

MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
25 NORTH BROADWAY
PERU, INDIANA 46970
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Chairman Hawley called the weekly meeting of the Board to order.

MIAMI GO/YMCA

Dave Quick presented reports to the Board for the 4th quarter and the December statistics. Mr. Quick also asked the Board to sign the final voucher for 2007 draw down and the contract for 2008. A motion to allow Commissioner Hawley to sign the documents was made by Commissioner Boyer. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Deeds and passed 3-0.

RAILS TO TRAILS

Mike Keupper and Steve Gough were at the meeting representing Rails to Trails. Commissioner Hawley asked Mr. Keupper to stop by concerning the issue with signage at Wallick Road. Mr. Keupper brought some information to share concerning the guidelines for Rails. Mr. Keupper said there is a meeting with the designers on January 24, 2008 at 10:00 am. Commissioner Hawley said it is important that the signage issue is clear. Commissioner Hawley said the County passes Ordinances to place signs and communication with the Highway Supervisor and the Highway Engineer prior to placing any signs in the County right of way is expected. It was also stated that the County is interested in safety foremost and the placement and the material used for the sign in question is not acceptable to County and State regulations.

Commissioner Deeds also stated that the County's main concern is safety and we do not want any hazards on roads. The type of sign required is a break away. The sign in question has been placed in a cement base and not of a break away material. He also stated that it is common sense that one sign cannot block another that is already in place. Mr. Keupper stated that they have a design group working on this.

The Board made it clear that they made a decision that a particular sign will be moved or altered to meet the County regulations. The County has gone way beyond the time frame of their request and as a courtesy Commissioner Hawley told Ken Einselen to provide Mr. Keupper with the County regulations and ordinance for right of way placements of signage.

It is also noted that prior to anyone working in the County right of way whether it be utilities or anyone else they send a plan for Mr. Einselen to review prior to construction and the Board expected Rails to do the same. No further action was taken at this time.

INKEEPERS TAX

Sandy Chittum brought a draft copy of the Innkeepers tax that she modified. The Board told her that David Grund will be reviewing this and bringing their final draft to the Council on Tuesday for adoption. It was also noted that the Chamber might not be the lead entity over Tourism in the future. There are several options being looked at but no decision has been made at this time.

HIGHWAY

Sam Waltz gave a report on roadwork and on a ditch on 500 east. Mr. Waltz asked if there is any reimbursement for the Highway Department on a ditch. After some discussion he was instructed to turn in a claim to the Drainage Board.

Commissioner Hawley told the Board that he wanted to commend Mr. Waltz, the volunteer fire departments and EMA on the job they did during the recent flooding. Mr. Waltz said he needs more 55-gallon drums to place when high water occurs and the Board will speak with EMA about this.

Commissioner Hawley told the Board this effort was pro active and went very well.

The Board also told EMA Director Mike Peconga good job.

EMA

Mike Peconga and the Board discussed the use of DOC inmates to fill sand bags and how that helped tremendously being proactive instead of reactive in this situation.

Mr. Peconga also brought the yearly appointment document to the Board for them to appoint someone to the District Planning Council. He noted that the City of Peru Mayor has appointed Bill Raber and Wayne Mannies.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Ken Scott asked permission from the Board to allow Carol Biddle to be sent to a food symposium. The cost is \$300 for two nights and the registration. It is noted that Dr. Farag has approved this expenditure. A motion to allow was made by Commissioner Boyer. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Deeds and passed 3-0.

JOHN KRANING/MEXICO FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Kraning thanked the EMA and Highway Department for helping with the sand bagging. He said it went very fast and he is sure it kept water out of some houses due to the amount of help they had. He also would like to know about the lap tops the County has. He wants to be sure that he is on the list to receive one. The Board directed him to see John Powell. It is also noted that the majority of the lap tops went to all ambulances in the County.

CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS

Dr. John McGoff introduced himself to the Board and said he is running against Dan Burton. He said his back ground is County Coroner in Indianapolis.

MINUTES

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

LEASE FOR COPIERS

The Board reviewed the claim and the contract for the leased copiers. A motion was made by Commissioner Deeds to pay the claim. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

UNITED CONSULTING

The Board received a Certificate of Insurance for United Consulting. No action needed or taken.

CASA DIRECTOR KEYS

The Board received the keys from Holly Mallow the CASA director who resigned at the end of 2007. The Board will give them to maintenance to hold until another Director is appointed by the Courts.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DUES

A motion was made by Commissioner Boyer to pay the yearly amount for a regular membership. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Deeds and passed 3-0.

ALCOHOL BOARD/TOM GATES

Mr. Gates told the Board he would like to be re appointed to the Alcoholic Beverage Board. A motion to reappoint Mr. Gates was made by Commissioner Deeds and 2nd by Commissioner Boyer. The motion passed 3-0.

SHEIFF ROLAND

Sheriff Roland asked the Board if they would allow him to use the part time money in the Commissioner's budget to hire a part time person to work in the Control area. This would allow some of the IDOC employees that know how to issue warrants and other jobs Beth Pond currently does to assist her. This would free her up to work solely on the sex offender's cases until the Council can work out a solution. Commissioner Deeds moved to allow \$2,400 to be used out of the Commissioners budget for 10 weeks part time pay in the Sheriff's department. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

David Grund and the Board discussed some of the changes Sandy Chittum has requested for the Innkeepers Tax document.

Mr. Grund told the Board he has given the information to Wabash Valley Abstract to do the title work for the Jail Project.

VACATION/LONGIVITY ISSUE

The Board discussed the issue of a request of an employee. It is noted there is no guidance within the entire hand book. Commissioner Deeds said the years of service as an Elected

Official counts as an employee for vacation and longevity. It was noted that the hand book needs amended if this is to occur. Commissioner Hawley said Tammy White said it is up to the policy. Commissioner Boyer moved to pay longevity and vacation within the offices in the Court House. After some discussion Commissioner Boyer withdrew his motion. Commissioner Deeds moved to ask David Grund to work on this issue and bring back some answers. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

ENGINEER ISSUE

Ken Einselen told the Board that the plans outlining the Storm Water manholes every 400 feet for the new jail on 400 North is listed on the south side of the road. This will need clarification from RQAW. No further action was taken.

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

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