

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
September 6, 2022

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

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Dr. Rudolph, Health Board and Lisa Sonafrank, Health Nurse came before the board to request approval to hire the School Liaison and pay from the Health Fund until the grant funding comes in. Currently, the county has been approved, but still waiting on the funding and the department would like to continue moving forward with hiring and getting the person trained. Dr. Rudolph explained the Health fund has received additional money from the COVID clinics that could help cover the cost of the contracted position and allow the department to hire someone until the funding is received. Dr. Rudolph is recommending changing the rate to \$25.00 per hour and is asking for \$18,000 in additional appropriation to cover the wages. Commissioner Weaver made a motion to approve the Health Department to go before the Council to request to increase the wage for the School Liaison position to \$25.00 per hour and an additional appropriation of \$18,000 to cover the wages until the grant funding is received. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Lisa Sonafrank, Health Nurse requested a change to the Salary Ordinance to reflect the following positions:

- COVID Testing Nurse \$22.00 per hour
- COVID Vaccinator \$18.00 per hour
- COVID Registration \$16.00 per hour

The change would consolidate the positions and better align the pay for those who are an RN or LPN. Nurse Sonafrank noted the pay should be the same for an RN or LPN.

Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the Health Nurse to go before the Council to request to change the Salary Ordinance to reflect changing the pay/positions for the COVID testing site. Commissioner Weaver 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Angie Bever, Community Correction Director requested the board appoint Shelly Dyer to the Community Corrections Board/JRAC Committee. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the appointment of Shelly Dyer to the Community Corrections Board/JRAC Committee. Commissioner Weaver 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Director Bever noted the county will start receiving Opioid Settlement Funds and would like to put together a committee to determine how the funding can be used. Director Bever has some ideas on how to use the funding for the recovery program. The board suggested Director Bever look at creating a committee.

AREA 5 ON AGING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Alachia Sturgess, Staff Coordinator with Area 5 on Aging & Community Services presented a request for \$5,000 to help with the Guardianship Program. Staff Coordinator Sturgess provided details of the program, which provides support to adults who are determined to be mentally or physically incapacitated and incapable of representing his/her own best interests or managing their own personal affairs. Staff Coordinator Sturgess noted the program will be merging with Guardian Advocates West Division. The merging will only change the name of the program. Staff Coordinator Sturgess provided an update on the program with statistics from Miami County for the 2021 year and noted they just hired their 3rd staff member last week. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the request of \$5,000 from CEDIT for the Area Five Adult Guardianship VASIA Program. Commissioner Weaver 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

TOWN OF MACY

Marilyn Jackson, Town of Macy came before the board to request additional financial assistance for the Town of Macy Fire Station project. Ms. Jackson noted the Town of Macy help bid openings on July 28, 2022 and the lowest bid came in \$182,954 over budget. Ms. Jackson stated they have gone with valued engineering and have looked at different options, including going back to OCRA. OCRA, due to lack of other projects going through, did offer additional funding, but the Town of Macy is short \$68,870.73 and requesting the county help with the shortfall. Commissioner Weaver made a motion to approve the Town of Macy to go before the Council to request of additional funding of \$68,870.73 from CEDIT. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Kerry Worl, Highway Superintendent presented a permit request from Frontier to bore under 1350 N at ped located in front of 3602 and place 75' of buried service wire in the south right away of 1350 N customer at 3567. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the permit request from Frontier to bore under 1350 N at ped located in front of 3602 and place 75' of buried service wire in the south right away of 1350 N customer at 3567. Commissioner Weaver 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Kerry Worl, Highway Superintendent presented a permit request from United Telephone of Indiana to replace a culvert along SR 16, the aerial section along this road will have to be rerouted along Pony Farm Road in order to continue to provide the service. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the permit request from United Telephone of Indiana to replace a culvert along SR 16, the aerial section along this road will have to be rerouted along Pony Farm Road in order to continue to provide the service. Commissioner Weaver 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

