

**MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 NORTH BROADWAY
PERU, INDIANA 46970
FEBRUARY 12, 2007**

Commissioner Hawley opened the meeting of the Miami County Board of Commissioners.

KI FURNITURE INTRODUCTION

Brigette Shirley introduced herself to the Board. Her company had contacted Commissioner Hawley with regards to the County Jail project and they asked if they could give a presentation of the industrial furniture as well as office furniture they manufacture. Ms. Shirley left a packet of information for the Board to review.

PAT PORTIUS/CONSTRUCTIONS MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Portius said he just wanted to stop by and let the Board know he is interested in provided services for the County. His firm prides itself on finishing jobs on a time line and has the fewest change orders. He said he can provide several levels of service management. Commissioner Boyer asked if the County has a choice of construction managers from their company. Mr. Portius said they have the choice.

CLERK'S REQUEST

The Board received a request from the Election Board to use the GAR room for elections. A motion to sign the request was made by Commissioner Deeds. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

IDEM NOTICE

The Board received an air compliance notice from IDEM concerning the Animal Control incinerator they have ordered. Commissioner Hawley had a verbal approval before the County placed the order for the incinerator.

CENTENNIAL WIRELESS

The Board received a letter thanking them for choosing centennial for their cell phone service.

LETTER FROM THE CENSUS BUREAU

The Board received a letter from the US Census Bureau requesting street addresses and any changes in County Government. The Board appointed Commissioner Deeds as the contact person.

PUBLIC HEALTH COORIDINATOR RESIGNATION

The Board received a packet from Marie Nichols containing a letter of resignation, a copy of the final claim she submitted for reimbursement, her badge, and a copy of the inventory she has. Her phone and keys were signed over to Ken Scott.

The Board discussed the process to interview for the position. Commissioner Deeds said he feels we need to continue the position. Commissioner Hawley said he feels there should be more than one name submitted for review. Commissioner Deeds moved to contact the Health Board of the Commissioners request to advertise the position and present at least 3 names for consideration. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

ATLAS BUILDING SERVICES INC.

The final bill for cleaning the rotunda of the Court House was received by the Board. Commissioner Hawley suggested a walk through before they approve the payment. It was mentioned that they did not reduce the cost by not painting the ceiling and doing the tile work that was agreed upon. A motion not to pay the Atlas bill until a walk through is done was made by Commissioner Deeds. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

MINUTES

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

MIAMIGO/YMCA

Dave Quick gave the Board the January statistical report. Commissioner Boyer asked about driving individuals on a work release program. Mr. Quick said it could be done but they would pay the same as any other individual riding.

CLAIMS

Commissioner Deeds moved to approve the payment of claims. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

ROTUNDA CEILING PAINTING BIDS

The Board received 3 bids for painting the Rotunda ceiling. Williams Painting bid \$9,720, Mid States Painting bid \$10,854 and Wabash Valley Restoration bid \$4,850. The Board discussed the bids and thought it would be best to find out the kind of paint each bid to use since there is such a large gap in the pricing. A motion was made by Commissioner Deeds to take the bids under advisement and give Wabash Valley Restoration a chance to tell the Board what type of paint they would use and a list of references and a proof of insurance. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

BILL SOMMERS/INSURANCE

Mr. Sommers wanted to know if the Board wanted the County buildings appraised for insurance purposes. With the new jail project the Board feels it would be a good idea. A motion was made by Commissioner Deeds to allow. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

SHERIFF ROLAND

Sheriff Roland brought the weekly jail inspection to the Board. It is noted that the problems are fixed that he brought before them last week.

RECREATIONAL ROUTE 675 EAST

The Board received a memo concerning County Road 675 East. Ken Einselen will be keeping tract of this project and reporting to the Board.

RECESS FOR 15 MINUTES

RECONVENE

Commissioner Hawley said the Board will ask Rob Gilland of Atlas Building Services to attend the Commissioners meeting on February 20, 2007.

CEMETERY/RAYMOND MUSSELMAN FARMS INC

The Board received a deed to the County for a cemetery located on the Raymond Musselman Farm. The Mexico Lions Club wanted to maintain it but with it being in private ownership they cannot do that. The deed will be turned over to the County Attorney to review before the Board accepts the cemetery deed.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Sam Waltz said the Highway Department is ready for snow emergencies. He said he had spoken with the Sheriff about snow emergencies and coordinating emergency situations.

Mr. Waltz said he was involved in an accident while plowing snow. A student ran into the back of his vehicle.

Commissioner Hawley told Mr. Waltz that from this point forward the Board would like to see the top 3 applicants for positions that become available at the Highway Department.

SNOW EMERGENCY ISSUE DISCUSSED

The Board discussed what would be the procedure for the incoming snow storm that is expected. There are many different views.

1. Precaution
2. Emergency and safety personnel only.
3. Don't go on any roads.

The Board did not decide on anything specific.

IDEM NOTICE

The Board received a notice for a confined feeding operation for Cameron and Hayley Donaldson on 600 North.

CIRCUIT COURT ROOM PAINTING

The Board received a bid from Williams Painting for painting the Circuit Court room where the roof leak had damaged the walls. The bid is for \$1,700.

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

RECESS

RECONVENE

JAIL FUNDING/UMBAUGH AND ASSOCIATES

Todd Samulson and Brian Coullton from Umbaugh and Associates presented the County financial information. The Board asked about Lease Financing and Mr. Samulson said he would have to do some checking on that because he was not familiar with it.

Handouts included:

- *Summary of Income tax distributions & rates
- *COIT/CEDIT Distribution report (has been revised)
- *Estimated Cost & Funding
- *Estimated Cash Flow

There is room in the COIT rate to do additional for the operation of the Jail.

Bonds can be split but it is more expensive.

Shirley Mull, Miami County Council, stated that she believes there has been enough talk and we need to get moving on it. Bill Click, Miami County Council, wants to make sure that we don't spend all of this money only to become overcrowded shortly after opening.

Commissioner Hawley was glad to see everyone that took time out to attend this meeting. It will take everyone working together to make this happen.

Umbaugh will look into lease options and will do some additional finance work. David Grund, County Attorney, will check into Bond issues.

Commissioner Deeds made a motion to receive Request for Qualifications to be received by the Board of Commissioners by 9:00 a.m. on March 5th, 2007. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

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

Adjourned

THE MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

CHAIRMAN
GARY HAWLEY

VICE CHAIRMAN
GREGORY DEEDS

MEMBER
C. CRAIG BOYER

ATTEST
BRENDA WEAVER, AUDITOR