

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
25 N BROADWAY  
PERU, IN 46970  
February 16, 2016

Commissioner Chairman Joshua Francis called the meeting to order. All Commissioners are present.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the 2-1-16 minutes. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

**PAYROLL**

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

**CLAIMS**

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

**STORAGE BUILDING QUESTION**

Janet Donahoe wanted to know how far the set back is on the storage building on Main and Mexico Road. Commissioners referred her to Planning and Zoning office.

**HIGHWAY BIDS**

Bids for Highway Bitumous material will be advertised. Commissioner West made a motion to accept bids until 11:00 a.m. on March 7<sup>th</sup> and will be awarded on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

**FLAG DAY REQUEST**

Judge Tim Spahr asked the Board for permission to use the west side of the Courthouse for the Flag Day Celebration (the rotunda in case of rain) on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Commissioner West made a motion to allow. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

The Judge also informed the Board that there had been a boiler leak above the Law Library on Friday, but he was told it had been fixed. He came in on Saturday around 8a.m. and it was leaking again. Judge Spahr called Tim Hunter who contacted MC Contracting to tape off area. Judge Spahr stated he was told the leak was coming in ceiling from the retention area, which apparently needs new sealant, the boiler was shut off. The Judge stated there is no heat in his Courtroom but they have several space heaters to help it stay somewhat warm. Apparently, the boiler needs a new coil but it could take a couple of weeks.

It was also brought to the Commissioners attention that the lights in 2 of the 4 clocks at the top of the Courthouse are out. Verdin Clocks will be called to replace bulbs.

Work on the tables for Circuit Court is moving along and they should be complete and returned in the next couple of weeks. Judge Spahr discussed having some of the chairs re-done but the cost is a little high. He asked the Commissioners if it would be ok for him to take one and see if he could refinish it. The Commissioners gave their approval as long as he informed the Auditor's office when he took it in case anyone asked or said anything.

**FIRE CHIEF**

Chief Betzner asked the Commissioners for an update on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor. The Commissioners had a couple of contractors come in to build some shelves but ran into some issues. They are doing an area study to figure out where to move the files. Chief Betzner requested to go upstairs with the Commissioners to view the 4<sup>th</sup> floor.

## **DATA PITSTOP**

Darren Bates spoke to the Commissioners regarding services he could provide for the Miami County Website. Mr. Bates explained that he has 13 counties that he manages their websites. He has a budgeting tool that helps Council's with tax adjustments/decisions and tools to help taxpayers when making decisions on building something, tearing down something or just overall changes they may decide to make and how it would affect their taxes. The Board will look at other websites before they make a decision.

## **CASA**

There was a request from the CASA office to carry over 5 vacation days until May 31, 2016. The anniversary date is March 17 and time will not be able to be used by then. The Board will talk to Judge Spahr concerning this issue. Commissioner West made a motion to allow extending the time to use it by to May 31, 2016. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## **IT – VOTE CENTER TESTING**

Intrasect informed the Board that they will have to go to all of the Vote Centers to program and test and that will be billed outside of the contract (125.60 per hour w/discounted rate). Hardwiring would be an option that could save some money and running the hardwire would be 175-350. It will cost \$1000 to do initial assessment of polling centers to see what will work best. Commissioner West made a motion to have Intrasect do the assessment and bill the Commissioners. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## **FAIR BOARD/MCEDA**

Jim Tidd, MCEDA, introduces Adam Hunt and Jill Sharp from the Fair Board. Mr. Hunt presented a list of projects the money would be used for. The Board is looking at the entire community as a whole and not just the 4H.

The total estimate for the projects they hope to complete is \$1,000,000. They are only asking the County for \$100,000 a year for 3 years (total of \$300,000). The \$100,000 for the 1<sup>st</sup> year would be applied to the new grandstand seating. The second installment (2017) would go towards the campgrounds. The 3<sup>rd</sup> installment (2018) would go towards upgrading the buildings. They have a very strategic plan to complete these projects. Commissioner Hamman made a motion to approve taking before the Council. Commissioner West 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## **HIGHWAY ENGINEER**

Ken Einselen brought in a request for an ordinance to place a 4 way stop at the intersection of Wallick Road and Ellis Road while Bridge 163 is being worked on. Commissioner West asked Mr. Einselen about putting rumble sticks down. Mr. Einselen stated that was possible. Commissioner Francis asked about some kind of lights as a warning. Mr. Einselen said that was possible as well. Commissioner West made a motion to install 2 new stop signs as well as rumble sticks. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0. (Ordinance 02-16-2016)

## **IDEM NOTICE**

The Board received a notice that the application for the construction of a CFO was approved for W T Miller \$ Sons.

## **BICENTENNIAL BISON**

Ralph Duckwall came before the Board with a request to purchase a Bison in honor of the Bi-centennial. The State is encouraging all 92 Counties to purchase and display a Bison-ennial – Bison. If the Commissioners buy the Bison, Mr. Duckwall will get donations for the paint and to get the needed base for it to set on. Commissioner Hamman made a motion to approve the purchase of the Bison. Commissioner Francis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 2-1 (West voted against).

## **LIGHTS AROUND COURTHOUSE**

Officer Tim Hunter informed the Commissioners that he counted at least 12 lights out around the Courthouse.

PAT ROBERTS

Pat Roberts informed the Board that he and Rick Hall, Counsel for the bond issue, agreed on \$13,000 for legal fees for the bond issue. Commissioner West made a motion to approve the \$13,000 amount. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

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Jim Denniston gave the Board some information regarding the new phone system and the cabling.

Mr. Denniston also said that the Peru Township trustee asked if she could have a county e-mail (miamicountyin.gov) and she would pay for it. Since Intrasect works with her it would be easy to do and would cost her \$4 a month. Commissioner West made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner West made a motion to adjourn until 1:45 when he and Commissioner Hamman could accompany the Fire Chief to the 4<sup>th</sup> floor. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed.

After accompanying the Fire Chief to the 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Commissioner West made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hamman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 2-0 (Commissioner Francis was in another meeting).

**Adjourned**

**MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

\_\_\_\_\_, **Chairman**  
**Joshua Francis**

\_\_\_\_\_, **Vice Chairman**  
**Larry West**

\_\_\_\_\_, **Member**  
**Jerry Hamman**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_, **Auditor**  
**Jane Lilley**