

**THE MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
25 NORTH BROADWAY
PERU, INDIANA 46970
November 5, 2007**

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

EMA LAPTOPS

John Kraning and Mike Peconga asked the Board to allow Mr. Kraning to be added to the list of recipients for the Lap Top computers when they are released. Mr. Kraning represents the Mexico Fire Department. Commissioner Deeds asked if the Sheriff Department needs the laptops immediately or can they wait until the funding is received. It was decided by the Board that no one is to receive any of the new laptops until the funding is received.

CHAMBER DIRECTOR/CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Sandy Chittum asked the Board's permission to close Court Street on November 14 from 6 to 9 pm to have horse and buggy rides around town for the Christmas Open House sponsored by the Chamber. Commissioner Deeds moved to allow with the understanding of the Sheriff Department needing access to Court Street. Mrs. Chittum said they would be using the west side of the Street to get on and off the carriage. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

PAGERS FOR EMA

Mike Peconga said he would like to replace 10 pagers at a cost of \$4,700. Mr. Peconga said they are between 15 and 20 years old and can only be used as replacement parts. A motion to allow Mr. Peconga to replace the 10 pages was made by Commissioner Deeds. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

INFORMATION RECEIVED

The Board received an invitation from Stevens Roofing systems to see their roofing materials. No action was taken.

General Preservation Company sent a letter of introduction. No action taken.

The Board received a Certificate of Insurance from Walker & Associates Insurance from United Consulting.

WABASH VALLEY RESTORATION

Commissioner Hawley said he spoke with WV Restorations about some of the issues remaining at the Annex building. The Board received a bill for \$2,275. The Board took a recess to see what they feel needs done at the Annex building. Mr. Hawley will meet with their representative this week to go over what the Board feels needs to be readdressed with the entry way at the Annex.

The Board received a bill for \$4,445 for the Court House tuck pointing and repair. The Board has not reviewed this yet and no further action was taken with the bills from WV Restoration.

CSI COMPUTER SYSTEM

The Board received a bill from CSI Computer Systems for \$22,550 for software maintenance. Commissioner Boyer moved to have John Powell check this bill prior to us paying it. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Deeds and passed 3-0.

Commissioner Hawley would like to see if there are some user fee funds to pay the software maintenance from instead of it coming out of County General.

COURT HOUSE ISSUE

Commissioner Boyer said the pipes from the first floor to the 2nd floor bathroom should be enclosed. The Board will look at this issue. No further action taken.

9-1-1

The Board briefly discussed the status of the issue at 9-1-1. Commissioner Hawley explained the Board's actions as to how to handle various issues and incidents. It was noted that communications are getting better between the parties involved.

CLAIM FOR #5 Bridge Inspection Project

A motion was made by Commissioner Deeds to sign the re-imbusement claim for 80% of the invoice amount. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

COUNCILMAN CLICK

Council President Bill Click informed the Board of Commissioners that Mary Boswell and Scott Shephard have filled the Council appointments to the PTBOA Board.

The Board and Councilman Click discussed the process concerning the jail project. It was noted that there would be an Ordinance to approve the spending of the COIT funding for the jail by the County Council at the November meeting. They do not have to pass it at the November meeting, but no later than the December meeting. Commissioner Hawley said there would be another Ordinance or a Resolution to be adopted by the Board of Commissioners to allow any County Funding spent on preliminary work to be reimbursed out of the COIT funds.

MCEDA BOARD

Commissioner Hawley received an email from Don Cates, President of the MCEDA Board, informing the Commissioners that there are 4 Board members whose terms expire at the end of this year. The MCEDA Board recommends the Commissioners re appoint John Guyer II, Max Weaver, Roger Merriman and Jeff Ward to another term to the MCEDA Board. A motion was made by Commissioner Boyer to accept the recommendation of the MCEDA Board and reappoint as requested. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Deeds and passed 3-0.

HIGHWAY ISSUES

Sam Waltz asked the Board for permission to transfer funds from Capital Outlays to diesel fuel/supplies. The amount requested is the \$25,000 in the budget for a new truck. Mr. Waltz feels that with the funding issues and the possibility of a bad winter he would like a cushion of the \$25,000 for snow removal. A motion was made by Commissioner Boyer to allow what he feels is a wise move on Mr. Waltz part. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Deeds and passed 3-0.

Commissioner Boyer informed Mr. Waltz that a Shawn Bullick in Benentt Switch has an issue with a vacating and closing of an alley. There is a tree that he would like removed. After some discussion Mr. Waltz will go look at the situation, but feels that it is probably the landowner's issue and not the County. The area is platted but not developed. The alley is sod.

MINUTES

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

LOCAL CONTRACTORS

Commissioner Hawley said he would like a list of local contractors that can handle large parts of the jail project for CCI. It was agreed that some sort of an advertisement would have to be done and over the next couple of months the Board will ask CCI how to compile this type of a list. These contractors could also be used for other projects the County may do besides the jail.

It was noted that the Board would have to begin deciding whether or not they need a full time maintenance man at the jail or if one would be able to work both at the jail and the Court House. No decision was made at this time.

CLAIMS

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

The Board recessed for 15 minutes to look at and deal with some issues.

INSURANCE

Debbie Cunningham brought an e-mail from American Stop-loss. No action was taken, but the Board scheduled a meeting of the Insurance Committee for November 14, 2007 at 8:30 am in the GAR room of the Court House.

MCEDA/NICKLE PLATE TRAIL INCENTIVE

Christy Householder brought an incentive recommendation to the Board concerning signage for the Nickle Plate Trail. MCEDA recommends 32 signs from Bunker Hill to Miami. They request 16 warning signs and 16 supplemental signs. The cost is \$2,300 to be paid out of CREDIT Funds. A motion to allow MCEDA to take this request to the Council for appropriation was made by Commissioner Deeds. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

2-1-1

Commissioner Hawley said he received e-mail from Jan Douglas concerning the 2-1-1 incentive committee appropriations. The Board dropped her funding due to a lack of action. It was determined that no one knows the status of this 2-1-1 at this time.

COUNTY ATTORNEY BUSINESS

David Grund told the Board that ICE MILLER had sent a rough draft of some documents for him to review. One is for the establishment of the Holding Corporation for the Jail.

ANTHEM INSURANCE/MIKE SAINE

Mr. Saine asked the Board if they had reviewed the information he left with them two weeks ago. He was informed by the Board of the insurance committee meeting on the 14th and the Board asked him to attend.

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

Adjourned

THE MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

_____, CHAIRMAN
GARY D. HAWLEY

_____, VICE CHAIRMAN
GREGORY DEEDS

_____, MEMBER
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