

+MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
AUGUST 17, 2020

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

MINUTES

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the 8/3/20 minutes. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

CLAIMS

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

PAYROLL

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

ZONING ORDINANCE

Commissioner West discussed an ordinance to recommend to the Plan Commission regarding zoning of property at Grissom. Commissioner West explained in the mid to late 1990's, areas of the base turned over to MCEDA such as base housing, old Air Force headquarters, and all land west of Hoosier Boulevard was zoned as Ag 1, but this is not accurate and an ordinance is needed to correct the zoning. Mr. Tidd, Attorney Downs and Commissioner West are working on the ordinance to recommend to the Plan Commission. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to move forward with preparing the ordinance for rezoning at Grissom. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

HIGHWAY

Ken Einselen, Highway Engineer brought a request from United Telephone for placement of buried utilities on the south side of CR 800 N and the east side of Old Route 31. Commissioner West made a motion to approve the request from United Telephone for placement of buried utilities on the south side of CR 800 N and the east side of Old Route 31. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Engineer Einselen stated that contractors would be finishing Phase 2 of Eagles Point sidewalk and concrete work. There will be a delay in milling and asphalt work for about 2 weeks due to state contracted work.

Engineer Einselen noted the work would be starting on Bridge #98 as part of the Community Crossings grant, which will include milling of the surface and work on the end of the bridges. The project should take a week to complete according to the contractor.

Engineer Einselen received a complaint about graffiti on the Wayne Street Bridge. The Highway Department is working on cleaning it up.

Superintendent Worl noted the Highway Department completed work on 200 N to US 31, 1500 N, Lovers Lane and they are working on 400 E and 1000.

Janice Hughes, Highway Bookkeeper stated that she is ½ way through the ERC Certification through LTAP.

Engineer Einselen will be reviewing with the schools, the signage for “School Bus Stop Ahead” before he retires. The Highway Department can remove or install signs based on the needs of the schools.

The board thanked Engineer Einselen for his 36 years of service to the County and wished him well on his upcoming retirement.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Dr. Redmon provided an update to the board regarding the issue over the weekend with students of Maconaquah School Corporation. There were many conversations with the state and school and Dr. Redmon feels the school has taken appropriate steps during this time to manage the problem, but she can foresee the schools continuing to close due to the number of students in each building and probability of exposure. The concern is when students do not quarantine and not expose other family members, who could then bring exposure to family & co-workers. Dr. Redmon stated that parents should be communicating with the schools regarding medical issues such as asthma, allergies, etc. their children may experience to help eliminate students who could exaggerate their symptoms. Dr. Redmon noted that ultimately, it is up to the parents to notify the school.

SOLAR ORDINANCE

Commissioner West explained that he and Attorney Downs are working on drafting an ordinance for zoning requirements for generated electricity panels, either residential or commercial. The ordinance would cover residential and commercial installations in Miami County, similar to those for the wind turbine ordinance. The ordinance would then go before the Planning and Zoning Board for review. Commissioner West noted there were only 3 other counties in Indiana who had these particular ordinances and what he and Attorney Downs are working from as an example.

BLOCK PARTY

The board received a request from Block Party Inc. for use of the employee parking lots, Court Street and northwest corner of the Courthouse, which would include electricity. Commissioner West made a motion to approve the request from Block Party Inc., contingent on proper approval of the plan for the community event from the Health Board. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

TIMEKEEPING SYSTEM

Auditor Brown reviewed the timekeeping system quotes with the board from Right Stuff and Advanced Time through LOW. Auditor Brown recommended Advanced Time as it will interface with the current payroll system and the upfront cost would be covered with the accrued technical hours the county has built with LOW. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve Advanced Time with LOW for the new timekeeping system. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Hunter came before the board to discuss the new cooling system going into the jail. Sheriff Hunter stated it is a slow process because of the current temperatures. The building temperatures would increase to 80-90 degrees and is not feasible at this time. Climate Makers is hoping that temperatures will cool off to change out the unit, which should take a week.

Sheriff Hunter explained the department normally orders their new cars before the end of the year. However, due to COVID, the dealership that holds the state contract and fleet cannot take orders for the 2021 vehicles until March or April, which would include a substantial price increase. Sheriff Hunter would like to purchase 2020 cars, which are brand new and would come in before the rotation of cars comes due. Waiting too long could create greater repair bills. Sheriff Hunter went on to note that they will continue to purchase Durango's because the Chargers could be retiring and they do not have the interior space to accommodate the equipment that goes in their cars. Sheriff Hunter has spoken with Auditor Brown and Commissioner Hunt and both agree that purchasing the 2020 cars would be the best choice and should move forward. It would require Auditor Brown help Sheriff Hunter find funding prior to the 2021 where the cars would have been purchased.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brenda Weaver requested information on the space study the board wants completed for moving the business offices. Auditor Brown explained the county is not ordering a space study. The county is currently looking at a few building options for the business and health offices. A current county employee holds a degree in architecture and design. The employee is helping the county to determine if the buildings could adequately house these offices because if the buildings do not, then there is no reason for the county to spend money unnecessarily. If there are buildings that can accommodate the offices, then they county could hire an architect for the project.

Elaine Anderson asked about the Plan Commission taking over the 2-mile jurisdiction from the City of Peru. Ms. Anderson feels that the Planning Office is struggling to do the work in the office now and not convinced they could take on more work. Ms. Anderson also expressed concerned that inspections are not performed at Commissioner West's directive, but permitting is still required. Commissioner West explained Ms. Anderson needed to speak to the Zoning Board regarding the 2-mile jurisdiction, but the county has not received an official request from the City of Peru to take it over. Commissioner West

went on to note that they department has not been able to keep part-time inspectors and did not instruct Mary Kay McKinney, Planning Administrator to stop doing inspections.

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