

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
25 NORTH BROADWAY  
PERU, INDIANA 46970  
OCTOBER 27, 2008**

Commissioner Hawley called the meeting to order.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The Board received an invitation to attend a workshop for economic development on November 19, 2008. No action was taken. The Board received a letter of resignation from Jim Clary. Commissioner Deeds made a motion to regrettably accept the resignation of Mr. Clary. The Board also thanked him for his years of service to the County. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

**DOWNEY INSURANCE**

The Board received recommendations and corrections to our workman's compensation policy with Downey Insurance. The Board said they will see that the material data and safety sheets are displayed properly by the maintenance department. They will also see that the proper hearing protection is available for anyone working outside mowing or using any power equipment. They will also have anyone who is cleaning the Court House restrooms receive a hepatitis B shot.

**BRIDGE #28**

Ken Einselen gave a report to the Board that he spoke to Eric Brunn concerning Bridge #28. It is Mr. Brunn's opinion that to strengthen the bridge for heavy trucks would be a waste of money because we cannot strengthen it enough to allow our highway trucks to go across it with a snow plow and fully loaded.

**VACATION TIME**

The Board discussed an employees' request to be paid his vacation time while he is on sick leave. Debbie Cunningham and Sam Waltz explained the policy and what could and could not be done at this time. The Board supports our current policy but ask that the employee place his request in writing to the Board of Commissioners. The current policy does not allow paying out vacation time while on workmen's comp. This could jeopardize the employee's workmen's comp claim.

**INSURANCE PROPOSAL FOR FLEET INSURANCE**

Gary Mock asked the Board if his proposal needs to be in by December 1, 2008. The Board said that is the date it will be due. No action was taken.

Mrs. Cunningham also asked about amending the personnel policy concerning some issues that were addressed in an e-mail. The Board said they would give this information to David Grund to amend the policy.

**HIGHWAY ISSUES**

Sam Waltz told the Board the engine went out in their new backhoe. It has 900 hours on it. The backhoe is in the shop.

Mr. Waltz also told the Board there is a hole in the roof of the salt shed at the Peru Highway garage. He brought two proposals to the Board to fix the hole and re-roof the building. Commissioner Deeds moved to hire Miller Building to fix the roof. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

**DRAINAGE ISSUE**

The Board will be making a field trip to the Weller place on south Meridian to look at a drainage issue.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Boyer moved to sign the minutes. Commissioner Deeds 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

**CLAIMS AND PAYROLL**

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

**REPAIRS TO COOLING SYSTEM IN COMPUTER ROOM**

The issues with the cooling of the computer room have been resolved and Bowman Heating and Cooling will be handling the repairs.

#### **FIBER PROJECT**

Roger Merriman gave an update on the fiber project. Currently the fiber is installed to the annex building from Peru Utilities. He said the rest will occur pretty quickly. EMA already has the fiber. Mr. Merriman asked the Board if they could piggy-back onto our internet server. He was told we have a lot of excess capacity and the Board and Mr. Merriman discussed what type of an inter-local agreement will be needed to make this happen. It was noted that the fiber cost went down to \$10,000. This is less than the cost estimate given at the beginning of this project.

#### **CHANGE ORDERS/NEW JAIL**

The Board reviewed 4 change orders for the jail project.

1. A change in sewer lines at a cost of \$993.
2. A change on excavating the side ditch at a cost of \$881.
3. Relocation of equipment in the mechanical room at a cost of \$327.
4. Relocation of a PIV valve at a cost of \$1,790.

Commissioner Deeds moved to approve the change orders. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

#### **TRENDING TIME FRAME**

The Board reviewed the time frame expected to complete trending by Advolerum. No action was taken.

#### **INSURANCE DISCUSSION**

Mike Saine brought in information for the Board to review concerning our health insurance. Mr. Saine will bring back some more information before any final decision will be made.

#### **BRIDGE INSPECTIONS**

Ken Einselen brought new copies of the ratings sheets for bridge inspections. This rates the vendors and will give the Board an opportunity to hire the one they agree will do the better job for Miami County.

#### **PROBATION/TIME CARD QUESTIONS**

The Board and Susan Rice discussed the differences in the time clock and time sheet recording methods. After much discussion the Board said they will look further into this. No other action was taken.

#### **EMA REPORT ON THE LEPC EXERCISE**

Mike Peconga reported to the Board that the LEPC exercise was a great success. All goals were met. Mr. Peconga has next years exercise written up and it will be submitted by Friday.

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

#### **THE MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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