Highway Superintendent presented a permit request from Broadway Broadband to bore and place approx. 530' of UG duct at W 600 N & S 160 W. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the request from Broadway Broadband to bore and place approx. 530' of UG duct at W 600 N & S 160 W. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Kerry Worl, Highway Superintendent presented a permit request from AT & T to bore and place telephone fiber approx. 5,177' and place new handhole in Miami County at 600 N and 1400 S. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the permit request from AT & T to bore and place telephone fiber approx. 5,177' and place new handhole in Miami County at 600 N and 1400 S. Commissioner Weaver 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

#### **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**