

MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
25 N BROADWAY  
PERU, IN 46970  
FEBRUARY 23, 2009

Chairman Greg Deeds opened the meeting.

EMA/MIKE PECONGA

Mr. Peconga came before the Board to ask permission to allow the company he is working with to purchase the ambulance to use the EMA ambulance for a couple of weeks during the transition. Commissioner Faust made a motion to allow Mr. Peconga to negotiate the transaction and Commissioner Boyer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

ERIE TOWNSHIP

Mr. Lowell Maxwell came before the Commissioners to ask permission to have a new fire station for Erie Township added to the list for the Ball State Stimulus list. Erie Township is 10 miles away from Mexico which is the closest fire protection. Erie has the land available free and clear, medium income is below \$25,000 and there are 1500 – 1600 people. They would like to ask for \$1,000,000 which would include the building and 2 vehicles. The station will be a satellite of Mexico and the firemen will be volunteers. Commissioner Boyer made a motion to add Erie Township Fire Station to the Stimulus list. Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

WILLOW CREEK

The residents from Willow Creek came in to get an update. Commissioner Deeds asked if they had been to the City yet because it is a city issue. They asked where they should start and Commissioner Deeds told them he would start with the Police Chief. Bill Gornto from the City of Peru came in to let the Board know that it is illegal to have a shooting range and they will be notifying the resident at Willow Creek.

RECORDER CLAIM

The Board received a bill from the Recorder for paper for her office. Commissioner Boyer made a motion pay the claim and Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the claim. The motion passed 3-0.

MINUTES

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

PAYROLL

Commissioner Boyer made a motion to approve payroll. Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

TRIDENT INSURANCE

The Board received a letter from Trident Insurance and referred it to Pat Roberts, County Attorney.

IDEM NOTICE

The Board received an IDEM notice regarding a confined feeding operation for Michael and Corrine Knight.

SCHUCKIT LAW FIRM

The Board received a letter from Beth Hinkle, Schuckit Law Firm. They referred the letter to Pat Roberts, County Attorney.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Pat Roberts, County Attorney, needs to see a copy of the ordinance for the Innkeepers tax. The Commissioners also asked him to check into a fund for them.

STIMULUS PLAN

Commissioner Boyer made a motion to allow Chairman Deeds authority to sign any paper work associated with the Stimulus package. Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## IT DEPARTMENT

John Powell, IT Director, brought in a revised GIS contract. Commissioner Boyer made a motion to sign and Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

## BUNKER HILL PLAN COMMISSION

The Board received a request to re-appoint Jerry Gable. Commissioner Boyer made a motion to re-appoint and Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

## JAIL FURNITURE BIDS

Mr. Gary Fisher, RQAW, reviewed the bids for the furniture for the new jail. Real Time was the only company that bid on correctional furniture and Commissioner Boyer made a motion to accept the correctional bid from Real Time. Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mr. Fisher reported three bids for office furniture were reviewed with Real Time and Smith Office meeting the bid specifications. He further explained several discrepancies in the bid from Daw-Co from the specifications. Daw-Co wanted a chance to correct their error but Smith Office objected saying they were able to figure out what the bid spec was asking for and it would not be fair now that Daw-Co knows their bid price. Commissioner Faust made a motion to table the decision until next week. Commissioner Boyer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mr. Fisher also talked with the Board about the generator power sourcing. There was some confusion on how far we are on the project. It was decided that Power Source needs to provide more information.

## JAIL CHANGE ORDER

Commissioner Boyer made a motion to allow Chairman Deeds to sign the change order. Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## HIGHWAY

Sam Waltz brought an application to cut the road from Verizon. Commissioner Boyer made a motion to sign and Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Waltz also asked the Board about allowing an employee to fix an overhead door on company time. Money is very tight and the employee agreed to do it. The replacement door would have to be paid for at the time it was picked up. Commissioner Boyer made a motion to allow and Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Boyer made a motion to break for lunch and reconvene at 1:00. Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

The Board of Commissioners reconvened at 1:00

## ECONOMIC STIMULUS DISCUSSION

The Board of Commissioners met with Jim Tidd, MCEDA, Mayor Jim Walker, Highway Engineer Ken Einselen, Highway Supervisor Sam Waltz, and Shelly Gonsoles from Bunker Hill for the purpose of discussing projects for the stimulus package. Items discussed were:

- Bridge # 152 S of Converse
- Road Repair projects
- Erie Township Fire Station
- Animal Control Shelter
- Courthouse repairs
- Extension of water 24 Corridor
- Extension water/sewer Industrial Park
- Wastewater treatment plant improvement
- Business 31
- Macy Sewer Collection System
- Macy Storm Water Collection System
- Aircraft ramp
- Bridge 28
- Mexico Sewer Project
- Demolition 747/Old Steam Plant

Downtown revitalization

Mr. Tidd will take the paperwork back to his office to work on.

Commissioner Faust made a motion to adjourn and it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Boyer. Motion passed 2-0. (Commissioner Deeds had to leave early)

Adjourned

MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Greg Deeds, Chairman

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C. Craig Boyer, Vice-Chairman

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Harry Jon Faust, Member

ATTEST:

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Jane Lilley, Auditor