

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
25 NORTH BROADWAY
PERU, INDIANA 46970
NOVEMBER 26, 2007**

Commissioner Hawley called the meeting of the Board to order.

SMOKING ORDINANCE

Mr. Wilson asked the Board for a status on where they are with adopting a smoking ordinance for Miami County. He would like the Board to consider 3 things before the adopt the ordinance's

1. A study was conducted by an IU Professor on the effects on non-smokers. As a result of the non-smoking Ordinance in Monroe County there has been a 70% drop in non-smokers heart attacks. An article in the Indianapolis Star that the revenues for bars and restaurants have increased.
2. An article in the Journal Gazette from Fort Wayne said that in the first month after adopting the smoke free ordinance tax revenues for all bars increased 39%.
3. He said the summary of public opinion here is in favor of adopting a smoking ordinance that includes bars and private clubs as well as restaurants.

The Break down is 50% said they would eat out more often or at least at the same rate. 17% said they would eat out less 32% said they would eat out more.

Mr. Wilson stated that as Elected Officials he knows it will not be a popular decision and he hopes they would not do a compromise ordinance but adopt one that is in the best interest of the health of the community.

RECORDER/SHERRY PAYNE

Mrs. Payne informed the Board that her books would be closed at 10 a.m. on December 31, 2007. The Board acknowledged her information. She will post this on all the outside doors of the building to inform the public.

IT/JOHN POWELL

Mr. Powell said he was reporting back to the Board concerning the GIS issue. He spoke with three people from Monroe County, the Highway Supervisor, 9-1-1 Director and their IT Director. All are satisfied with the ESRI GIS system.

Mr. Powell also spoke with the State of Ohio's IT Director of the GIS. They also use ESRI and they are satisfied with the program as well. He told the Board that even though this company is only 4 1/2 years old there is a lot of experience each member of their staff brings to the table. IU hosts their data; which gives us an ability to store information off site as required by Homeland Security. The Board and Mr. Powell discussed the ability to at some point bring this in house so we may do changes here instead of paying for the updating of the maps. Commissioner Hawley said the contract has no out clause; which the County requires in all contracts. Mr. Powell will contact ESRI and get the changes to the contract necessary.

The Board discussed the options and Commissioner Deeds moved to have John Powell call Randy Smith and tell him that we are interested in option 3 with the changes the Board requests. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

RQAW ZONING ISSUE

Bill Gornto from the City of Peru told the Board the notice needs to be advertised in the newspaper by tomorrow in order for RQAW to be on the Agenda for the Zoning Board's meeting to be held December 11, 2007. Commissioner Hawley called RQAW and they faxed the legal description for the Jail site and gave Mr. Gornto permission to advertise for them to be placed on the agenda for the City Zoning Board.

HENRY MILLER/RESIDENT

Mr. Miller asked the Board about the possibility of having 1150 South from 300 to Strawtown Pike chip and sealed next spring. He said there are 11 occupants and a Church on that stretch of road and he was asked to come to the Board to make the request. He had already sent in a petition that was given to the Highway Department. Commissioner Boyer told Mr. Miller that this will not happen next year. The County has no money and they are side ditching and doing road maintenance with the funds they have. Mr. Miller thanked them for allowing him to bring this concern to them.

NORTH CENTRAL COOP

The Board received a bill in the amount of \$1,413.90 from North Central Co Op. The Commissioners discussed this and called North Central. There is a credit due and this bill will be held until the credit is made.

MINUTES

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

PAYROLL

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

ROB SPAHR REQUEST/MUSEUM

Mr. Spahr asked permission to display the Judges pictures in the Museum windows early next Spring prior to the Primary election. The Board said if the Judges have no problem with it then they don't either.

DNR LETTER AND MAGAZINE

The Board received a letter concerning Historic Preservation of Land Marks and the National Register. There are 50/50 grants for restoration of these land marks and the Board wishes to hold onto this and possibly apply for a grant when the Court House is recognized for it's 100th anniversary.

BOSTON MUTUAL/MICHAEL KUHN

The Board received a letter from Michael Kuhn offering the County employees the opportunity to purchase additional life insurance. The Board said we already have this in place and denied the request to present this to the employees.

SHERIFF ISSUES

Sheriff Roland and Beth Pond discussed the money for the Cisco System. Some of this has gone through John Powell and the Auditor has not been involved. The money is still there and it needs to be encumbered again.

BUNKER HILL/PLAN COMMISSION

The Board received a letter from the Bunker Hill Plan Commission concerning a petition to rezone property owned by Richard and Marcia Worland. No action was needed or taken by the Commissioners.

DOG TAX

Commissioner Deeds told the Board that they need to order the Dog Tags and that he has found an outlet to order them. The cost is \$1 per tag and they need \$1,000 to order. The Board said this should come from the Animal Control line of the Commissioners budget. A motion was made by Commissioner Deeds to order the tags and have the Auditor figure out where to take the funding from in the Commissioners budget. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

PTABOA BOARD

The Board discussed the issue that the PTBOA Board is going to be approximately \$2,500 short by the end of the year. The Auditor will move funds within the Commissioners budget to cover the shortfall.

The Board discussed the additional COIT and whether the Treasurer has put the interest generated into that fund. The Board will speak with the Treasurer.

HIGHWAY ISSUES

Mr. Waltz and the Board discussed a project at Macy concerning speed plates and stripping. No action taken.

Mr. Waltz was informed of a complaint concerning excavation on the Nickel Plate Trail. The issue is that stone was pushed over the end of a pipe.

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Mr. Waltz was told of Mr. Miller's request for 1150 to be chip and sealed. No action taken.

Mr. Waltz informed the Board that next Monday the Highway Department will be accepting bids.

PAYROLL SCHEDULE FOR 2008

After some discussion about the schedule a motion was made by Commissioner Deeds to adopt a 4 day pay on the 11th of January and a 2 week pay on the 24th of December and an 8 day pay on December 31st. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0. It is noted that hourly just runs continuous throughout the year and into the next.

EMA DIRECTOR/ORDINANCE

Mike Peconga gave the Board an Ordinance to review concerning the level of emergencies. This Ordinance will take the place of all other County Ordinances concerning snow and weather emergencies. It is noted by the Auditor that the codes are opposite of other weather alerts. In this case the level one is the highest and the 3 is the lowest. The Auditor said even Hurricanes go from a category 1 to a 7 with the larger number more severe. No action was taken as the Board will review this Ordinance. They understand the reasoning behind it to make all Counties uniform.

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

Adjourned

THE MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

_____, CHAIRMAN
GARY D. HAWLEY

_____, VICE CHAIRMAN
GREGORY DEEDS

_____, MEMBER
CRAIG BOYER

ATTEST: _____, Auditor
Brenda Weaver