

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
25 N. BROADWAY  
PERU, IN 46970  
MINUTES  
09-04-2012

Commissioner Boyer opened the meeting.

**VOTER REGISTRATION**

Paul Wilson, Voter Registration, came before the Commissioners asking for the G.A.R. room and the Commissioner's room be used as Polling places for the general election. Commissioner Francis made a motion to allow. Commissioner Boyer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 2-0 (Commissioner Faust was out of the room).

Mr. Wilson also needed to have the list of polling places signed off by the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Francis made a motion to have Chairman Boyer sign the list of polling places. Commissioner Boyer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 2-0. (Commissioner Faust was out of the room)

**MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PRAYER FOR JUDGE ROB SPAHR**

Commissioner Chairman Craig Boyer announced the passing of Judge Robert Spahr. Chairman Boyer spoke of the Judges devotion to his family and to our community and said a prayer for the family.

Tim Hunter, Security, asked the Board to consider lowering the flag to half-mast in respect for Judge Spahr. Commissioner Francis made a motion to allow the flag be flown at half-mast until after the funeral. Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

**IT**

John Powell, IT Director, asked the Board about putting something about the passing of Judge Spahr on the website. The Board gave the ok to do that.

Mr. Powell also asked if the Board would allow him to start a ticketing system for the IT Department. The software has the capability to allow people to register a problem and it is logged and available for all IT staff to view. This will prevent issues from falling through the cracks and will the department to prioritize. It will be a couple of months before they would be ready to implement the system.

The Auditor received an email regarding the payment for the in.gov domain. Mr. Powell explained that is the yearly fee for the .gov domain that runs our e-mail and internet. Commissioner Francis. Commissioner Francis made a motion to pay the bill. Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

**SOUTH DOOR**

The Board asked Officer Hunter his thoughts on the repair of the South Door entrance. He is a little concerned because they did not install a reinforcement bar but said time will tell. As far as how it looks, Officer Hunter stated it looked fine. The Highway did the work and there are 3 bills for supplies, 88.85, 32.97 and 23.05. Commissioner Francis made a motion to pay the 3 bills (out of Cum Courthouse). Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0. The Board expressed their gratitude to the Highway department for doing all that work and saving the County money.

**MINUTES**

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

**EMPLOYEE REQUEST**

An employee requested to have her check in a paper check instead of direct deposit. Her bank account was compromised and she will have to get a new one. Commissioner Francis made a motion to allow a paper check for this pay. Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## COMPLIANCE INSPECTION REPORT

Commissioner Boyer received a compliance inspection report from Ramona Bearman for the generators. Commissioner Francis made a motion for Chairman Boyer to sign the report. Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## ORDINANCE FOR ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

Commissioner Francis made a motion to approve Ordinance 09-04-2012 for electronic transmission of property tax information. Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## PLANNING AND ZONING

Tammy Gamble gave each Board member a copy of the Flood Plain Ordinance that will be reviewed and the Building Commission/Zoning Board meeting for them to review and make comments as it will come back to them for final approval.

Commissioner Faust and Commissioner Francis have both received complaints from residents that live in the two mile radius. When someone has an issue with an abandoned or unkempt property in that two mile radius, they call the City and the City says it belongs to the County and when they call the County they are told they have to contact the City.

Ms. Gamble stated that according to statute, when the City implemented the 2 mile radius they are the ones who have to address these issues. Mr. Denham, Planning/Zoning Board President stated that they have to abide by the law and the City wanted that 2 mile radius and they have to take care of it. Brian Engel, Building Commission, asked how many times there were miscommunications and how long did it take to straighten out. Commissioner Faust stated this has been going on as long as he has been a Commissioner and the Board wants to get it straightened out now.

## BRIDGE 47

Mike Morris told the Board that he has spoken to Ken Einselen, Engineer, and was told that Mr. Einselen has done a traffic count at the bridge but he wants to know about the weight limit on the bridge. Mr. Morris is a farmer and if he can't use the bridge he will have to go 5 to 8 miles out of his way. Mr. Morris asked the Board how much they have in the Cum Bridge account. Chairman Boyer stated that they have some money but they also have other bridges that need repaired. Ken Einselen stated that the deck would have to be redone.

Mr. Morris also stated that there is a creek ditch near there that really needs cleaned up. It has the old railroad viaduct laying in it that needs to be removed along with the trash.

## RUMSCHLAG TECHNICAL SERVICES

Leo Rumschlag introduced himself and informed the Commissioners he would be submitting a bid for bridge inspections. He has a small company and would be doing the inspections himself and ask that they give him consideration.

## MCEDA

Mr. Tidd brought in the monthly financial report on the Hanger 200 project along with two claims to be processed. Mr. Tidd informed the Board that there have been 3 change orders so far.

## HIGHWAY

Ken Einselen, Highway Engineer, discussed parking signs at Eagles Point. The Board asked Mr. Einselen to draft an amendment to the ordinance to change "no parking any time" to "no parking on the side of the road with mailboxes".

Sam Waltz, Highway Supervisor, informed the Board that the highway has been doing some sealing and they would like to get some more mowing done.

## SHERIFF

Sheriff Tim Miller spoke to the Board about training for the Cisco phone system. The two options would be to send one person to Cisco to get trained for \$1,360 plus expenses

or to have someone come here and train 3 or 4 people for \$2,000. Commissioner Francis made a motion to have someone to come hear and train 4 people to be paid for ½ by the Sheriff and ½ out of Cum Courthouse. Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

The Sheriff received a bill from Southbend Communication for the fire alarm system at the old jail. Commissioner Faust made a motion to pay the bill. Commissioner Francis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

#### PAT ROBERTS

Pat Roberts, County Attorney, explained the process of a new judge appointed to serve as Circuit Court Judge due to the passing of Judge Spahr.

- 1) Office vacated goes to the Governor to appoint
- 2) Governor accepts application and conducts interview process
- 3) Governor appoints new judge

The process takes approximately 60 days.

#### IDEM

The Board received approval for Rock Industries from IDEM.

#### PAYROLL

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

#### PARKING ISSUE

Commissioner Faust spoke with Julius Marburger about the possibility of purchasing part of the parking lot at the old American Trust building and he does not want to split it up. Mr. Marburger did give permission for County employees to park in the parking lot until the time something else is done with the building.

The Commissioners have approximately 4 parking places in the alley behind the old jail and the fabric store. Commissioner Faust made a motion to have the Surveyor, Community Corrections and Planning and Zoning park in those places. Commissioner Francis 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to allow the Sheriff's Department to take two parking signs from in front of the old jail on Court Street and move them to the other side of Court Street (closer to the Courthouse). Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Faust made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Francis 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**