

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
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**NOVEMBER 10, 2008**

Commissioner Hawley opened the weekly meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

**EMA**

The Board received a grant application for LEPC in the amount of \$2,576.

Mike Peconga said the Federal government is changing their procedures and restructuring grants. Mr. Peconga explained that the only person that needs to sign this grant is the County Auditor.

Mike Peconga also told the Board that he is waiting on Jim Tidd from MCEDA to contact him about some portable light towers that will be given to the County. These are light towers that have been used at Grissom on the airstrip and will be useful for the EMA, Sheriff and fire departments if they need lighting at night. No action was taken but the Board did say they felt this would be a very good thing for the County to have.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Sam Waltz set November 24, 2008 as the bid date for aggregates, cold patch and dust control. The bids would be awarded on December 1, 2008. A motion was made by Commissioner Deeds to approve the dates. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

Mr. Waltz said the highway department will be working on Meridian Wednesday. They will be probing to find a tile due to a drainage issue.

Mr. Waltz told the Board he should have enough money for fuel until the end of the year. If there is bad weather it could eat up his fuel budget but the lower cost for fuel right now has been helpful.

**YMCA/MIAMIGO**

Dave Quick brought his October report to the Board for review. He said that they should have close to 32,000 trips this year. September was up 19% and October 27%.

**IDEM**

The Board received a notice from IDEM that the Peru Utilities at the Grissom Waste Water Plant requested approval for a water treatment plant.

The Board also received a notice from IDEM that Kokomo Grain-Amboy is requesting an air quality permit.

**BUCKLAND & ASSOCIATES/BUILDING APPRAISALS FOR INSURANCE**

The Board received a notice to appraise 10 buildings for the County to update our appraisals for insurance purposes. The last appraisal the County had done was expired December 22, 2007. Commissioner Deeds moved to approve this service and allow Commissioner Hawley to sign the contract. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

**CCI CLAIM/JAIL PROJECT**

After reviewing the claims a motion was made by Commissioner Boyer to pay CCI. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Hawley and passed 2-0. Commissioner Deeds was absent for this vote.

**TECHNOLOGY ISSUES**

John Powell and John Evans spoke to the Board concerning a copy machine that was being stored in the GAR Room. The LCD panel on the front has been damaged and they do not believe Smith Office will cover this damage on their lease agreement. The Board told him to speak with Smith Office about this before any further action will be taken.

**RESUME FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY**

The Board received one resume for County Attorney. The Auditor will hold any that come in until the Board makes their choice of a new County Attorney.

#### **FRIERMOOD TIRES**

The Board received a bill for \$14.00 from Friermood Tires. It was determined that this bill is for the animal control officer's truck. A motion was made by Commissioner Boyer to pay the bill. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Hawley and passed 2-0.

#### **JAIL PROJECT**

The Board discussed the jail project with members of the audience to explain some of the change orders and how the process works.

#### **JAIL WEEKLY REPORT**

The Board was given the weekly report from Captain David Vitek. He said they housed 78 this weekend including 15 females. Today they have a total of 72.

#### **VSO/JAY KENDALL**

Officer Kendall notified the Board that the Veterans Day ceremony may be held inside due to some of the citizens who will be attending. After the 11:00 am service there is a luncheon held at the VFW at noon. This is by invitation only and Jay Kendall will be speaker.

#### **CLAIMS AND PAYROLL**

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

#### **MINUTES**

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

#### **TOURISM SIGN**

Debbie Bowsher asked the Board if they had decided where the tourism informational sign is to be placed on the Court House lawn. The Board recessed for a few minutes to determine where the tourism sign would be placed.

#### **LYNN WILSON/STAIRWAY ISSUE**

Mrs. Wilson asked the Board to make having a center rail a priority. She witnessed some elderly men trying to pass on the stairs and she feels it is an accident waiting to happen. The Board said they are going to address it, but they want it done correctly and not just put up any railing.

#### **IT/COURT SYSTEMS**

The Board received 2 quotes from Mr. Powell. One quote is for \$52,089 for all 3 courts and the jail site for video equipment. One quote is for \$13,074.50 for the sound system for the 3<sup>rd</sup> court only. After some discussion and a field trip to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Commissioner Boyer moved to use the smaller room (original library). The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Deeds and passed 3-0.

Commissioner Deeds moved to have John Powell proceed with the sound system for the 3<sup>rd</sup> court. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

#### **HIGHWAY ENGINEER/BRIDGE INSPECTION SCORING**

Mr. Einselen told the Board he changed their scoring to reflect what the State will approve. He had decimals and they would not approve them. Commissioner Boyer moved to proceed with this monkey business. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Deeds and passed 3-0.

#### **BUSINESS 31 SOUTH**

Ken Einselen said the discussion about making Business 31 south 2 lanes is not sufficient for the consultants. A motion was made by Commissioner Deeds to go to take the recommendation of the consultant to make Business 31 south 2 lanes, removing the slow moving traffic lane. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Boyer and passed 3-0.

#### **BRIDGE #28**

The Board was given an update by Ken Einselen. There was no action needed.

**CLEANING SPECIFICATIONS AND ADVERTISEMENT**

**Commissioner Boyer moved to advertise for cleaning service for the Court House and Annex building. The bids will be accepted on December 1, 2008 and awarded by December 8, 2008.**

**Commissioner Boyer moved to adjourn. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Deeds and passed 3-0.**

**THE MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

\_\_\_\_\_, CHAIRMAN  
**GARY D. HAWLEY**

\_\_\_\_\_, VICE CHAIRMAN  
**GREGORY DEEDS**

\_\_\_\_\_, MEMBER  
**CRAIG BOYER**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_, Auditor  
**Brenda Weaver**