

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N. BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
MINUTES
08-06-2012

Commissioner Boyer opened the meeting.

WEED COMPLAINT

Robert Doran informed the Board that there is a property located at 2609W and 300S that appears to be abandoned and has high grass and weeds. He filed a complaint 3 or 4 weeks ago with the Planning and Zoning office. They told him they would send a letter to the owner which has not been done yet. The Board asked him to go check with them to make sure. Mr. Doran went to the Planning and Zoning office and they had not sent the letter but said they would.

YMCA

Kathy Brehmer gave the Board an update on the Rural Transportation program and the building project.

CLERK

Tawna Sands, Clerk, came before the Board to ask for permission to hire another part-time employee. With the increase in tickets coming in and additional workloads she needs an additional person 3 days a week or 21 hours a week. Commissioner Francis made a motion to support the Clerk in hiring another part time person to be paid out of her perpetuation fund for the rest of the year and checking to make sure the funds are available for next year. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

HIGHWAY ENGINEER

The Board asked Mr. Einselen about the INDOT bills. Mr. Einselen said he believes it should have been 90/10 instead of 80/20. Mr. Einselen said it is rare for INDOT to reimburse anything prior to the final audit.

Commissioner Faust made a motion for Mr. Einselen to prepare the RFQ for Bridge inspections 2013-2015 and be the contact person. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

*Miami – Discussed the options for the community of Miami
Hooking on to Bunker Hill or Grissom or building their own processor

*Mexico – Mark Sullivan, Commonwealth Engineers, will bring a quote
to hang the sewer line on the bridge.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Ken Scott informed the Board that the alarms for the refrigerators came in and requested that they have a key to the Nurse's door in case the alarm goes off and they have to bring in a generator in to protect the vaccines. Commissioner Francis made a motion to have the Auditor call and order a key. Commissioner Faust 2^{ns} the motion and it passed 3-0.

MISC ISSUES

*allowed Susan Rice to order better envelopes for the Probation office
*exempted the Highway Department from using Central Supply
*Commissioner Boyer stated that the City would like to remove the county parking signs on 5th street beside the old jail and Wabash street behind & the old jail. Commissioner Francis made a motion to keep the parking signs. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR

Sam Waltz, Highway Supervisor, spoke to the Board about the possibility of leasing some new trucks. He knows that money is tight and thinks that might be a viable option as he has several trucks over the 400,000 mile mark.

PROSECUTOR

Prosecutor Bruce Embrey came before the Board to request that 4 more of his employees have badges that would allow for them to get inside the building before hours.

Commissioner Boyer said employees need to be able to get their work done.

Commissioner Faust is not in favor of everyone having a key. Commissioner Francis is concerned with the cost to the County of all these people coming in early. Bob Bishop asked if they would be covered by workman's comp during those times. (Yes they would). Commissioner Francis made a motion to allow the 4 to have access between the hours of 7a.m. and 7 p.m. Commissioner Boyer 2nd the motion and it passed 2-1 (Faust)

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Pat Roberts informed the Board that Judge Robert Spahr will be taking a medical leave of absence effective today.

IT

IT Director John Powell updated the Board on the implementation of the time clock system. The Auditor informed the Board that the payroll software company will be getting a quote on what it will cost to tie into our payroll system.

Commissioner Francis will check into the possibility of getting the IT I phones fixed locally.

GUTS SOFTWARE

Brent Willem, GUTS, gave a presentation to the Board regarding GUTS Software. Mr. Willem started with a background of the company and what it has to offer. Chairman Boyer stated the Board will take it under advisement. Ralph Duckwall, President of the Council, stated he understands the system is an integrated system but what cost savings is there. The County would have 3 years to pay off the initial transfer to the software. It was stated that time would be saved because it is an integrated system so when the Assessor finished her work all the information would be there for the Auditor,. The Auditor asked where the checks and balances would be to ensure data is correct. The Auditor also stated that she had seen a demo of the software last year and not only did not find it user friendly but would cause more work for her office.

MCEDA

Jim Tidd provided a financial report to the Board.

WALTER WOODHAMS

Mr. Woodhams explained to the Board that he lives in the Beller's addition and his pond is drying up due to a leak in the dam. He would like to purchase some of the clay dirt at the new jail site. The Board told him it would \$20 for a tandem load and \$30 for a tri-axle load and he would pay the Auditor's office.

TOWN OF MEXICO – SEWER PROJECT

Mark Sullivan came before the Board with the proposal for hanging the sewer pipe from the bridge. Commissioner Faust made a motion to allow and Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

EMA

Kris Marks, EMA Director, introduced Rick Dolsen and Cynthia Battia, Homeland Security, to the Board.

Mr. Marks also informed the Board that his tower was hit by lightning during the last storm.

QUIT CLIM DEED

The Board signed the quit claim deed for the property located at 72 W 2nd giving the property to the Salvation Army.

AMERICAN TRUST BUILDING

The Board received a letter from Julius Marburger inquiring if the county was still interested in the American Trust building.

MINUTES

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

PAYROLL

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

Commissioner Faust made a motion to recess until 1:30. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

BACK IN SESSION

KEYS

The Board authorized the Auditor to order some extra keys (elevator and office door keys).

HIGHWAY MATRIX

Council vice-president Steve McAuliffe asked the Board if they had received a matrix from the Highway department. The Board said they had not.

The Board requested the Auditor send out a memo to all department heads asking them to come to the Commissioners meeting at 2:00 next Monday.

TREASURER

Treasurer Rebecca Morris came back to ask the Board to consider GUTS software. Mrs. Morris stated that last year she, the Assessor, and the Auditor planned on making a site visit to Boone County to see the software and she was not able to do it then and suggested that the three of them make the trip now. The Board it was up to the group. The Auditor did remind her that money is still tight and if we switched to new software, which is a big expense, there would be no way raises for employees could be considered

The Treasurer then informed the Board that since she lost one of her employees for 2012, she would like for the Commissioners to support her request that her 1st deputy be given a raise above and beyond what other employees might get. Mrs. Morris reiterated that she did not state that the machine that was purchased (\$150,000) to do tax bills in house would save work hours, as a matter of fact her 1st deputy has quite a large some of comp time. Commissioner Francis asked about the problems that occurred with the tax bills such as the duplicate billing that occurred. Mrs. Morris stated that was a programmer issue and she would not use them again.

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