

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
MINUTES
07-12-10

Commissioner Deeds opened the meeting.

INTERSECTION OF 500 AND 550

A group of residents from the area of 500 and 550 came before the Board to discuss the dangers of that intersection. Kevin Kranz, speaker for the group, presented the Board with a petition (over 200 signatures) requesting a flashing light at the intersection or to make it a 4-way stop.

On Sunday, July 4th, there was a fatal accident at the intersection and the following weekend there was an accident that injured 6 people. There was a survey done in August of 2009 and the result was that the intersection "did not warrant" new and improved signage. The petition states:

- 1) The "cross traffic does not stop" sign are small and go unnoticed
- 2) The survey did not measure holiday traffic
- 3) Did not calculate the number of vehicles who failed to yield the right of way

Number 3 is a primary concern because it comes as a result of drivers noting that every other major intersection between US 31 and 550 East, excluding State Road 19, warrants a 4 way stop. North and South bound drivers on 550 East travel at or above the 55mph speed limit and are ill equipped to avoid an accident in the event of west-east bound traffic assuming a four-way stop.

Holly Smith, who lives at the corner of 500 & 550 stated that she can sit on her porch and watch endless cars run the stop sign or stop and proceed thinking it is a 4 way stop. Many of the neighbors commented that on any given day during the summer they can hear and see the near misses occurring.

There is also a concern during the summer when farmers plant their crops right up to the roadway and blocks the view for drivers.

David Maxwell, husband of the woman killed at the site on July 4, 2010 addressed the Board in favor of changes to the intersection to prevent any other fatalities. His wife was always extra careful and he feels that if it had been a 4 way stop she might still be alive.

County Engineer Ken Einselen addressed the group explaining the previous study. He also informed the group that he would contact LTAP and see if an independent study could be done.

The residents asked how many studies need to be done and why recommendations from the previous study have not been addressed.

There has been "cross traffic does not stop" signs added to the stop signs, however they are small and hard to read.

The Board discussed different options that would be available to do now while determining whether the intersection should be a 4 way stop. Commissioner Faust made a motion to increase the size and number of signs, and crossbars on the road, and add warning signs. Commissioner Deeds 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

Mr. Kranz noted that any officers patrolling that area are welcome to use his drive.

Commissioner Deeds thanked the group for coming and for the information that they provided.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Patrick Roberts, County Attorney, discussed options for the time clock policy that needs to be written in order to implement the time clocks.

Mr. Roberts is also working on a resolution to inspect railroad camps. He will take a resolution to the Health Board for approval before bring it to the Board of Commissioners.

HIGHWAY

Sam Waltz, Highway Supervisor, met with Mr. Hopkins and came to an agreement on his drainage problem.

Mr. Waltz informed the Board that the Highway will start grinding 1 ¼ miles at 100W to 25E which will finish the repairs of the winter damage.

EMA

The EMA Board recommended Michelle Ferster for the position of EMA Assistant. Ms. Ferster will begin her duties as assistant on Monday, July 19th. Commissioner Chairman thanked Gary Hawley and the EMA Board for their work and dedication in the process of hiring the assistant.

9-1-1

Carol Harbison, 9-1-1 Director, brought an estimate from D & L Electric for a generator alarm in the amount of \$258.33. Commissioner Faust made a motion to allow (to be paid out of Cum Court House). Commissioner Deeds 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

Ms. Harbison also informed the Board that she would take several of her employees to CISCO (software) training in Florida this November.

OLD BUSINESS

At the July 6th meeting, the Board made a motion to purchase guards for the condensers at the new jail for a total of \$600. Since that meeting, the board has been informed that the guards are actually \$600 a piece. The Board decided to re-evaluate.

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.

NEW RAMP

Ken Einselen, County Highway Engineer, brought the specs for the new handi-cap ramp for the North side of the Courthouse. Commissioner Faust made a motion to send out for bids. Commissioner Deeds 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0. The bids will be accepted on July 23rd and awarded on July 26th.

AMCO ELEVATORS

The Board received a letter from AMCO Elevators requesting permission to due the annual elevator inspection. Commissioner Faust made a motion to get a price for the inspection and Commissioner Deeds 2nd the motion. Motion passed 2-0.

ASSESSOR

Nancy Gates, County Assessor, informed the Board that she is mailing out the Form 11's. Ms. Gates and her staff have done all the work in house to save money with the money coming from the Reassessment Fund.

BUSINESS 31 PROJECT

The Board received Supplement #1 for the Business 31 project. Commissioner Faust made a motion to accept and sign the supplement. Commissioner Deeds 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Ken Einselen, Highway Engineer, requested permission to attend the LTAP Road School on July 29th. Commissioner Faust made a motion to allow and Commissioner Deeds 2nd the motion. Motion passed 2-0.

RURAL TRANSIT

Dave Quick, Rural Transit, brought a resolution authorizing the Rural Transit grant. Commissioner Faust made a motion to sign the resolution. 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

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