

**THE MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
25 NORTH BROADWAY
PERU, INDIANA 46970
MAY 5, 2008**

Commissioner Hawley called the meeting of the Board to order.

JAIL SITE DRAINAGE

The Board discussed a ditch issue at the jail site. An easement from a landowner needs to be completed and recorded. No further action taken. The County Attorney will be notified of this issue.

EMA ISSUE

Mike Peconga asked permission to go to school this week for training on critical assessment of infrastructure. The schooling is on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 am to 4 pm. Commissioner Boyer said this seems to be something that would be helpful to them so he made a motion to allow both Mike and Chris to attend the classes. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Deeds and passed 3-0.

Mr. Peconga also said that Mr. Marks would be attending classes at Grissom on Thursday, Friday and Saturday for training and he will be using his comp time for some of this time. Commissioner Deeds moved to allow Mr. Marks to attend these sessions. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

Mr. Peconga said he has two cars that he will be getting rid off due to the age and mileage of the cars. He has two replacements from the Peru City Police department. He expects to get around \$1,700 for each of the vehicles.

The Board asked how many volunteers he has. Mr. Peconga said 23 and they do a lot of services for the community. Commissioner Deeds moved to allow the cars to be auctioned off. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

SMOKING ORDINANCE

Mike Wilson asked if the May 27th date is firm for the public meeting concerning the adoption of the Smoking Ordinance. Commissioner Hawley said it is a firm date and the meeting will be held at 7:00 pm at the Peru High School auditorium.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Dave Vitek gave the Board the weekly maintenance report from the jail.

PERU PUBLIC LIBRARY APPOINTMENT

The Board received a letter from the Library informing them that the current person's term is up and does not want to be appointed again. The Board will discuss this and ask if the Library Board knows of anyone that wants to be appointed.

NIPSCO LETTER

The Board received a letter eliminating our reciprocal agreement for damages during excavation from NIPSCO. No action was taken.

MINUTES

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

SMOKING ORDINANCE/COUNTY ATTORNEY

David Grund was instructed to amend the Smoking Ordinance to include all private clubs. The Board voted last week on this issue and Mr. Grund was absent.

HOLDING CORPORATION MEETING

David Grund said next Monday morning, May 12th at 8:30 am, there will be a meeting of the Holding Corporation to appoint an agent to approve and to pay claims.

VERDIN CLOCKS

The Board received blue prints for the Court House clocks. The clocks are 5 feet around and the Board questioned some of the hardware used to fasten it to the Court House. Commissioner Deeds called them to clarify some of the information. Commissioner Deeds moved to sign to approve the clock plans from Verdin Clock Company. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

HISTORICAL BRIDGE INVENTORY

The Board received a memo from the County Engineer concerning the bridges eligible to be designated historical. The Board reviewed this and Commissioner Boyer moved to set aside the list. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Deeds and passed 3-0.

PERU UTILITIES/ROGER MERRIMAN

Mr. Merriman told the Board that the agenda at City Hall will be the water and sewer use and he suggests sending a letter stating the Boards position on the issue. No further action taken, but the Board thanked him for keeping them informed.

IT DEPARTMENT

John Powell told the Board he had a few things to discuss with them. First was the use of time clocks for the Court House. He stated that currently there are about 20 people from Probation, CASA and Community Corrections using the system. Mr. Powell said those departments established a separate policy and the Board will need to do the same for the Court House and any other areas they chose to use time clocks in. Commissioner Hawley said this system can graduate into departments and the Board does not have to implement all at once. The Board told Mr. Powell they wish to proceed with this and for him to work with our payroll system to find out how to integrate it.

Mr. Powell said the Jail Transition Committee has asked for 5 laptops. Commissioner Deeds moved to allow them to use 5 laptops we currently have. The motion is 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

GIS WITH MANATRON

Commissioner Deeds moved to allow Commissioner Hawley permission to sign a letter to Manatron to give a 30 day notice of cancellation of our GIS system with them. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Board discussed the cost of the DCL physicals for the Highway Department. Currently our insurance is not reimbursing this cost. Commissioner Hawley will check with Dukes Hospital to get some direction for the County to deal with this issue.

RAILS TO TRAILS

The Board received a copy of an Ordinance the Rails to Trails would like the County to adopt. The Board will give this Ordinance to David Grund to review.

CEMETERY ISSUE

Linda Hutcheson asked the Board whom she should speak with concerning the Mays and Gernard cemeteries. She said both cemeteries are in disrepair and has Revolutionary war soldiers buried in both. The Board told her the Trustees are responsible for the mowing of the cemeteries but there is a break down in some of that process. The Board said they need to reestablish the cemetery Board and they will look into the issue.

Commissioner Boyer moved to adjourn. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Deeds 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