

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
25 NORTH BROADWAY
PERU, INDIANA 46970
JULY 21, 2008**

Chairman Hawley called the Miami County Board of Commissioners meeting to order.

PERU AVIATION BOARD REQUEST

Roger Merriman asked the Board to give him permission to ask MCEDA to support a local match for the repairs to the airport runway shoulder area. It was stated that the 2009 budget for the City of Peru did not allow any money for the matching grant and he is requesting the County pick up the Cities portion. The Grant is for \$200,000 and the matching amount is \$5,000. Commissioner Hawley commented that he is disappointed that the City owned airport has been dropped in the 2009 budget. He realizes it is a benefit to the entire County and feels it should be supported. Commissioner Hawley said everyone pays into CEDIT whether they live in the County or the City and he feels it should be supported regardless of where the funding comes from. He doesn't have a problem with MCEDA going to the County Council for the funding. Mr. Merriman will move forward with this request.

EMA/MIKE PECONGA

Mr. Peconga informed the Board of a Grant application that needs to be applied for as soon as possible. He also mentioned a Grant that needs to be completed and spent by August 28, 2008. He said the Grant is for radios and he would like the Board to ask the Prosecutor to pay for the installation of the radios. Commissioner Hawley suggested Mr. Peconga set up a meeting with the Peru Police Chief, the Fire Chief and Mr. Huneryager and present all the documentation and get a ball park number of radios and amounts needed. He also asked that the Board be notified when the meeting is scheduled so they may have a representative there to work through some of the issues. After some discussion about the grants available a motion was made by Commissioner Boyer to allow Mike Peconga to apply for the grants. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Deeds and passed 3-0.

COUNTY ASSESSOR

Nancy Gates requested the Commissioners give her blessing to go to the County Council for the approval of 2 positions to be hired in her office for the remainder of this year and for next years budget. She also wants to hire a part time employee next year. She is replacing 15 trustee/assessor positions vacated by law July 1, 2008. She plans to hire Karen Lemaster and she has already hired Joanne Sunday, former Peru Township Assessor deputy. The Board and Mrs. Gates discussed the possible contractual hiring of someone to do the new construction next year. Commissioner Deeds moved to support this; the motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0. It was noted that Mrs. Lemaster would start on August 4, 2008.

ELECTRICAL ESTIMATE FOR COURT HOUSE CLOCKS

The Board received an estimate from D&L Electric in the amount of \$4,569.36 to wire the 4th floor for the new clocks for the Court House.

MINUTES FROM JAIL PROGRESS

The Board received for their review the minutes of the progress meeting of the

jail and an adjusted time frame for construction.

MCEDA/TOURISM

The Board received a recommendation from MCEDA to not fund Tourism from CEDIT in the 2009 budget year. The Board will discuss this with Jim Tidd.

IDEM NOTICE

The Board received a notice from IDEM for air quality for Grissom Air Base.

PHONES

John Powell gave the Board a report on the phone system replacement. If we replace the entire system to include the new jail and EMA it is \$348 over budget and the additional monthly cost is \$650. The Board asked him to get a quote for a stand-alone system for the new jail and the replacement cost so they may compare with the figures before them.

PAYROLL AND CLAIMS

A motion was made by Commissioner Boyer to approve the payroll and claims. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Hawley and passed 2-0. Commissioner Deeds left to attend a funeral for a former employee.

It was noted that the County has lost an asset in the death of former employee Jim Carden.

GIE CLAIM

The Board received a claim for GIE/liability insurance in the amount of \$1,285.55. A motion to pay the claim was made by Commissioner Boyer and 2nd by Commissioner Hawley. The motion passed 2-0.

DENVER ISSUE

The Board received a letter from the Guire family at 300 S. Chamber Street, Denver. This concerns a tree and it is noted that the Board has no jurisdiction over anything within the town limits of Denver.

STATE REQUEST FOR GIS INFORMATION

The Board received a request for GIS Data. A motion was made by Commissioner Boyer to allow the data to be sent to the State. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Hawley and the motion passed 2-0.

IT ISSUES/BLACKBERRIES

John Powell informed the Board that there were 10 blackberries bought and this becomes an issue when his department is asked to configure them to their computers for their calendars and e-mail.

The Board told him to take care of what we have now.

MINUTES

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

JAIL ISSUE

The Board was informed of a jail inmate that was moved for medical issues. The Board approved the action.

Commissioner Hawley commended the Sheriff Department for the Security around the Court House during Circus Week.

HIGHWAY

Ken Einselen gave the Board a speed study he had done on the road over the Mississenewa Dam. No action taken at this time.

COMP TIME REQUEST

The Board received a request from the Chief Deputy Auditor for payment of an excess of comp time that she will not be able to use prior to a change in administration in the Auditor's Office. The Board said the additional appropriation should be requested by the Auditor's Office to be presented to the Council. This will be addressed at the August Council meeting.

JAIL PROJECT DOCUMENT/BILLS

The Board reviewed some of the bills and documents the Holding Corporation has to present to Lake City Bank. No action by the Board was needed.

The Board also looked at a drawing of a courtroom that could be built in the storage room of the new jail project. No action taken, this is only for information.

WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT

The Board received an invitation to a session for our district of Work Force Development. There are several meetings held in August and the Commissioners are invited to attend any one they chose. No action taken.

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

THE MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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GARY D. HAWLEY

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GREGORY DEEDS

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ATTEST: _____, Auditor
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