

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
September 12, 2016

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

MINUTES

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

BICENTENNIAL EVENTS

Vicki Draper informed the Board that Caldwell Monument is building a time capsule (1X2X2) and she asked for permission to bury it by the Statue of Liberty on the Courthouse lawn. Commissioner West made a motion to approve. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

Ms. Draper also asked the Commissioners about activities they would like to do on October 5th. The Torch will be coming through between 2 and three that afternoon. The Committee would like to use the Courthouse lawn to have speeches, the Peru High School Band and Smitty Musselman to have a truck there to sell sandwiches and ice cream. They will need to talk with the City regarding the truck for Smitty Musselman but Commissioner West made a motion to allow. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

Vicki Draper will contact the Auditor 15 before the torch is to go by the Courthouse so employees who want to witness it can.

PAYROLL

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

CLAIMS

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

COMMISSIONER'S CERTIFICATE SALE

The Board of Commissioners signed Resolution 09-12-2016, which sets the date of the Commissioners Certificate for February 15, 2017 for properties that are delinquent on their taxes and did not sell in the tax sale.

Aaron Wilson also came before the Board to discuss the process for giving the City several properties that they requested. The Board of Commissioner will have to do a resolution signing the properties over to the City and the City will have to do a resolution accepting them.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Commissioner West made a motion to appoint Bradley Williams, Kristi Eddy and Lori Robertson to the Community Corrections Board. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

DOWNTOWN PERU CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE COMMITTEE

The Board received a request from the Downtown Peru Christmas Open House Committee to set up a large Christmas Tree along with the Nativity Scene on the Courthouse lawn the week prior to the open house. They would also like to have permission to set up the Santa House and have a parade on Wednesday, November 16, 2016. The open house would be on the 16th from 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Commissioner West made a motion to allow (the committee will have to check with the City for the placement of the Santa house, the parking spaces and the kettle corn). Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

ANNUAL FIRE ALARM TESTING

The Board received a quote from South Bend Communication Company for the annual check of the fire safety alarm for \$500.00 for 2017. Commissioner West made a motion to approve. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

MASTER GARDENER REQUEST

Brad Harmon informed the Board that the Master Gardener Group will be meeting this evening to discuss if they want to pursue the request for using the land at the jail next year for a community garden or let it go. They are not sure if they will have enough help for the project.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Pat Roberts informed the Board that he had completed the 9-1-1 Interlocal agreement, however it got damaged and he will have to reprint it this afternoon. Commissioner West made a motion to have Chairman Francis sign the agreement when it is ready. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

SEPTIC ISSUE

Mr. Wayne Dulworth came before the Board with an issue he has with a septic system he needs installed on his property. Mr. Dulworth bought some property and built a house. He had gotten a permit for the septic system from Ken Scott, who was the Environmental Specialist at the time. He is now ready to install the system and the new Environmental Specialist, Kayla Madden, says that system will not meet the necessary requirements. He is very upset because the system that would meet the requirements will be a lot more expensive. Chairman Francis stated that the Board of Commissioners have no say over that and he will need to speak with the Health Board. Chairman Francis did state that Mrs. Madden was just doing her job and if she does not do it correctly, it could come back on the County.

HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Ken Einselen brought an ordinance for consideration by the Board to establish a speed limit on Mexico Road between the Fourth Street and US 31 in Jefferson Township. Commissioner West made a motion to approve (Ordinance 9-12-2016B). Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

The Board received the final inspection acceptance paperwork on Bridge #163. Commissioner West asked Mr. Einselen why that road was so bumpy. Mr. Einselen replied it had to do with the aeroplane control they had to put on it.

Mr. Einselen brought LPA Claim #9 (\$11,988.67) for Bridge #163 to the Board to be signed. Commissioner West made a motion to sign. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

Commissioner West made a motion to sign the Bridge Inspection agreement with American Structure Point (\$298,560.00). Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

Commissioner West made a motion to approve and sign Supplement #2 for Bridge #73. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

Mr. Einselen spoke to the Board about the generator. It is in need of a new controller part and a load bank test performed. After some discussion, Commissioner West made a motion to purchase the controller part now and do the Load Bank test at a later date. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

SHERIFF

Commissioner Francis said the Sheriff contacted to him to request permission to sell some old totes that they have and don't use any more to Howard County, who is interested in buying them. Commissioner West made a motion to approve. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

SYMPATHY THOUGHTS

The Commissioners send their deepest sympathy to Trisha Spencer in the Health Department on the loss of her husband.

STIPEND

Three years ago, the Board of Commissioners put \$2,000 in their budget as a stipend for the extra duties of the Auditor. It recently came to light, that it has been done incorrectly. The amount should have gone in the salary ordinance under the Auditor salary and the full amount paid to her. Instead, it is, and has been, paid at \$30 a meeting (Commissioners and Council). Since you cannot change the salary ordinance for an Elected Official, Commissioner West made a motion to keep it the same for the remainder of the year (2016) and correct it in the Salary Ordinance for 2017 and forward.

Commissioner 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