RECORDER

Paul Wilson, Recorder requested permission to include information on Property Fraud Alert in the tax bills that will go out in Spring 2023. The cost is \$100.00 and will be paid from Recorder's Perpetuation Fund. Recorder Wilson explained Property Fraud Alert notifies those who register any updates on changes to properties. Recorder Wilson noted taxpayer's information will not be sold or given out and is a free service that is offered. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the Recorder's request to include

information on Property Fraud Alert in the tax bills to be paid from Recorder's Perpetuation Fund. Commissioner Weaver 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

JAIL DEMO

Eric Woodmansee, AME Consulting Engineer provided an update to the board on the status of the jail demo. Engineer Woodmansee noted the 1st pay request was sent to Auditor Brown for payment. Kreager Group should be cutting in the water line this week. Engineer Woodmansee noted that he met with the architect on the fire exits and will continue working on getting quotes for the reconstruction of the north end fire exit.

MINUTES

Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the 8/15/2022 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.

PAYROLL

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

CORONER SEIZURE FUND

The board received Ordinance 9/6/2022 An Ordinance Establishing a Local Fund to Hold Monies Recovered from Dead Bodies by the County Coroner. Auditor Mary Brown explained the Coroner recently had an issue where a deceased person had cash on their person. The Coroner was either unable to locate the next of kin or had an issue between family members and needed to hold until the estate was handled. Auditor Brown stated that in order to hold these funds, an ordinance needed established to create a fund. Commissioner Weaver made a motion to approve Ordinance 9/6/2022 An Ordinance Establishing a Local Fund to Hold Monies Recovered from Dead Bodies by the County Coroner. Commissioner Musselman 2nd 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 \$8,675.94 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 \$8,675.94 from the OCRA grant for the demotion of the old control tower and approve Commissioner Hunt to sign the request. Commissioner Weaver 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

FALL FESTIVAL

The board received a request from Fall Festival to use the Courthouse steps for bands to play during the event to be held on October 7 – 8. Commissioner Weaver made a motion to allow Fall Festival to use the Courthouse steps for their event on October 7 – 8. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

CHRISTMAS DOWNTOWN OPEN HOUSE

The board received a request from Chamber of Commerce requesting permission to place the Nativity, Santa House, lit bear, presents and toy soldiers on and around the Courthouse in addition to general decorating outdoors for the Christmas season. The Downtown Open House will be November 19, 2022, with the Chamber of Commerce decorating 2 weeks before. Commissioner Musselman made a motion to approve the request from Chamber of Commerce requesting permission to place the Nativity, Santa House, lit bear, presents and toy soldiers on and around the Courthouse in addition to general decorating outdoors for the Christmas season. Commissioner Weaver 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

SPEED ORDINANCE

The board received Ordinance 9/6/2022 B An Ordinance Regulating Traffic on County Highways (County Road 400 South between County Road 200 Wet and US Highway 31). Ordinance 9/6/2022 B outlines the speed limit on County Road 400 South for a distance of one thousand eight hundred feet (1,800') west of County Road 200 West shall be forty-five (45) miles per hour. Ordinance 9/6/2022 B also notes the speed limit on County Road 400 South from a point one thousand eight hundred feet (1,800') west of County Road 200 West to US Highway 31 shall be reduced to thirty-five (35) miles per hour. Commissioner Weaver made a motion to adopt Ordinance 9/6/2022 B An Ordinance Regulating Traffic on County Highways (County Road 400 South between County Road 200 Wet and US Highway 31). Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Attorney Steve Downs recommended the Highway Department review their inventory of roads and determine if other areas need the speed limit addressed.

BROADBAND READY ORDINANCE

The board received an ordinance stating the county is broadband ready. The board tabled to next meeting.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Attorney Steve Downs presented the engagement letter from Barnes & Thornburg for assistance with the Tolley/Hunt Landfill issue with IDEM. Barnes & Thornburg will review for possible insurance companies that will cover any charges that might arise if the county is found liable. The engagement letter will charge the county \$7,500.00 for their work. Commissioner Weaver made a motion to approve the cost of \$7,500.00 for Barnes & Thornburg to help with the Tolley/Hunt Landfill issue with IDEM and authorize Commissioner Hunt to sign the engagement letter. Commissioner Musselman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Musselman made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Weaver 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: _____, **Auditor**
Mary Brown