

**MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
25 NORTH BROADWAY
PERU, INDIANA 46970
January 28, 2008**

Commissioner Hawley opened the meeting.

DRAINAGE ISSUE

Dale Welsh, Old Stone Road, told the Board that he brought this problem to the Board in November of 2003. He stated that they promised a culvert for drainage. The Board said they would bring this to Sam Waltz attention.

AMERICAN HEART MONTH

Rachel Christner asked the Board if she would be allowed to put an 8-foot sign on the Court House lawn for American Heart Month. A motion to allow was made by Commissioner Deeds and 2nd by Commissioner Boyer. The motion passed 3-0.

SMOKING ORDINANCE

Mr. Wilson stopped by to check on the Public hearing to be scheduled. Commissioner Hawley said he is waiting on a return call. Mr. Wilson said Smoke Free would pay for the building at the 4-H Fair Grounds. Commissioner Deeds thanked him for his offer but said the Commissioners will pay any expenses necessary.

EMA

Mike Peconga told the Commissioners that the Emergency Management Advisory Board met and they are going to change the meeting date and time. A motion to approve the change was made by Commissioner Deeds. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

MINUTES

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

BOARD OF HEALTH DOCUMENT

Ken Scott brought an Ordinance to raise the cost of inspection of a new septic system from \$50 to \$100. It is noted that this money would go into Fund 215 to support the budget. A motion was made by Commissioner Deeds to approve the new fee schedule. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Hawley. Commissioner Boyer said he couldn't support too many increases at this time. The motion passed 2-1 with Commissioner Boyer voting against.

RAILS TO TRAILS

Mike Keupper wrote a letter to the Board thanking them for hearing his concerns and to notify them that the sign that caused the issue has now been removed.

IDEM

The Board received an IDEM notice for a confined feeding operation owned by Steven & Lori Herrell.

POLLING PLACE/CLERK OF THE COURTS

The Board received a request to allow the Clerk to designate the Court House as a polling place for prescient 6. A motion was made by Commissioner Boyer to allow Commissioner Hawley sign the document allowing the Court House to be used as a polling place. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Deeds and passed 3-0.

PUBLIC DEFENDER REQUEST

Commissioner Hawley said he had a request from the Public Defender's Office to add security for the two secretaries. There have been occasions where defendants and/or relatives have been abusive and aggressive towards the secretaries. At this time there is no barrier and they would like a window put into the door so they could see and deal with people without them coming into the area around their desk.

Commissioner Boyer moved that the Board look for other bids and proceed with this project to provide more safety for employees of the Public Defender's Office staff. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Deeds and passed 3-0.

HISTORICAL RECOGNITION OF THE COURT HOUSE

Jeff Price reported on the Court House tour to be held on October 12, 2008. He reported that Tom Gustin will be providing the musical entertainment and Dave Vitek will help with the parking and security issues. Nancy Masten will be handling with the historical information. Alex Blong will be helping with the art displays.

Commissioner Boyer said he feels Cumulative Court House should be used to pay for this. He also said he would like to see the clocks repaired before this celebration.

JOHN POWELL/GIS UPDATE

Mr. Powell told the Board that the new GIS System would be live by the end of the month. He stated that there is still missing data from Manatron. He also said the city addressing will be 85% accurate when live. He explained that there is an auto FTP system to update the information from the system nightly. They are also going to display the information from the sales disclosure forms.

Mr. Powell reported that the camera system on the 2nd floor of the Annex building would be finished by the first week of February.

Mr. Powell also said after reading the minutes on line of the Commissioners meetings he wants to make sure the Board understands that if he is not present when someone is using his name in support of an issue, they should assume he knows nothing about what the person is requesting them to do.

Mr. Powell also said he has been speaking with the new Peru City IT person and the question has been asked if the County can do some things to help them. They would like to use our back up system. No decision was made.

Mr. Powell also discussed the radio situations within all the law enforcement departments. No decisions were made.

JUDGE SPAHR

Judge Spahr wanted to let the Board know that John Powell and his assistant had done a wonderful job getting his staff acclimated to the new computer system and their offices. He appreciates all he has done.

Judge Spahr also said he wanted to let the Board know that the Historical Society will not be holding their Heritage Days at the Fair Grounds. He asked permission to hold it using the Court House and Grounds on August 30th and 31st. Commissioner Hawley said he would like to have some of this display coordinated with the celebration of the Court House in October. Judge Spahr said he would be involved in that as well but the period Heritage Days is between 1830 and 1837. This was a time of explosive growth in the County.

He also would like to ask permission to allow a painting in his office be loaned to the Museum for display in June for the Cole Porter Festival. The Board has no problem with any of his requests. Permission granted.

US 31 COALITION

Commissioner Deeds told that there is a Legislative day on Feb. 13, 2008. He feels that the County needs to be represented, but not all of the Board needs to go. No decision was made.

SHERIFF ROLAND

The Sheriff told the Board that Bona Vista would be coming to shred on February 1, 2008. The cost is 12 cents a pound to shred and several offices are going to use the service. Sheriff Roland also gave the Board his weekly jail report.

JAIL PROJECT

The Board discussed the drainage at the new Jail site. No decisions needed nor made.

CELL PHONES

Commissioner Hawley explained the plan offered by T Mobile and said he is trying to get as much in writing as he can. He knows this will only be an estimate. After some discussion Commissioners Boyer and Deeds said they are for the change if Commissioner Hawley feels it is a good deal. They also discussed how the departments could possibly pay into a fund and one check be cut to pay the bill. This type of a fund would need some research by the Auditor before it would be implemented.

Commissioner Hawley will have T Mobile to send out the contract for them to review.

RQAW sent a Rule 5 Notice of Intent. A motion was made to allow Commissioner Hawley to sign the document. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

HEALTH COORIDINATOR ISSUE

Dr Farag asked the Board about the status of the State Contract. Commissioner Boyer made a motion to allow Commissioner Hawley to sign the State agreement (if approved by David Grund) for the position. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Deeds and passed 3-0.

HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Ken Einselen gave the Board a draft copy of the Bridge Inspection Phase 2-2007. Mr. Einselen said he and Sam Waltz will review and prioritize the bridges and send the list back to USI Consultants.

No action needed, nor taken.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Deeds. 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
C. CRAIG BOYER

Attest: _____, Auditor
Brenda Weaver