

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N. BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
MINUTES
07-16-2012

Commissioner Boyer opened the meeting.

PROSECUTOR

Prosecutor Bruce Embrey came before the Board for the award of the bid to redo his office. The only bid received was from Denham Building. Commissioner Francis made a motion to accept the bid from Denham Building in the amount of \$18,849.65 (to be paid out of Cum Courthouse). Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mr. Embrey also asked about the codification of the ordinances and getting them on line. Mr. Embrey suggested the Auditor check with Jackie Gray, City Clerk/Treasurer. The Auditor will do that.

MINUTES

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

SENATOR RANDY HEAD

Senator Head stopped in to see how everything is going. Some items the Commissioners asked the Senator to check on for them include?

*Commissioner Francis expressed his concern of the cost of trending every year plus the cost of doing re-assessment and if the value is worth the cost.

*Commissioner Faust asked about properties that pay no property tax and if they are still working on the possibility of having a minimum payment for properties?

*Commissioner Boyer asked what is going to happen with the farm land. Commissioner Boyer explained to Senator Head what the Commissioners are looking at doing with tax sale properties that have been through several sales to get them back on the tax rolls. His question to Senator Head is what could the County do about abandoned railroad property? There is a tremendous amount in Miami County as well as surrounding counties. Mr. Boyer also asked why the abandoned railroads have not assessed and Senator Head said he believed they should be.

ROAD 200

Bob Williams asked the Board why road 200 has not been completed. The Board stated they had talked with the Highway Department and they are waiting on some moisture to be able to do what needs to be done.

CLAIMS

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

CHAMBER CERTIFICATE

The Board received the 2012 Chamber of Commerce Certificate.

INDOT BILL

Commissioner Francis stated that INDOT would be sending in a revised bill and not to process the \$41,325.20 invoice.

HIGHWAY

Sam Waltz asked the Board about the situation at Lost Bridge. Commissioner Francis stated that the barriers need to be moved back to where they were. The Sheriff's Department is supposed to speak to the individuals involved so there shouldn't be any more issues.

Mr. Waltz did do an incident report on the damage done to a county sign.

TOWN OF AMBOY

The Auditor informed the Board that there was an article in the Peru Tribune regarding a bonus being given to the Town Clerk. The article stated that the Clerk had spoken to the County Auditor and the County Auditor said it was ok. The article further stated that the County Auditor said it was ok to take the bonus out of the sewer money. The County Auditor had never spoken to this Clerk until the article appeared in the paper. The Auditor called Mary Brown, Amboy Town Clerk, and told her she wanted a correction done as she had never spoken to her let alone say it was "ok". Mary Brown told the Auditor that the paper had misquoted her and that she had only spoken to the State Board of Accounts. The Auditor just wanted to clarify that she had not said these things.

EMA

Kris Marks, EMA Director, informed the Board that there will be a webinar regarding the drought on Tuesday, July 17th, and he has reserved a port. He invited the Board to join him, but if they could not he will update them next Monday on the content of the webinar.

DREW EXPOSITION

James Braybeal came before the Commissioners concerning the need to be able to access water for some of the carnival activities and said he would be willing to pay for the water. Mr. Graybeal and the Board agreed on \$75 for the week. Mr. Graybill will take the money to the Auditor's office.

PROBATION

Susan Rice asked the Board if they could have the door key for Steve Sider turned back on. He does different programs for the Probation Department and his key was shut off. The Board will have it turned back on.

Ms. Rice also requested to purchase some different envelopes. They are little more expensive but the other ones are no good and she ends up throwing more away than she uses. Request granted.

The Board also asked Ms. Rice to write down some of the issues she had implementing the time clocks and how she addressed those issues. Ms. Rice said she would do that.

NEPOTISM POLICY

There have been question concerning the passage of a Nepotism Policy. The Board of Commissioners approved and signed The Board signed Resolution 6-18-2012, Nepotism Policy on June 18th, 2012. The law required it be in place before July 1, 2012.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Tim Miller brought in a contract from Intercom System and Video for maintenance for their review. Commissioner Francis made a motion to take under advisement. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Adjourned

MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION

_____, **Chairman**
C. Craig Boyer

_____, **Vice Chairman**
H. Jon Faust

_____, **Member**

Joshua Francis

Attest: _____ **Auditor**
Jane Lilley