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Chairman Hawley called the weekly meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order.

JAIL DOCTOR

Jail Commander Jeff Stinson brought representatives from Health Professionals before the Board for a presentation of their services. This company is located in Peoria, Illinois and services 90 sites in 7 Midwestern States. The Indiana counties they service in our area are Wabash, Clinton, Howard, White and Fulton. The proposal is for a Doctor to be on site up to 2 hours a week and the nursing staff to provide 25 hours of service per week. The representatives also said they will give the current jail staff mental health training in a 4 hour session. Commissioner Hawley asked how the yearly cost would be adjusted when a new facility is built and the population increases. The rate is Per Diem and their per diem is .90 cents per inmate per day. This company also said that many in their organization have a law enforcement background and so they understand and fit their services into the jail's schedule. If awarded the contract they can step in immediately with a one-year contract. They are willing to negotiate a longer-term contract at 3% or less increase per year. Officer Stinson interjected that the jail has been without a doctor for 3 weeks and we are getting close to a desperate situation without medical care available.

SKILLMAN

Pat Porteus and Harry Denham made their introductions to the Board. They said they are interested in working on the construction of a new jail for the County. Mr. Porteus left a folder with information concerning the companies past work and success stories.

CURTIS ELBURN/FENCE ISSUE

Mr. Elburn explained what occurred when he was hired to construct a fence between two properties. He stated that before the project began he had spoken with both parties and all wanted the fence built. Now that the fence is done one of the parties said he would not pay his half. The township trustee directed his concern to the Board of Commissioners. The Board determined they have no jurisdiction over this matter and suggested Mr. Elburn speak to an attorney because it is an issue between him and the persons that hired him.

IT/JOHN POWELL

Mr. Powell brought a renewal for Norton antivirus before the Board to approve. The cost is \$2,858.25 and is a yearly update cost. Mr. Powell also brought a request to purchase a pc and software for windows vista. Mr. Powell said that any new computer we receive will have windows vista and even to upgrade our licenses they would upgrade to vista. After some further discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Deeds to allow the purchase of the pc and software and to pay the maintenance contracts. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL/KEN SCOTT

Mr. Scott asked the Board for permission to allow Carol Biddle \$800 from the non-reverting fund to attend a school for lead abatement. This would cover the cost of her room and food. She will share a room with a lady from Wells County to cut the cost. A motion was made by Commissioner Deeds to allow this. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

CLAIMS QUESTIONS

Commissioner Boyer commented that our jail cost for food appears to be about \$4 per day per inmate. Commissioner Hawley said that is probably accurate because he can remember a few years back the estimated cost was \$3.50 per day per inmate.

IDEM NOTICE

The Board received an IDEM notice for Square D. This is an application for air quality permit. The Board received a final notice for Mike Miller for a confined feeding operation.

2006 TIME SHEETS

The Board reviewed and signed the time sheets for Mike Peconga, Ken Einselen and Jim Comerford.

JUDGE BURKE REQUEST

Judge Burke told the Board the Courts are going to re arrange the library use and re position books and take out shelves. She intends to make office space in the north end and the table and books moved to the south end. She said that while they are doing this there are some issues with the walls that need addressed. The Board discussed the matter and said they will look at cleaning out the 4th floor to put the shelves that she removes and asked her to hold off until they can get this addressed.

EMA/MIKE PECONGA

Mr. Peconga told the Board that there is a District 3 exercise on Saturday and a meeting Thursday in Auburn, Indiana. Marie Nichols, Health Coordinator interjected that there is an 8:00 am briefing tomorrow morning on the upcoming meeting. The briefing will be held in her office. Mrs. Nichols also said that the meetings are on communications and discussion making. This is where she feels Miami County needs some work. Mrs. Nichols also brought the following:

- *An Ordinance from another County for Rabies for the Board to review. She said Miami County does not have this type of an Ordinance as far as she knows and feels we need one.
- *Memorandums of understandings with Square D and CVS Pharmacy.
- *A prophylaxis clinic site agreement to the Board between the Miami County Health Department and Peru High School.
- *A copy of mutual aid agreements between the Miami County Health Department and the Peru City Fire Department, the Denver Volunteer Fire Department, Area 5 Agency, Miller's Merry Manor-Peru.

Mrs. Nichols informed the Board that she has given her resignation to the Health Department. The Board thanked her for her dedication and hard work as County Health Coordinator and wished her well.

