

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
MAY 20, 2013

Commissioner West was absent from the meeting.

Chairman Francis called the meeting to order.

COMMUNICATION CO. OF SOUTH BEND

The Board received the yearly maintenance contract for the Communication Co. of South Bend for the testing of the sprinkler system in the annex. Commissioner Hamman made a motion to have Commissioner Francis sign the yearly maintenance agreement. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

MINUTES

The minutes from the May 13, 2013 meeting were unavailable and will be approved at the May 28, 2013 meeting.

HOUSING ORDINANCE-TOWN OF MIAMI

The Board reviewed the Fair Housing Ordinance for the county. Due to changes in the federal mandates, sections 1 and 7 of the ordinance were changed to coincide with the Miami County Handbook. These changes were necessary in order to keep federal funding for projects, specifically the Town of Miami Sewer Project. Commissioner Hamman made a motion to accept the amended ordinance (Ordinance 05/20/13), which would replace any existing Fair Housing Ordinance already in place. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

The Board received a sub-recipient agreement for the Town of Miami that needed to be completed. The agreement stated that the owners would abide by specific rules outlined in the agreement. Commissioner Hamman made a motion to have Commissioner Francis sign the agreement. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

The Board also received a Drug & Alcohol Ordinance that needed to be approved. This ordinance was corrected to coincide with the Miami County Handbook. Commissioner Hamman made a motion to approve the ordinance (Ordinance 05/20/13B). Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

SHIRLEY MULL

Ms. Shirley Mull came before the Board of Commissioners to request that some of the money the county will be receiving, due to the increase in highway funding, be used to make south side of Lost Bridge crossable. Commissioner Francis stated that there would not be enough money to cover that cost as the last estimate showed it would cost well of \$1m to have redone. Commissioner Francis went on to explain that the bridge is a historical site and would have to be done to certain specifications. Previous Commissioners had also looked at having a new bridge constructed and that could not be done due to a certain species that has nesting areas around the area. Ms. Mull thanked the Board for listening and noted that she did appreciate the Highway Dept. filling in the holes around where she lives.

ELMO BROOKS

Mr. Brooks had a question for the Board regarding mowing within the 2-mile radius. The Board felt that Peru City would be in charge of enforcing weed control, but directed Mr. Brooks to the county Planning & Zoning office to verify.

BIKE RACK

Commissioner Hamman updated that a new bike rack was ordered from Break-A-Way Bike Shop and should be here next week.

PLANNING & ZONING

Tammy Gamble, Zoning Administrator, brought to the Board of Commissioners a request to vacate an alley in Deedsville behind 1329 W & 1371 W 1000 N. Commissioner

Hamman made a motion to approve the ordinance (Ordinance 05/20/13C). Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

CLERK

Tawna Leffel, Miami County Clerk, discussed with the Board the need for a partial gate/door for her office. Ms. Leffel was audited last week by the state for Child Support and was advised by the state that if there was not a gate/door with a sign that noted it was a restricted area her office would be wrote up and there could be a potential for funding loss by the state. Ms. Leffel is requesting a simple gate/door to comply with the state. After some discussion, the Board also felt that this would be a good idea to have in the Auditor's office to prevent the public from going behind the counter. There is information such as payroll and insurance that is confidential and this would eliminate the public from coming into the work areas. Commissioner Francis made a motion to have gates/doors installed in the Clerk and Auditor's Offices. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

IT

The Board asked John Evans, IT Interim Director, about the system that feeds from the courts to the Public Defender. The Board of Commissioners is waiting to receive a quote or other paperwork to have specific information related to the new software needed. Mr. Evans forwarded the information he received to the Public Defender but had not heard back from him yet. The Board will wait to hear from the Public Defender before making any decisions regarding the system upgrades.

Mr. Evans also brought to the Boards attention an issue regarding internet usage. Mr. Evans explained that he is able to provide internet usage by employee to department heads and had earlier sent the information to the Board of Commissioners for their review. There have been several employees using the county internet for personal use during business hours, causing the internet to run slower, making it difficult for those offices that rely on the internet to get their work completed.

Mr. Evans gave an example where he had received emails, phone calls, and complaints from one Elected Official that the internet was running extremely slow and that something needed done. Upon further investigation, Mr. Evans discovered that the same Elected Official that placed the call had been streaming Fox News for the majority of the day, slowing down the internet. Mr. Evans went on to explain that he was trying to bring awareness to the Board of Commissioners that there are few employees abusing the use of the internet. The Board thanked him and asked that he send an email to all county employees noting that the internet usage will be monitored more heavily and abuse of the internet would result in further disciplinary action.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Mr. Pat Roberts, County Attorney discussed with the Board the software agreement for the new CAD system to be used by 9-1-1 and the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Roberts sent the contract out to those department heads for them to review and provide feedback and questions. Those issues have been compiled and Mr. Roberts will forward to the vendor and legal department.

ASSESSOR

Sara McAuliffe, Assessor, brought in a card from a representative of Indiana Beach. Ms. McAuliffe stated that the card was given to her and if the Board was interested, they could contact to inquire about possible discounts to employees.

BUSINESS 31 SOUTH

Ken Einselen, Highway Engineer, brought to the Board documents he received regarding the Business 31 South Phase II project. Mr. Roberts reviewed the documents and advised of what was acceptable and which were not needed.

Mr. Einselen also shared the letter he had received from INDOT that a letter was needed from the county to proceed with the project.

Mr. Einselen requested that the Board sign the letter to Butler, Fairman, & Seufert to proceed with bridge inspections. Commissioner Hamman made a motion to sign the letter. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

EMA

Kris Marks, EMA Director, informed the Board that he has followed up with homeowners who experienced flood damage to let them know that FEMA did not awarded any money for our area.

Mr. Marks also informed the Board that he would be on vacation next week.

HIGHWAY

Mr. Sam Waltz, Highway Superintendent updated the board on the following projects:

- Dust control
- Reviewing several road projects
- Contacted 2 companies about obtaining quotes for striping on court street and the county employee parking lot
- Working on the shoulders at Bunker Hill Pike
- Potential to chip/seal Mexico Road to Miami County Animal Shelter

Commissioner Hamman made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

Adjourned

MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION

_____, **Chairman**
Joshua Francis

_____, **Vice Chairman**
Larry West

_____, **Member**
Jerry Hamman

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