

**MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 NORTH BROADWAY
PERU, INDIANA 46970
MAY 14, 2007**

Commissioner Hawley called the weekly meeting of the Board of Commissioners to Order.

DOG POUND/KENNEL ISSUE

Ken Scott told the Board that he was asked a question about a license for Dog Pounds and Kennel License and he deferred to Tammy in the Planning and Zoning office. Mr. Scott brought information concerning animals that have died and how to dispose of them. Mr. Scott said the composting is what he feels is probably the best solution.

SWIMMING POOL ORDINANCE

Commissioner Deeds moved to have Mr. Grund review the Swimming Pool Ordinance. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

ANNEX BUILDING ISSUE

Carol Biddle told the Board that the drinking fountain on the 2nd floor of the Annex is leaking and needs fixed.

She also asked the Board if they were aware that the elevator in the annex is broken and John Haines had to walk up the stairs to his office. The Board will check this out but thought someone was coming to fix it.

MILEAGE RATE

Mrs. Biddle also asked about raising the mileage rate. The State rate is 42 cents and ours is 37 cents. With the cost of gas it is getting hard to maintain the budget appropriation without running it out.

CITY ZONING COMMISSIONER

Bill Gornto asked the Board about the right of way for the Skyline Motel property. The motel was sold and the new owner wants to put up a new sign. There was no problem with the sign and the County's right of way.

PAYROLL

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

MCEDA

Jim Tidd brought a proposal from Christopher Burke LTD Engineering services on Prairie Ditch flooding. MCEDA is trying to have the area removed from the floodplain area. Funding for these services will be paid out of MCEDA funds. He would ask that they be reimbursed by CREDIT funds split between the City and County. Commissioner Deeds showed the Board a floodplain map and Commissioners Deeds and Hawley stated that this is an Economic Development project at the grass roots and sharing the cost is not out of line. Commissioner Boyer moved to partner with the City to retain the services of this business to do the Study to change the mapping of the Floodplain. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Deeds and passed 3-0.

Jim Tidd also had a letter for the Board to consider. This is a letter of recommendation to support MCEDA to secure Federal Funding for a training facility. The funding will be for Anchor Consulting to help with applying for Federal funds for the projects rail services. This company specializes in this type of funding. A training facility for FEMA at the former Grissom Air Force Base Complex 23 A campus is another unfunded project. Commissioner Deeds moved to sign the letter of support for MCEDA to try to secure Federal funding for the projects. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

HIGHWAY

Ken Einselen brought information to the Board concerning the pre cast concrete pipe and boxes delivered at County Road 550 East near County Road 400 South.

Mr. Einselen also told the Board he would be attending an INDOT meeting in Fort Wayne on May 17, 2007.

Mr. Einselen said he had an amendment to the waterway permit on Bridge #85 to change from an aluminum culvert to a bridge. He said RFQ's would be due on May 18, 2007. This bridge is located on Lovers Lane and Meridian Road.

IDEM NOTICE

The Board received an IDEM notice of approval of a voidance for a confined feeding operation by Troy Schuler. This facility is no longer in operation.

RQAW MEETING

Commissioner Deeds called RQAW to clarify the meeting on Wednesday. He was told that this is to schedule other meetings and to make clear who is responsible for what in the process of the jail project.

ALCO RIBBON CUTTING

The Board received an invitation from ALCO to attend a ribbon cutting on May 24, 2007.

IT ISSUES

John Powell gave the Board a report on what jobs have been completed since the first of the month. He also had a report on what jobs are in progress and what is waiting to be started. He will give this update to the Board every month on the 2nd Monday.

BOARD OF HEALTH ORDINANCE

Commissioner Deeds asked if an Ordinance has been drafted to cover the charging for shots in the Health Department. Commissioner Deeds said the Board thought other funds could be used but it is apparent that an Ordinance needs to be passed and fees assessed for shots. David Grund will review the issue.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RESPONSE TEAM

David Grund brought a Resolution to establish an Emergency Response Team. This is the first step in establishing fees that could be collected in a spill that is cleaned up by Emergency Management. Commissioner Boyer moved to approve the Resolution. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Deeds and passed 3-0.

The Board and Mr. Grund discussed the meeting on Wednesday. The meeting will be at 9:00 am with RQAW and one of the Board members will attend the meeting to avoid any controversy.

HIGHWAY

Sam Waltz brought a recommendation to the Board to hire Clifford Sheets. The Board reviewed three applications and Commissioner Boyer moved to accept Mr. Waltz recommendation to hire Mr. Cliff Sheets. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Deeds and passed 3-0.

Commissioner Deeds asked Mr. Waltz about a manhole in Mexico.

Mr. Waltz informed the Board that a sinkhole had developed on Paw Paw Pike in a legal drain. The Highway Department is dealing with this issue.

Mr. Waltz wanted the Board to know that Ted Gray (the State's over seer on the 675 East Project) is very easy to get along with.

The Board and Mr. Waltz discussed the employee sick days and the concern that the Personnel Policy needs to be reviewed.

DOG POUND CONCERNS

Resident once again asked the Board what is being done about the barking dogs at the Dog Pound. The Board had contacted the Plan Commission but Mr. Wooten has not gotten back to the Board with his determination whether the Dog Pound is in violation or not.

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

Reconvene 1:45 pm.

The Board received the revised Centennial Bill. With all the credits this bill is \$114.69. A motion to pay the bill was made by Commissioner Deeds. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

IDEM

The Board received a permit approval from IDEM for the Water Pollution Treatment Facility at Bunker.

PUBLIC HEALTH COORDINATOR

A motion was made by Commissioner Deeds to sign the contract with the Public Health Coordinator. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

MIAMI COUNTY TOBACCO AWARENESS GROUP

The Board received a letter from Mr. Wilson from the Tobacco Awareness Group concerning the County passing a No Smoking Ordinance. The Board reviewed some Ordinances from around the State and highlighted what they liked and struck what they did not about each one. They will give David Grund the Ordinances to review and draft one to suit Miami County's needs.

The Board discussed the Dog Ordinance and plan to attend the Council meeting this evening to show support for the Ordinance.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Boyer. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Hawley and passed 2-0. Commissioner Deeds left a couple of minutes early.

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