

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
OCTOBER 3, 2016

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

MINUTES

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

CLAIMS

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

PAYROLL

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

OLD STREET SWEEPER

The Highway has an old street sweeper that has not been in service for 4 years. Moon Machine and Welding made a purchase offer of \$500. Commissioner West made a motion to accept the offer. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

EAGLES POINT SALE

Several residents and members of the Owners Association at Eagles Point came before the Board to express their concerns. Dennis McNally and Scott Shepard were the two main representatives for the group. They are concerned with the tax-exempt status of Trinity (buyer of the properties). The properties under in the group that are being bought have been let go and are in desperate need of care because they are not being taken care of. They are concerned the properties will less taken care of, if they are purchased by a tax-exempt corporation. Chairman Francis stated that if what Mr. Guistolise, Trinity, said is true, the properties will receive much better care than currently.

Mr. Shepard stated that they Homeowner Association members currently pay \$50 a month to the Association. They have asked for an audit and cannot get one. They are also asking for ownership of the Association. Currently they (homeowners) have 1 vote to the Associations 3 votes. They would prefer ownership, but at least a 1 to 1 vote.

The Board of Commissioners told them there will be a public hearing and that is where they need to voice their concerns.

COMMISSIONERS ATTORNEY

Pat Roberts informed the Board that:

- *he will do a letter of termination for the 9-1-1 AT&T contract.
- *he is working on the interrogative for 4 County Mental Health
- *he will get with Ken Einselen on the abandoned road issue at Hidden Hills
- *the Commissioners can set the time and place for the public hearing for
Eagles Point sale

AMERICAN FIDELITY

Jared Levy, American Fidelity, explained to the Board what his company has to offer Miami County. American Fidelity works with Governmental agencies and schools to assist with:

- *Streamlining
- *Section 125 Administration
- *Employee Education

There is no cost to the County for these. They also pay their employees straight up, they do not work on commission. Commissioner West asked how they make their money if they don't charge for those services. American Fidelity offers most all of the

supplemental insurance available to County employees. This makes it easier on the administration because you have less companies to sort through and easier on the employee because everything they have will be with one company and one agent to call. They also keep the county compliant with all the new regulations.

Commissioner Francis said that they work with North Miami Schools and they really like their program. Commissioner West made a motion to go with American Fidelity for the services they provide the County and the supplemental insurances provide to the County employees. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

TRAIL ISSUE

Weldon Mast asked the Board about the trail issue at Bunker Hill. Commissioner Francis told him there would be a public hearing held for that issue and he would need to direct his questions and concerns there.. Gail Utter asked about the trail that runs from Ohio, down along the Wabash River across some privately owned property or the right away. Commissioner Francis stated the Commissioners would have to approve something of that nature and it has not come before them at this time.

DUKES MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Deb Close, CEO for Dukes, spoke to the Commissioners regarding some concerns she has. Ms. Close stated that they are have an issue with shortages of EMT's, Paramedics, and Volunteer Firemen. They only have a couple of ambulances and have been receiving numerous non-emergency calls, which ties up what little resources they have and could cause serious consequences. There is also the issue of transporting dead bodies. The hospital can no longer tie up one of their ambulances to transport dead bodies. They have also closed the morgue at the hospital so there is nowhere to store the dead bodies. Commissioner Francis suggested they discuss making the kitchen in the old jail an office for the Coroner, which would provide room for the storage of dead bodies. Commissioner Francis also said that the Town of Macy has an old ambulance they want to get rid of that the County could probably pick up pretty cheap to use to transport the dead bodies. Commissioner West made a motion to call MC Contracting to renovate the old jail kitchen to the Coroner's office for \$15,000 or less. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner West made a motion to authorize Commissioner Francis to negotiate with the Town of Macy to purchase their old ambulance (\$2,500 or less). Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

WILLOW CREEK COMPLAINT

Marty Smith and Henry Michaud came before the Board to voice complaints about 4 wheelers in the neighborhood tearing up their property and making very loud noise all hours of the day and night. The Commissioners informed them that they live in the 2 mile radius and would have to speak with the City of Peru. Both gentlemen have spoken with City of Peru Police Department and the Miami County Sheriff's Department and just get shuffled back and forth.

IT

Jim Denniston informed the Board that the e-mail virus protection software needs to be changed to Proof Point Migration. The cost would be similar to what is currently being paid (\$562.25 per month). Commissioner West made a motion to make the switch. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

FOBS

Commissioner West made a motion to purchase 100 new FOBS to replace current ones that do not work or are having issue. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Ken Einselen informed the Commissioners that Miami County did not receive approval for the Federal Grant that would have been used for the Wayne Street Bridge.

Mr. Einselen received notice from the State that they will be working on Mississenewa Road (over the Dam). He would recommend closing one lane at a time. Commissioner West made a motion accept the recommendation and close one lane at a time. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner West made a motion to approve and sign the contract with American Structure Point for Bridge Inspections. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

INSURANCE

Rebecca from APEX went over some of the numbers for Miami County and provided a glimpse into what the renewal amount could be for the County. Some topics of discussion were:

- *Looking at the clinic usage vs cost (possibly doing away with the clinic)
- *raise premiums
- *look at co-pay amounts
- *Rebecca work with us to look at the additional things offered by the County

2017 HOLIDAY CALENDAR

The Commissioners tabled this matter until their meeting on October 24, 2016.

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

_____, **Chairman**
Joshua Francis

_____, **Vice-Chairman**
Larry West

_____, **Member**
Jerry Hamman

Attest: _____, **Auditor**
Jane Lilley