

**MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
25 NORTH BROADWAY
PERU, INDIANA 46970
March 10, 2008**

Commissioner Hawley called the meeting to order. Commissioner Deeds is absent.

MIAMIGO SUMMARY REPORT

David Quick brought the Board his 2007 summary report. It was noted that the Federal Funds received was \$144,000 and they spent \$139,000. There are other monies that are received from Area 5 and Medicaid that are not listed on the report. Commissioner Hawley asked for a detailed accounting of the funds received for the year and total expenses. Mr. Quick will provide that next week. He also said the \$4,949 that was not spent will be released back to the original funding source. Commissioner Boyer moved to sign the de-obligation of funds in order to send back the money. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Hawley and passed 2-0.

MINUTES

Commissioner Boyer moved to accept the minutes. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Hawley and passed 2-0.

JUDGES CHAIR

The Board received a bill from DawCo Inc. for a new chair for Judge Spahr. A motion to approve the purchase of the chair in the amount of \$250 was made by Commissioner Boyer with the direction to take the payment from Cumulative Court House. The motion is 2nd by Commissioner Hawley and passed 2-0.

JAIL PROJECT DISCUSSION

The Board discussed the need of having a colored picture of what the jail is to look like. Commissioner Hawley will contact RQAW concerning this. The Board received a letter from Construction Control Inc. stating they have notified Strom that the County is calling in their bid bond.

COUNTY ENGINEER UPDATE

Ken Einselen told the Board he was present for the field check on March 3, 2008 for the Rails to Trails. He said there are still no drawings of their plans for crossing County roads as the County has requested. The Board stressed to Mr. Einselen that he be sure to tell them they are not allowed to stripe roads where the Trails traffic crosses.

THERMOSTAT FROM SIEMANS

A motion to pay the Siemen's bill for thermostats was made by Commissioner Boyer. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Hawley and passed 2-0. One thermostat cost \$129.36 and the other \$70.45.

CONSTRUCTION CONTROL BLUEPRINTS

The Board received the bill for copies of blueprints of the jail project. Commissioner Hawley reported that a new bill will be sent with the correct amounts and removing the taxes.

IDEM NOTICE

The Board received a notice from IDEM for Jeff and Rachel Taylor regarding a confined feeding operation and elimination system at 2710 North 700 East, Logansport.

PURDUE CONTRACT FOR EXTENSION OFFICE

The Board reviewed the contract and Commissioner Boyer moved to sign the agreement. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Hawley and passed 2-0.

WABASH VALLEY RESTORATION ESTIMATES

The Board received estimates for painting the west wall from the ceiling to the floor of the Circuit Court room. It is noted that there are some pictures that Judge Spahr has moved and nails are exposed. Commissioner Hawley said he feels the Court Rooms should be repainted due to the Centennial Celebration of the Court House in October. The estimates also include painting from the ceiling to the floor in the room the Judges removed book cases. The Board will review the area and make a decision.

PERU UTILITIES

Roger Merriman told the Board the Utilities are in the process of amending the availability ordinance at the April City Council meeting. The Board thanked him for his report.

RECESS

The Board recessed to look at the Court room. A motion was made by Commissioner Boyer to move forward with the proposals. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Hawley and passed 2-0.

PIPE CREEK TRUSTEE DENIAL/APPEAL

Sondra Stabler came to the Board to appeal a denial from the Pipe Creek Trustee for help with her rent. She told the Board she had contacted every available agency and money would be coming available but not right now. The Trustee is Patricia Wade. The Board suggested she contact her landlord to give her an extension for two weeks. The Board set a hearing for next Monday at 1:30 in the afternoon. The Auditor will contact Mrs. Wade to attend.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ISSUES

Sam Waltz told the Board the roads are showing distress and this will be a long spring of patching roads.

The Board and Mr. Waltz discussed a tile on 900 South. No action taken.

Commissioner Hawley told Mr. Waltz that on the 24th Kay Stanton from RQAW will be here concerning the Business 31 North Project. He is advised to be there to discuss some of the issues.

PUBLIC HEALTH COORIDINATOR

David Grund told the Board he has not had a response from the person doing the receivables nor from the State telling him if we are still eligible.

Mr. Grund also told the Board Lisa Lee from Umbaugh & Associates said to wait until the Bond closing to record the deeds.

HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Ken Einselen brought a memo to Rails to Trails concerning the standards for signage from the County for anyone on the county right of way and road crossings. Commissioner Boyer moved to accept the guidelines to be presented to Rails to Trails. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Hawley and passed 2-0.

Mr. Hawley said that the Rails to Trails still had no drawings on signage at their field check.

Mr. Hawley also said to emphasize NO painting stripes on County Roads. No exceptions.

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

Adjourned

THE MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

_____, CHAIRMAN
GARY D. HAWLEY

_____, VICE CHAIRMAN
GREGORY DEEDS

_____, MEMBER
C. CRAIG BOYER

ATTEST: _____, Auditor
Brenda Weaver