

**MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 NORTH BROADWAY
PERU, INDIANA 46970
AUGUST 18, 2008**

Commissioner Hawley opened the meeting.

RECORDER

Rhonda Trexler notified the Commissioners that 7 books of DD214's would be rebound. She will pay for this out of the Recorders perpetuation fund. The Board thanked her for the notice.

EMA/MIKE PECONGA

Mr. Peconga told the Board he will be applying for a grant for radios. The City will be using Motorola and the County chose Johnson radios.

Mr. Peconga will be at a district meeting this Thursday. Commissioner Deeds moved to allow Mr. Peconga to apply for the \$4,000 grant. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

MIKE WILSON/TOBACCO AWARENESS

Mr. Wilson requested the Commissioners to move forward to pass the Smoke Free Ordinance to protect people in the work place. Commissioner Boyer said they have looked at the issue in several different ways and he believes the Commissioners are ready to have a last public hearing and vote on it. It was noted that the only reason for another public meeting is if the current draft is amended. Commissioner Deeds stated that the Ordinance needs to be in writing in its final form. Commissioner Hawley said it will be discussed in an open meeting. He said the meeting will be public but there will be no discussion from the public. Mr. Wilson thanked them for their time.

DEL SEASE

Mr. Sease is asking the Board for advice and help in a couple of areas. He owns Seascapes Greenhouse and has a lack of parking issue. He needs to expand parking and expand his facility. The County has some property he is interested in purchasing in order to expand his business. He would like to close the entrance on State Road 19 and create an entrance on 500 south. Commissioner Deeds suggested the County Engineer look at the entrance and they will speak with the Highway Supervisor concerning the stockpile of soil the County has on the property Mr. Sease wants to purchase. No further action taken.

Dave Weller/ Water issue at 9375 South Meridian Road

Mr. Weller asked the Board to do something about water on the west side of Meridian. No tiles are under the driveways. He said ditching needs to be done in the County right of way. Commissioner Boyer said Mr. Weller has done all he can do to fix the problem. He also stated this is not a new issue.

MINUTES

Commissioner Deeds moved to approve the minutes with an amendment. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Hawley and passed 2-0.

CHAMBER FALL FESTIVAL

The Board received a request from the Chamber of Commerce asking to use Court Street and the County parking lot on September 20, 2008. They need to install electricity along the sidewalk. Commissioner Hawley will speak with the Chamber to find out how to work around the Court House schedule. Commissioner Boyer moved to support and work around parking issues. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Deeds and passed 3-0.

FIELD CHECK AND BLIND DRIVEWAY SIGNS

250 SOUTH 0376 WEST AND 400 WEST 4371 SOUTH

Commissioner Deeds moved to put a sign up as Ken Einselen recommends. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

PROPOSAL FROM WABASH VALLEY RESTORATION/ANNEX AWNING

The Board received a bid of \$1,634 to refurbish the awning at the Annex building entrance. Commissioner Boyer moved to proceed and accept the bid. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Deeds and passed 3-0.

REQUEST FOR MONUMENT

Bob Feller made a request to have a monument placed on the Court House Square for the men who died in the Iraq war. Commissioner Boyer said he would instruct Mr. Feller to work with Jay Kendall, the County VSO officer to accomplish this task.

CLAIMS

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

TRAILS ISSUE

Pat Roberts and Tom Bessignano told the Board they have a concern about the road crossings at 300, 400 and 600 south. Mr. Roberts said there is poor visibility to see traffic and for them to see the bike riders at those intersections. Ken Einselen said warning signs are there to warn traffic. Mr. Bessignano also said he has a concern about parking on Wallick Road. He said it is blind pulling out and feels there should be more signage as an advisement. No action was taken.

SHERIFF WEEKLY REPORT

Sheriff Roland brought his weekly report to the Board. He said they are replacing 3 windows in a cell block that the inmates have broken. He said they had flooding last week but that problem is fixed. The Board and the Sheriff discussed the clocks in the jail and the issue was put on hold until next week.

ZACK WOLF/AMERICAN STRUCTURE POINT

Mr. Wolf gave an update on the Business 31 South Project for American Structure Pointe. Structure Pointe is in the process of having INDOT review their policies concerning right of ways. Their current interpretation is causing many projects and Counties issues. Commissioner Hawley would like the Board to be aware and ready to participate in the process if it becomes necessary for one or all Commissioners to attend hearings or meetings on this issue. Mr. Wolf said they have 25 right of ways to acquire and it is about 6 ½ acres. If they do not have to acquire all he believes the number of parcels we need a right of way from is 16 and is 2 acres. Mr. Wolf said they could do the project in two phases. One is from US 31 to Airport Road and the 2nd phase is from Airport Road to the Kelly Avenue Bridge. It was noted that this is an 80/20 match and it would be better for the County to do in two phases. Mr. Wolf will ask Chris Murphy to break down the cost of doing this in two phases and bring it back for the Boards review.

HIGHWAY ISSUES

Mr. Waltz reported on his paving progress on 1000 south and Strawtown Pike. Mr. Waltz was informed that Peru Gravel has stone for \$2 a ton. Mr. Waltz will call and find out about it.

The Weller residence issues were discussed and Mr. Waltz will take a look at it.

The Board and Mr. Waltz discussed the issue of Sease Greenhouse. Mr. Waltz needs the property to store soil. The Board thought maybe Mr. Sease would trade plots on 500 South to accomplish what he wants to do to expand his business.

PAYROLL

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

EMBARQ REQUEST

Ken Einselen told the Board that he has a request for Embarq to run a connection over bridge 46 that is over Eel River. He will look at how it is done and what is appropriate. Commissioner Deeds moved to allow them to place the connections to the bridge. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

9-1-1 REQUEST

John Powell told the Board the 9-1-1 Director is requesting the time clocks be installed in his area for time keeping. He understands until the Board amends the personnel policy we must use the yellow sheets and keep track of time the same way. The Board concurred that it would be fine for him to do that.

RAILROAD CROSSING

A citizen told the Board the railroad crossings at the Golf Course are really rough. The Board said they would check on it, but they have had little success when working with the railroad on these issues.

CCI CLAIMS

The Board received claims to be signed and forwarded for payment. Commissioner Deeds moved to process the claims. The motion was 2nd by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

INSURANCE POLICY/SAINE SOMMERS

The Board received the bill for the commercial policy in the amount of \$1,320. Commissioner Boyer moved to pay the claim. Commissioner Deeds 2nd the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

JAIL SITE DISCUSSION

The Board discussed some of the small change orders that have occurred due to poor soil and changes in doors.

JUDGES BENCH/WITNESS STAND AND COURT REPORTERS BENCH

The Board discussed a proposal by Justin Graber to build the judges bench, witness stand and court reporters bench. Commissioner Hawley said he is having Mr. Graber give an estimate on the center hand rails to be placed on the court house inside stairs.

Commissioner Deeds moved to adjourn. Commissioner Boyer 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Adjourned

THE MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

_____, Chairman
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Gregory Deeds

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Attest: _____, Auditor
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