

**MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
25 NORTH BROADWAY
PERU, INDIANA 46970
SEPTEMBER 24, 2007**

Chairman Hawley opened the meeting.

CCI gave the Board some updates on a projected completion date and a corrected addendum. The addendum was to clarify the September 30, 2009 completion date. A motion was made by Commissioner Deeds to sign the addendum. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

RQAW Presentation

The Board was given the Schematic Design Report along with the drawings for the jail project. The next step is the Design Development and then the construction documents will be drafted. It is noted that the design is larger than originally discussed due to the addition of a work release area. It was also noted that the building would be made out of metal with a pitched roof. The front of the building will have a brick front the rest of the building will have bricks around it 3 to 4 feet high. This is to protect the metal from rocks when mowing. This will also make the building look like any other office structure. The total staff needed to efficiently operate the new jail is 30. The cost of the jail budget will raise 25% when completed and operational.

There is an 18-month construction time frame in place at this time. The total cost of the jail with all options would be \$17,905,000. This cost will come down as the project progresses. At this time no systems have been looked at for heating and cooling and other areas that could bring down some of the cost.

Captain Dave Vitek said it is a more efficient design and he feels the long-term savings is what is needed. Commissioner Boyer moved to proceed with the alternate possibilities that have been established. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Deeds and passed 3-0.

MACONAQUAH SCHOOLS

The Superintendent of Maconaquah School Corporation asked the Board about the amount of money she can expect. She was told there would be an estimated amount available and she has heard nothing. The Auditor asked her to check with her office to receive that information.

MIKE PECONGA/EMA

Mr. Peconga told the Board he owes the Federal Government 43 cents that he did not use from one of his grants.

The Board and Mr. Peconga discussed the grant for lap tops and the different first responders that have requested some of the lap tops the County will receive.

CLAIMS

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

NICKEL PLATE TRAIL REPRESENTATIVE

Mike Keupper asked the Board to help with signage on the trail. Mr. Keupper told the Board they have applied for an INDOT grant and signs would be included in that part of the grant. His request is for signs on County Roads 800, 150, 900 and 1050 in Miami. Commissioner Deeds said he couldn't justify taking money from the highway Department for signs. The cost for these signs would be \$2,400. Mr. Keupper asked about possibly asking the funding from CEDIT. The Board said they have no problem with him asking MCEDA about it and for Mr. Keupper to bring it before the Council.

Mr. Keupper also had a revised agreement that gives the Trail the right to pave on a County right of way. A motion to approve the revisions was made by Commissioner Deeds and 2nd by Commissioner Boyer. The motion 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.

HIGHWAY ISSUES/KEN EINSELEN

Mr. Einselen gave a construction activity report on County road 675 East and 550 East. He said the project could be finished this week.

CLERK OF THE COURT

County Attorney David Grund brought the contract with PayTrust Solutions to the Board for signing. This gives the Clerk the ability to allow payments by credit cards. A motion to allow Commissioner Hawley to sign the agreement was made by Commissioner Deeds. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

CLAIM FOR RQAW

A motion was made by Commissioner Boyer to pay a claim for \$21,221.35 to RQAW from the special COIT. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Deeds and passed 3-0.

INDIANA DEPT. OF HOMELAND SECURITY

The Board received a report on the boiler inspections of all the County boilers. The certificates of inspection will be given to the maintenance department for proper display.

LOIT PRESENTATION

The Board mentioned that Todd Samuelson would be giving a presentation on October 15, 2007 at 7:00 pm in the Circuit Court Room. The Commissioners hope his presentation explains the LOIT tax effectively and gives them more understanding of the County's options.

IDEM APPROVAL

The Board received the IDEM approval for Armour Eckrich LLC for air quality. No action taken.

YMCA/MIAMI GO

The Board received the annual operating report of the MiamiGo Transit system.

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board received a letter from the Board of Health supporting the Smoking Ordinance. There are two exemptions to their approval. Businesses where there are less than 5 employees and bars. The Board also received a letter from Dr. John Savage the Chairman of the Health Board. He informed the Commissioners that the new Health officer interim replacement for Dr. Stalker is Dr. Rafik Farag. His start date was September 17, 2007. The Health Board recommends the status be permanent. A motion to appoint Dr. Farag as the County Health officer was made by Commissioner Boyer and 2nd by Commissioner Deeds. The motion passed 3-0. The Health Board also sent a letter with several recommendations to replace Dr. Farag on the Health Board. A motion to take the recommendations under advisement was made by Commissioner Deeds. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

DOG TAX

Commissioner Deeds told the Board that the County Council passed the Ordinance for the adoption of a Dog Tax, under Section 4 the County Fiscal Body may appoint a designee to collect, issue forms, and order dog tags. A motion to have Thelma Metzger order the dog tags and set this up for collection was made by Commissioner Boyer. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Deeds and passed 3-0. This will be set to begin on January 1, 2008. The Animal Control line of the Commissioners budget will purchase the tags and other necessary forms.

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

THE MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

_____, CHAIRMAN
GARY D. HAWLEY

_____, VICE CHAIRMAN
GREGORY DEEDS

_____, MEMBER
C. CRAIG BOYER

ATTEST: _____, Auditor
Brenda Weaver