

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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PERU, IN 46970
MINUTES
04-05-10

Commissioner Deeds opened the meeting. Commissioner Boyer was absent from the meeting.

DLZ

Jodi Coblentz, Marketing Sales Coordinator, introduced herself as the local representative for the DLZ. Ms. Coblentz let the Board know that she is available to the Board for any questions or issues.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Angie Bever-Bonam brought in a contract from the State for grant funding. The State has awarded to Miami County Community Corrections \$174,362.00 for the period of July 1, 2010 thru June 30, 2011. The BOC will have the County Attorney review the grant.

Ms. Bever-Bonam also advised the Board that they are tentatively scheduling to wash county vehicles on May 1, 2010. This will be for juvenile and adults to work off hours of community service.

GRANT FOR SOFTWARE

Commissioner Deeds found a grant writing service that is willing to apply on the county's behalf for two grants relating to the mirroring software. Fees are \$1000.00 plus fees from the award not to exceed \$6000.00. The grant writer felt confident that they could get at least ½ of the money needed for the project. Commissioner Faust made a motion to sign the contract for Grant Source Professionals. Commissioner Deeds 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

Commissioner Deeds did add that there would need to be a resolution passed to apply for the USDA grant. The Board will forward the proposed resolution to the county attorney for review.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Pat Roberts, County Attorney, reviewed the resolution for the USDA grant. The resolution will be forwarded to the grant writer with corrections.

START TO FINISH

The Board received an invoice from Start to Finish for work completed on the 3rd floor holding room. Commissioner Faust made a motion to submit the invoice to claims. Commissioner Deeds 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

TREASURER/AUDITOR

The Treasurer and Auditor sent a request to the Board to have county credit cards issued for the use of meeting/conference registration fees. Typically, employees must pay out of pocket for hotel and meal expenses and wait for reimbursement by the county. The request listed a couple of options available in order to accommodate the request. Commissioner Faust made a motion to table the request until Commissioner Boyer returns. Commissioner Deeds 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

Melanie Eckelbarger, 1st Deputy Treasurer, requested an increase of copy fees for tax duplicates from .25 to .65. Commissioner Faust made a motion to have the county attorney prepare the paperwork to raise the cost of the tax duplicate and have all other copy fees remain the same. Commissioner Deeds 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

EMA

Kris Marks, Interim EMA Director, brought the titles for the vehicles that the EMA will be scrapping. Commissioner Deeds signed the titles.

HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Ken Einselen, Highway Engineer, requested placing a "no parking" sign at 500 ft east of the bridge on Frances Slocum Trail. Pat Roberts, County Attorney, will review to determine if an ordinance needs prepared.

HIGHWAY

Sam Waltz, Highway Supervisor, requested the BOC sign a Notice to Bidders for highway materials. The Board will review the bids on April 12, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Faust made a motion to have Commissioner Deeds sign the notice. Commissioner Deeds 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

TOWN OF MACY

The Board received a letter from Marilyn Jackson stating that the contractors met with Sam Waltz and are working with the County on the project. Mr. Waltz noted that after the meeting he felt like the contractor would be diligent in addressing and fixing any issues that may arise.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Sherry Payne, 1st Deputy Voter Registration, received notification that Miami County was awarded the HAVA Grant for \$10,000.00. Ms. Payne will need paperwork completed by the Auditor to submit to the State. The grant money must be used to make the Courthouse handicapped assessable. If all money is not used it can be held for future handicap improvement projects. The Board will need to review the estimates submitted and determine if they are able to cover any expenses above the award.

INDIANA COURTHOUSE PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

The Board received a survey letter regarding structural questions. The Board will forward to Ken Einselen to complete.

MINUTES

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

PAYROLL

Commissioner Faust made a motion to approve the payroll. Commissioner Deeds 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

HEALTH BOARD

The Commissioners received a letter from the Health Board recommending Dr. Ann Collie to replace Dr. Crawshaw. Commissioner Faust made a motion to accept the recommendation of Dr. Ann Collie to Miami County Health Board. Commissioner Deeds 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Faust addressed the subject of hiring new employees at the jail. Commissioner Faust feels it is an unnecessary expense and was concerned about the additional expense for employee benefits. Commissioner Faust feels that the Public Safety money needs to be used to train part-time employees rather than to hire seven full time employees. Commissioner Faust also felt that, although the Council does have to appropriate the funds, the Council did not keep the Board in the loop.

Commissioner Deeds stated that we need to utilize the facility and it needs to have adequate staff to do so.

Commissioner Faust spoke about the insurance meeting he attended in Cass County. The presentation given discussed the “pooling” of multiple counties to help reduce the costs of renewal fees. Commissioner Deeds noted that it would be a good idea to pursue if there is a possibility of saving the county money. Commissioner Faust requested that the Insurance Deputy attend the next meeting on April 12, 2010. Commissioner Faust will get approval from the Auditor to take the Insurance Deputy to the meeting.

ENERGY GRANT

The Museum requested the County be the governmental sponsor for an energy grant. Commissioner Faust made a motion to be the governmental sponsor for the Museum energy grant. Commissioner Deeds 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

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

Adjourned

MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION

_____, **Chairman**
Gregory Deeds

_____, **Vice Chairman**

C. Craig Boyer

_____, Member
Harry J. Faust

Attest: _____, Chief Deputy Auditor
Mary Milroy