

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
MINUTES
11-9-09

Commissioner Deeds opened the meeting.

IT

John Powell, IT Director, asked the Board about his vacation and comp time. He has vacation and comp time that he needs to use or carry over. John Evans, IT Assistant, also has time he needs to use by the end of the year. Commissioner Deeds said he would like to have the time below 40 hours.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Sandy Chittum from the Chamber came before the Board to ask permission to put up a Christmas tree on the Courthouse lawn for the Downtown Christmas Open House and put the Santa House on the sidewalk in front of the Courthouse. Commissioner Faust made a motion to allow and Commissioner Boyer 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Ms. Chittum also spoke to the Board about people rescuing animals and adopting them out. There is a place in Sante Fe doing that and she was told it was very dirty and there are concerns about the health of the animals. Also there are license issues if they are charging people for the adoption of the animals. She was told to talk with the Sheriff's office and the Health Department.

On the issue of the Animal Shelter, Ms. Chittum has gone to the bank and the bank would like a letter of intent to support before they commit to loaning the money. After some discussion the Board determined they need to discuss and go before the Miami County Council since they are the fiscal body.

PUBLIC RECORDS MEETING

There will be meeting on December 7th at 1:00 on retention of public records.

RIVERBANK

A citizen asked the Board if there would be any way the riverbank and underbrush could be cleaned out. We have a beautiful walkway but you can't even see the riverbank for the underbrush. The Board told him he could talk to the City and/or the DNR because there are regulations that need to be followed.

9-1-1

Carol Harbison, 9-1-1 Director, updated the Board on security measures that have been implemented at the 9-1-1 office. The outside door has had the glass removed and replaced with steel. The inside wood door is very solid and does not need replaced.

APPRAISAL OF BUILDINGS

The Board received an estimate from Saine Summers Insurance for having the County buildings appraised again. The insurance contract expires in December and the reappraisal needs to be done prior to renewal. Commissioner Boyer made a motion to have the reappraisal done. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

RQAW

The Board voted to pay \$20,000 to RQAW toward what is owed. The Auditor processed bills for \$9,350.01, \$3,605.97 and \$4,830.67 which total \$17,786.65. The Auditor has another bill for \$4,508.30 which will put the amount over \$20,000 and asked the Board if they would like for her to process that bill as well. Commissioner Boyer made a motion to go ahead and process the bill. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

FBLA

Cindy Merek from the Future Business Leaders of America came before the Board to ask permission to put a collection box for hats, scarves and gloves in the Courthouse from November 16 to December 14. The FBLA is doing the collection as part of a Community Service Program. Commissioner Boyer made a motion to allow and Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

NEW JAIL ISSUES

There was discussion between the Board, the jail Project Manager, Gary Hawley and Pat Roberts, County Attorney regarding an issue with Michael Kinder & Sons. After some discussion, it was decided that Mr. Hawley and Pat Roberts will take to the Holding Corporation and then schedule a meeting to get everyone on the same page. The bills will be held until there is some agreement reached.

SHERIFF

The Sheriff brought some information to the Board regarding a program with Purdue where students would plan a landscaping project (such as the new jail) at no charge. They would not do the work just lay out the design. He would like permission to check into further and Commissioner Boyer made a motion to allow. Commissioner Deeds 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

There was also discussion about the dividers in the administration building. They are high enough that it hinders the view for the employees working the controls. Sheriff Roland asked to get lower dividers as a security precaution. Commissioner Boyer made a motion to allow and Commissioner Deeds 2nd the motion. Motion passed 2-1 with Commissioner Faust opposing.

The Sheriff also wanted the Board to know that the time the Deputies were at the Extreme Home Makeover site was volunteered.

CLAIMS

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

MINUTES

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

NEW JAIL CHANGE ORDERS

Commissioner Boyer made a motion to allow the change orders and Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

EMA

Commissioner Deeds said that Mr. Peconga, EMA Director, told him that all sirens should be in place by the end of the year.

EMA also has a lot of old Army cots in storage that are no longer usable and wanted to be able to get rid of them as they are not in any shape to be of use to anyone. Commissioner Boyer made a motion to deem them of no value and allow EMA to dispose of them. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

HEALTH INSURANCE

After some deliberation and discussion, Commissioner Boyer made a motion to keep things the same. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

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

Adjourned

MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION

_____, **Chairman**
Gregory Deeds

_____, **Vice Chairman**
C. Craig Boyer

_____, **Member**
Harry J. Faust

Attest: _____, **Auditor**
Jane Lilley