

**MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
25 NORTH BROADWAY
PERU, INDIANA 46970
February 4, 2008
MINUTES**

Chairman Hawley called the meeting to order.

TOBACCO AWARENESS

Mr. Wilson asked the Board if there is any progress in the holding of a public hearing for a smoking ordinance. Commissioner Hawley told Mr. Wilson that the meeting would be held on February 27, 2008 at 7:00 pm at the Peru Junior High School. Commissioner Hawley told Mr. Wilson there have been no changes to the ordinance he reviewed at this point. **Mr. Wilson thanked the Board for their continued work on this issue.**

AMCO ELEVATOR CLAIM

A motion was made by Commissioner Boyer to pay the claim for \$1,070 for all 4 elevators. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Hawley and passed 2-0. Commissioner Deeds was absent for this vote.

JAIL PROJECT

The Board received a request from Brook's construction concerning a contracting for cement work. The Board also received a packet from Old Castle for pre cast jail.

RISOGRAPH MACHINE

The Board received the maintenance agreement for the Risograph machine. A motion was made by Commissioner Deeds to pay the claim. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

GENERATOR AT THE JAIL

The Board discussed the pipe issue on the generator at the jail. No action was taken.

IT ISSUE/EMA

Mike Peconga told the Board he had received \$4,000 to purchase Microsoft Office. He and John Powell feel it is a good purchase. After some discussion, the Board told Mr. Peconga to process the claim for the \$4,000 and when the money arrives he may purchase the software.

Mr. Peconga also brought a copy of the State Warning Criteria to the Board for review. It is opposite from what Miami County uses. Mr. Peconga does not feel the County should go with the State's system because it is not only opposite ours but all the surrounding State's plans. Commissioner Deeds said there should be a Nation wide set criteria.

IT ISSUE

John Powell told the Board that the LOW Financial server is getting old and he would like to replace it. The cost is \$2,123. Commissioner Deeds made a motion to go ahead but he should discuss the move with LOW prior to the purchase. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

CLAIMS

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

MINUTES

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

BUNKER HILL PROPERTY

The Board discussed the Bunker Hill elevator property and the need to get it transferred to interested party and gets it back on the tax rolls.

DOG TAX

The Board discussed the need to clarify some of the issues concerning the new dog tax ordinance. There are no age criteria in the ordinance. It was agreed that all dogs should be taxed regardless of age.

The Board was told of a situation in Mexico of a family that has 4 dogs due to a health issue of one of the puppies born to their dogs. The lady will be in next week but the Board thinks there could be a variance granted in certain circumstances.

INSURANCE

The Board requested a 3-year loss run report from the insurance companies that hold policies on the County owned buildings.

HIGHWAY

Sam Waltz gave his weekly highway department report.

Mr. Waltz told the Board that the drainage problem on Old Stone road would be addressed when the weather clears.

IDEM

The Board received an air quality permit approval for Peru Utilities.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

David Grund told the Board he has looked over the Public Health Coordinator contract and he has some concerns. He said there are built in mechanisms and audits that can level penalties on the County if the information does not comply with their expectations.

He said the contract is restrictive and has downfalls that he would not recommend the Board sign it. After some discussion Commissioner Hawley will contact Dr. Farag and ask him to halt the person he has picked from doing any further work until this can be worked out. Ken Scott said the person has already been working at least a week or two.

Commissioner Boyer moved to table this one-week. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Deeds and passed 3-0.

Commissioner Boyer said he feels it should be placed in the hands of the Health Board if they want to take the gamble of signing this contract.

SEPTIC FEES

Ken Scott was present to find out when to start charging the new amount. Commissioner Deeds rescinded his last week's motion. The motion to resend was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0. A motion to advertise consideration of the new fee on Feb 25, 2008 was made by Commissioner Deeds and 2nd by Commissioner Hawley. The motion passed 3-0.

JAIL PROJECT TITLE

Commissioner Hawley and the Board discussed the transfer of the jail property from the MCEDA Board to the Holding Corporation. It was noted that the documents are to be at the MCEDA Board meeting on February 13, 2008. Mr. Grund will have those documents ready for signing at that meeting.

DEER CREEKS ESTATES CEMETERY ISSUE

The Board briefly discussed the situation at Deer Creek Estates. No action was taken.

SHERIFF REPORT

Sheriff Roland gave the Board his weekly jail report. There are 77 males and 16 females. He sent two females to Fulton County due to discipline problems.

The Sheriff asked permission to paint the cellblocks. The Board told him to see what kind of deal he can get on the paint. The trustees at the jail do the painting so there is no labor cost.

Commissioner Boyer asked if the Sheriff's Department could help with snow removal around the Court House. The Sheriff will see what he can do about assisting with snow removal.

MANATRON CLAIM FOR GIS

Commissioner Boyer made a motion to pay the bill for the GIS from Manatron. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Deeds and passed 3-0.

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

Adjourned

GARY HAWLEY

CHAIRMAN

GREGORY DEEDS

VICE CHAIRMAN

CRAIG BOYER

MEMBER

ATTEST: _____ Auditor
Brenda Weaver