CLAIMS

A motion was made by Commissioner Deeds to approve the claims. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Boyer to approve the minutes. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Deeds and passed 3-0.

HIGHWAY ISSUES

Sam Waltz informed the Board that a County Highway Department truck was involved in an accident at Highway 19 and Germann Street this morning. There were no injuries.

Mr. Waltz said the Highway Department had been in until after 2:00 am due to the snow we received.

ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HEALTH CARE/JAIL DOCTOR

Les Singleton gave a presentation to the Board concerning their services available to Miami County. Mr. Singleton said Dr. Johnson formed this company 5 years ago and they are in 41 facilities in Indiana. Their yearly cost is \$89,580.60 and they are paid monthly. There are 2 nurses to train our own County Nurse and if accepted this person would be their employee. Commissioner Hawley asked how they could utilize the County Health nurse when she is currently working a 35-hour week. Mr. Singleton said she would become an employee of Advanced Correctional Health Care. Captain Vitek asked if they would give in house training on AED's and CPR training. It is noted that they would. The Board thanked Mr. Singleton for his presentation and said they would let the County Attorney review his contract proposal.

HIGHWAY ISSUES/CONTINUED

Mr. Waltz said that Virginia Bennett is retiring in May and he would like permission to go before Council to ask for 3 months salary to hire a replacement. The Board approved his request.

Business 31 Project

Mr. Waltz said the figure of what would be needed from CEDIT funds is \$110,000. He would like to go before Council to request this additional appropriation either next month or March. The Board approved this request.

MCEDA/KRISTY HOUSEHOLDER

L&M Stamping is requesting a 5-year abatement on 2 pieces of used equipment. This would be processed as two abatements. Mrs. Householder said she will be bringing this before Council this evening and she will call Council President Bill Click to set up a meeting of the new abatement committee prior to the regular Council meeting. Commissioner Boyer moved the Board support this for 2 pieces of used machinery for a 5-year abatement. This motion was 2nd by Commissioner Deeds and passed 3-0.

JAIL DOCTOR DISCUSSIONS

The Board discussed each proposal and Commissioner Deeds made a motion to contract with Health Professionals with the change in their contract to read that they are to fulfill our mandate to provide quality health care to the Miami County jail population and to negotiate a long-term contract. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

STATE HIGHWAY BIDS

Ken Einselen brought a proposed bidders list from the Indiana Department of Transportation. The INDOT project is for County Road 675 East and 550 East. The 3 companies that are accepted to bid are Phend & Brown Inc., Brooks Construction Company Inc and E & B Paving Inc. Mr. Einselen told the Board that his estimate of the County's cost for the Lost Bridge (#28) is \$161,000.

RECESS

A motion was made by Commissioner Boyer to recess until 1:30 pm. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Deeds and passed 3-0.

RECONVENE

The Board reviewed the changes made to the Health Professionals contract for the jail doctor.

BUTLER TOWNSHIP ADVISORY BOARD

A motion was made to appoint Loren Hays and Donna Eckelbarger to the Butler township advisory board. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 2-0. Commissioner Hawley was still on the phone with Mrs. Eckelbarger.

CELL PHONE CONTRACTS WITH CENTENNIAL WIRELESS

The Board reviewed the plans and phones available. Commissioner Deeds moved to proceed and finalize the agreement with centennial. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

KIMME & ASSOCIATES

The Board received a letter from Kimme & Associates thanking them for allowing them to do the jail study. They also enclosed their bill for the study. A motion to pay the bill was made by Commissioner Deeds and 2nd by Commissioner Boyer. The motion passed 3-0.

DUKES HOSPITAL SALE AGREEMENT

The Board reviewed some of the agreements made by Triad when the Hospital was purchased. There are some questions as to whether or not some of these agreements are being honored. They are not sure the Health Department is aware of what is available. Commissioner Boyer said the Amboy Ambulance Service has billed Dukes twice and the Hospital has declined to pay. It is noted that payment is in the agreement made at the time of the sale of the Hospital to Triad.

HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CONTRACT

A motion was made by Commissioner Deeds to hire HP to serve the needs of a jail Doctor and nurse's services and for Commissioner Hawley to sign the contract when corrected. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

ATLAS CLEANING SERVICES

Commissioner Deeds moved to ask Atlas to come next week to discuss the progress being made in cleaning the Court House Rotunda. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Deeds and 2nd by Commissioner Boyer. The motion passed 3-0.

Adjourned

THE MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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