

MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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FEBRUARY 2, 2009

Chairman Greg Deeds opened the meeting.
Commissioner Faust will be late.

WILLOW CREEK GROUP

A group of citizens from Willow Creek addition came before the Commissioners with a petition asking the Board to put an ordinance in place to prohibit the usage of firearms in the addition as well as surrounding areas. There is a resident that is having target practice in his backyard and they have children and grandchildren that play in their yards. The noise is also an aggravation especially if he has friends over target practicing. They have tried to talk to this person with no success, they have called Law enforcement and nothing has been done. Commissioner Boyer made a motion to turn the petition over to the County Attorney and try to have an answer next week. Commissioner Deeds 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

The group then asked about 4-wheelers. Apparently this neighbor also has 4-wheelers and the noise and dust is very offensive as well. Commissioner Deeds told them there is an ordinance in place to address that and he will try to have a copy of that ordinance next week as well.

EMA

Mike Peconga brought the Board a list of activities for EMA. Mr. Peconga also spoke to the Board regarding the Hazard Mitigation Plan. He said all communities have to participate or they will not qualify for Federal dollars if there is an emergency in their community.

HOLDING CORPORATION

The Board received information on the investments for the new jail project. Commissioner Boyer made a motion to have the Holding Corporation reinvest the money. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Larry West of the Workforce Development Board came before the Commissioners to find a date that the WDW Board can come and speak to the Commissioners. It was agreed that February 17th would be good. Mr. West will get back with them.

RECORDER

Commissioner Boyer made a motion to accept the bid for carpet from Carpet Land.
Commissioner Deeds 2nd the motion and it passed 2-1 with Commissioner Faust opposing.

The Recorder also asked permission to go before the Council for an additional appropriation from the Redaction Fund to bring the Fidar software on line for searches. She believes it will bring in more than enough money to pay for itself. She would also like to ask for an additional \$2000.00 for her County General account for paper. Commissioner Faust made a motion to allow and Commissioner Boyer 2nd. Motion passed 3-0.

SHERIFF

Captain Dave Vitek informed the Board that the three new patrol cars have come in and he needed the titles for the three trade-ins signed off on. Commissioner Boyer made a motion to sign the titles and issue the check for the new cars. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

The Sheriff also spoke to the Board about the firing range he would like to have at the new jail site. There are approximately 23 acres available. There are 2 other ranges in Miami County but it is increasingly difficult for everybody to use them. They also are shorter ranges and not really set up for rifle shooting or setting up different training scenarios. The Sheriff said the funding would come from his firearms fund, the Prosecutor's deferral fund and private sources. The Board asked about electricity and utilities. The Sheriff said the targets would be pneumatic instead of electric and they could use port-a-pots or the new jail would not be that far. Commissioner Boyer made a motion to support the Sheriff in the building of this range and to

move forward with the procedure to obtain this property. Commissioner Deeds 2nd the motion and it passed 2-1 with Commissioner Faust opposing.

DIVISION OF FAMILY SERVICES

Peter Diedrichs from DFS came before the Board to ask for permission to place a food drive receptacle in the Court House and Annex. The DFS in conjunction with First Lady Sherri Daniels, is collecting food and the food will stay here locally. Commissioner Boyer moved to allow and Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

The Board spoke with Pat Roberts, County Attorney, regarding the situation at Willow Creek. Mr. Roberts will check into but believes it is in the City limits.

The Board and Mr. Roberts also discussed Dog Tax Ordinance. Per Mr. Roberts written opinion, Commissioner Boyer made a motion that the fee for a kennel is \$50.00 (Plan Commission) with a maximum of \$30 for the dogs (\$5.00 per dog).

ALCOHOL BOARD

Tom Gates came before the Board to have them sign his certification of appointment to that Board.

MINUTES

Commissioner Boyer made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

DOCKET

Commissioner Boyer made a motion to approve the docket. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

IT DEPARTMENT

John Powell, IT Director, inquired if the Board had made any decision regarding the Voice-Hearing equipment for the new court. After some discussion Commissioner Faust made a motion to hold for another week. Commissioner Boyer 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

REMC

Jim Yates, REMC, came before the Commissioners with Andrew Horstman from Wabash Valley Power. Wabash Valley Power would like to access our generator for power outages and they would pay the County \$4000 a month whether they use it or not. Commissioner Deeds would like more information. Mr. Yates and Mr. Hortsman will gather more information and get back with the Commissioners.

HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Ken Einselen, Highway Engineer, will be attending a meeting tomorrow in Ft. Wayne. He also brought in a claim for \$1500 to American Structureponit.

JAIL BILLS

Commissioner Boyer made a motion to pay and Commissioner Faust 2nd. Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Boyer made a motion to adjourn and it was 2nd by Commissioner Faust. Motion passed 3-0.

Adjourned

MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Greg Deeds, Chairman

C. Craig Boyer, Vice-Chairman

Harry Jon Faust, Member

ATTEST:

Jane Lilley, Auditor