

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
June 20, 2016

Commissioner Chairman Josh Francis called the meeting to order. Commissioner West was absent.

MINUTES

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

PAYROLL

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

CLAIMS

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

RURAL TRANSIT/YMCA

Kathy Brehmer came before the Board with a copy of the 2017 grant paperwork. Mrs. Brehmer requested that the Board approve and sign the INDOT claim to purchase a new van and 2 portable radios. Commissioner Hamman made a motion to have Chairman Francis sign the INDOT claim. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

ANIMAL CONTROL COMPLAINT

Robert Dane came before the Board to discuss an issue with the Animal Control Officer. Mr. Dane explained that 2 dogs entered his home and attacked his dog, resulting in 18 stitches along with damage to his property. Mr. Dane stated that the dogs finally ran off and after contacting 9-1-1 the dogs were later located. The dogs were held at the Animal Control Facility until they were properly tagged and fees were paid to reclaim. Mr. Dane went on to explain that he felt the process and punishment for dog owners who attack or damage property needs improved. Mr. Dane further stated that the Animal Control Officer did not communicate with him after the incident regarding the dogs. Mr. Dane also felt like the Animal Control Officer dismissed the incident.

Commissioner Francis explained that he had spoken to Sheriff Deputy Ron Dausch regarding the issue. Deputy Dausch reported he had spoken to the surrounding neighbors regarding the dogs and was told that there were no prior issues with these specific dogs. Deputy Dausch stated that his investigation did not show any criminal intent and that no further action would be pursued.

Mr. Dane feels that the ordinance needs to be updated to include that an owner with a vicious dog should have to provide proof of insurance before the animal is released. Mr. Dane stated that because of how the ordinance is written he has no recourse to reimburse him for the vet bill and repairs to his property. Commissioner Francis stated that the county must follow the ordinance. Commissioner Francis will contact Animal Control to ensure that the dogs received their rabies shots. Animal Control will contact Mr. Dane to confirm. After some discussion regarding reimbursement and liability, Commissioner Francis would talk with the County Attorney about updating the ordinance to include the dog owners being responsible for damages and providing proof of insurance if, they have vicious dogs.

EMA

Kris Marks, EMA Director came before the Board with a grant approval request. The state has de-obligated funds available and Mr. Marks has put in for traffic signs. Commissioner Hamman made a motion to approve and have the grant signed by Commissioner Francis. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

HIGHWAY

Ken Einselen, Highway Engineer brought in a request for removal of road signs. Commissioner Hamman made a motion to approve the removal of road signs. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

The Board requested the Mr. Einselen look at a request for signage to be placed at 300 N. by Orion.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Pat Roberts, County Attorney updated the Board on the Hidden Hills dam issue. Mr. Roberts stated that he had spent some time with the state looking at the dams, but that the issue is still not resolved.

Mr. Roberts stated that he had been at a seminar recently and there is case law that states a county cannot enter into a lease over 5 years. Mr. Roberts is concerned because the new AT & T contract is 10 years. Mr. Roberts will get an opinion and forward it to AT & T.

Mr. Roberts also brought to the Board's attention the new Dept. of Labor ruling regarding exempt and non-exempt employees. The Board needs to review the positions to ensure they are in compliance.

Mr. Roberts stated that he received information from Jane Lilley, Auditor regarding the materiality policy. The information will be reviewed. Mr. Roberts reminded the Board that they are responsible for employee training in regards to the materiality policy.

PROBATION

Susan Rice, Chief Probation Officer came before the board to request an additional camera be placed inside the Probation office area. The camera would be added for a safety precaution. Ms. Rice provided an estimate from Intrasect for \$676.60. After some discussion, the Board decided to take it under advisement. If they are able to find money to pay for the additional camera they will order it and have it installed.

IT

Jim Denniston requested approval to purchase signage for the doors for \$36.00. The signs would state that there is 24-hour surveillance on the premises. Commissioner Hamman made a motion to approve the purchase request. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

Mr. Denniston stated that upon review of the evacuation plan there is a need to be clarification regarding the relocation of offices and the use of computers. If the Board wants to update the plan Intrasect can do it, but would cost additional, as it is not part of their normal contract charges.

Mr. Denniston found the original quote for the new camera system and confirmed that the Board did not want to have a camera placed in their room. Mr. Denniston suggested that

the camera be used for the Probation Office instead. The Board agreed to have the camera put in at Probation.

Mr. Denniston explained that all the old camera equipment could be recycled, but wanted to make sure he had the Boards approval. Commissioner Hamman made a motion to allow the old camera equipment to be recycled. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Tim Miller gave the Board a jail staffing report, which stated there needs to be an increase in jail staff. The report was done due to failing the yearly jail inspections because a staffing report was not on file. Sheriff Miller will be going before the Council next week to request 2 additional jail staff.

COMP TIME

The Board received a letter from Extension Office Manager Patty Ingram requesting approval to go over the 20-hour minimum allowable comp hours. Chief Deputy Auditor Mary Brown asked if an exception could be made for the week prior and week of 4H Fair week as Ms. Ingram accrues a significant amount of time ensuring that the programs are running. Ms. Ingram does not have comp time at any other times of the year and the time would be used as quickly as possible. Commissioner Hamman made a motion to allow an exception for Ms. Ingram the week prior and week of 4H Fair week to go over the 20-hour minimum.

KEY REQUEST

A key request was made for Ryan Constable, contractor, doing work on the 4th floor. Commissioner Hamman made a motion to provide Mr. Constable with a key. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

SECURITY FORM/POLICY

Commissoner Hamman made a motion to approve the new security forms and policy. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

IV-D

Peter Diedrichs stated that he would have enough money from IV-D funds to purchase the camera for his office.

Mr. Diedrichs also requested approval for remote access so that he can receive email on his phone. Commissioner Hamman made a motion to approve the remote access request. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

AT & T

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

_____, **Chairman**
Joshua Francis

_____, **Vice-Chairman**
Larry West

_____, **Member**
Jerry Hamman

Attest: _____, **Auditor**
Jane Lilley