

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
June 10, 2013

Chairman Francis called the meeting to order. All members are in attendance.

MINUTES

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the 6-3-13 minutes. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

CLAIMS

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

PAYROLL

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

DNR NOTICE

The Board received a letter from the DNR regarding a meeting to discuss the flood risk mapping. The meeting will be held in the GAR Room on June 27, 2013 from 10-12pm.

CITY LAWN & GARDEN

The Board received a letter for repairs to equipment for the Cemetery Board. Commissioner West made a motion to pay the invoice. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

BREAKAWAY BIKE

The Board received the claim from Breakaway Bike shop for the new bike rack. Commissioner Hamman made a motion to process the claim. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

PLANNING/ZONING

Ms. Tammy Gamble, Zoning Administrator wanted to bring the Board's attention that a taxpayer had requested a building variance in order to rebuild a garage. Ms. Gamble wanted to discuss the issue with the Board before the homeowners spent money on the variance filing. Currently, there is not a dedicated right-of-way behind the old church in Mexico. The homeowner would like to tear down and rebuild a garage, but it only sits 2 feet of the road. The Board feels that this is not an issue and is ok with allowing the rebuild of the garage.

LSI CLAIM

The Board received a request to have the claim for LSI from the CEDIT fund reimbursed out of the docket cycle. The funds had already been approved at the council meeting in May. Commissioner West made a motion to process the claim out of the docket cycle. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

RECORDER

Brenda Weaver, Miami County Recorder advised the Board she had notified her customers who would be traveling that our computer system was down and to call prior to making the trip.

MATTHEW & RHONDA AYLWARD

The Board received a letter from Matthew & Rhonda Aylward regarding properties that they had previously purchased at a tax sale. According to the letter, they are unable to secure financing to rehab the properties and wish to surrender the properties back to the county. The Board noted that if they did not pay the property taxes, the properties would automatically go back on the tax rolls. The Board would like Mary Brown, Chief Deputy Auditor to forward the list of properties to the City.

IDEM

The Board received a Notice of Sanitary Sewer Application for the Miami Community Regional Sewer District.

CLERK

Tawna Leffel, Miami County Clerk inquired when the computer system would be back up and running. Ms. Leffel's office is at a standstill because they need their computers to do their work. The Board was waiting to hear from IT with an update.

ANIMAL CONTROL

The Board discussed with Kulla's the issue that they are having regarding enforcement of animal control in the Town of Converse. Ron Gollhofer stated that there are issues with picking up strays in Converse and until the Board gave further direction, they would not pick up strays. Mr. Gollhofer stated that there was an issue recently where one of the deputies tranquilized a dog at the owners request simply because they no longer wanted the animal. The deputy then called Animal Control and reported it as a stray and wanted Mr. Gollhofer to come pick it up. Mr. Gollhofer stated that he does not want to deal with these kinds of issues, especially without any kind of jurisdiction in Converse.

Mr. Gollhofer went on to explain that the current process is to have the deputies in Converse send a picture to animal control and they then immediately post on Facebook. This has resulted in a quick rehome or claim in a short amount of time. This saves time and money because Animal Control does not have to make the trip from Mexico to Converse. The process has been working and it saving all parties money in the process. After further discussion, the Board agreed that the process seems to be beneficial and that they will discuss with the county attorney about addressing this issue in the new animal control ordinance.

IT

Brian Edgerton, IT Tech advised the Board that there were 2 hard drive fails in the virtual center. 1 drive will be here by noon and at this time they are unsure of when the other hard drive would be delivered. John Evans, IT Interim Director was working with tech support to determine the cause of the fails and getting the system restored. The Board asked that IT keep them updated on the status.

CRAIG BOYER

Craig Boyer, Miami County Councilman shared with the Board his concerns over the new wind farms going in near the Converse airport. The wind farms are to be going in 1000 ft. from the county line in Converse. Mr. Boyer is concerned of airport access restriction and proximity to airport.

CLIMATE MAKERS

The Board received 2 invoices for the Museum for repairs to the air conditioners. Commissioner West made a motion to approve the invoices for \$1090.50 & \$1147.00. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

MUSEUM

Elise Kordis, Museum Curator and Gary Hawley came before the Board with their 2013 budget and funding review. The Board reviewed the information and asked questions regarding the expenses that the Historical Society pays and the projected income for the remainder of the year. Ms. Kordis stated that they were almost out of reserves because of taking on the heating and utilities for the last couple of years. Previously these items were paid for by the county, but with budget cuts, the Historical Society agreed to pay the claims. The Museum Board is requesting that the county help with the heating and utilities (\$20,000) due to lack of funds. Mr. Hawley noted that donations are down and in this area; they are competing against other non-for profits all trying to raise funds.

Commissioner Francis stated that he is not sure where the \$20,000 would come from to help with utilities. Spring Settlement is not done and he felt that they needed to see where they were at before they could look at helping.

Mr. Hawley extended to the Board and invitation for them to attend the Museum Board meeting on Tuesday evening. The Community Foundation will be presenting information regarding the Museums investments and possible restrictions on the Museum using any of their invested funds.

BOWMANS HEATING & COOLING

The Board received a quote to replace the air conditioning units at the Museum for \$2342.16. Commissioner West made a motion to accept the bid. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

FLYERS

Steve McAuliffe brought flyers from the highway for the Sam Waltz Scholarship day. The Board approved the request to hang up around the courthouse.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Eric Huneryager, Chief Public Defender was in to discuss the issue with the broken video equipment in the courtroom. Mr. Huneryager received a quote for repairs for \$2700.00 but did not have anything in his budget to cover the cost. Mr. Huneryager question why the equipment is breaking and why the cost is so high to repair. Mr. Huneryager also suggested that moving forward the Commissioners put something in their budget, as this seems to be an ongoing problem from year to year. The Board will follow-up with the IT on this issue.

TREASURER

Rebecca Morris, Miami County Treasurer inquired when the computer system would be back up and running and asked that better communication be provided when a problem like this arises.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

The Board reviewed the following with County Attorney, Pat Roberts:

- Still reviewing the heating/air contracts
- Working on Animal Control Ordinance. Will address the control issue in Converse and Bunker Hill
- Handicapped accessible restroom
- Commissioners participating in phone conference for meetings

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board will meet on Tuesday, June 18th in Executive Session to discuss the handbook. The Board asked that Chief Deputy Auditor, Mary Brown post the notice.

ADJOURN

Commissioner West made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Adjourned

MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION

_____, **Chairman**
Joshua Francis

_____, **Vice Chairman**
Larry West

_____, **Member**
Jerry Hamman

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