

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
MINUTES
07-19-10

Commissioner Deeds opened the meeting.

HANDI-CAP ACCESSIBILITY

Mike Hines introduced Sherry Cavada, Betty Beck and Rick Newman from 5th Freedom. 5th Freedom does assessments of buildings and parking lots and makes recommendations for handicap accessibility.

Ms. Cavada stated that we have done a lot of things right such as the beautiful ramp and door on the South side of the Courthouse. The Board needs to keep in mind that they need to provide access, not every whim according to Ms. Cavada.

The group will look around and give an estimate of how much time it will take and travel expenses. The fee covers just that, not a large consulting fee. Commissioner Faust will be the contact person.

MCEDA

Jim Tidd, MCEDA Director, informed the Board an Aircraft Maintenance Company is interested in Hanger 200. The Company has been in business for 40 years and provides maintenance for airlines (including companies with 747, 777, and other large planes). Grissom is a great location and has large enough airstrips for these size planes. The building is in need of repairs and the estimated cost of those repairs is 10.3 million dollars. MCEDA is working to get grants and loans but will need a local match, which they are requesting from C.E.D.I.T. dollars. The repairs are needed to bring the building up to speed and ensure it has enough space to work on the larger planes as well. He is requesting the approval of the Board of Commissioners to seek funding approval from the County Council. Commissioner Boyer made a motion to approve MCEDA going before the Council with their request. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Debbie Bowsher, Chamber, told the Board she had received some complaints regarding the cleanliness of lodging establishments in Miami County. She did some research and Wabash County has an ordinance in place to inspect these establishments. Ms. Bowsher would like the Board to consider adopting a similar ordinance. The Board will take under advisement.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Ken Scott came before the Board with an ordinance for the inspection of Railroad Camp Cars. The Miami County Health Board recommended that the ordinance be enacted. Commissioner Faust made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Health Board and approve the ordinance. Commissioner Boyer 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Ken Einselen, Highway Engineer, presented the new Phase II LPA contract, which reduces the amount for Phase II and moves the amount to Phase I. Commissioner Boyer made a motion to have American StructurePoint come to a meeting to answer questions. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

After some discussion, Commissioner Faust made a motion to forward the contract to the County Attorney to determine the exact obligation of the County. Commissioner Boyer 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

HIGHWAY

Sam Waltz, Highway Supervisor, informed the Board that the rumble strips are in place at 500 & 550. The larger stop signs will be here next week.

Mr. Waltz informed the Board that there has been another failure in the salt shed. Commissioner Boyer made a motion to repair the failure and pay for it out of Commissioners building repair line. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

TORT CLAIM NOTICE

The Board received notice of a tort claim for the accident that happened July 10, 2010.

AMCO ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE

The 5-year maintenance on the elevator will cost approximately \$1,075. Commissioner Faust made a motion to proceed and Commissioner Boyer 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

CLAIMS

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

WEED PROBLEM

A couple of citizens came before the Commissioners to find out where they could go to get rid of some weeds that are blocking the view of traffic at 947W and 250S (Wallick Road). They are in the 2-mile radius and are having problems with finding who is responsible to take care of it. Commissioner Deeds will speak with Sam Waltz to see if the Highway can take care of the weeds on the right of way and then follow up with the Mayor.

CHEMSEARCH ESTIMATE

Commissioner Faust checked out the estimate for Chemsearch and found it to be fair. Commissioner Boyer made a motion to approve (pay out of Cum Courthouse) and Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

MINUTES

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

ASSESSOR

Nancy Gates updated the Board on the activities in the Assessor's office. The office has processed and sent out the Form 11's as per statute. It was all done in house to save money. Over 200 comp hours were needed to do the job.

Nicki Nordman and Karen LeMaster from the Assessors office asked the Board if some of the blocks for the internet could be lifted so they can do the necessary research on land and new businesses. Commissioner Deeds will speak with John Powell, IT Director.

WATER PROBLEM

Bob Kock came before the Commissioners about a problem he is having with water and a foul odor in his basement. He did not have this problem until his neighbor put a tile in his field. The Board told him he needed to speak to his neighbor and if that did not work, he could offer to pay to fix it. If that was still not satisfactory, then he could file for a hearing.

SUBDIVISION

Commissioner Deeds removed himself due to a conflict of interest. Darrel Wooten, Planning Director came before the Board to ask for approval of Beck's Lane Subdivision in Jefferson Township. The subdivision has been given preliminary and final approval by the Plan Commission. Commissioner Faust made a motion to accept the Plan Commission recommendation and approve Beck's Lane Subdivision. Commissioner Boyer 2nd the motion. Motion passed 2-0.

SIGN FOR MACONAQUAH DRIVE

Commissioner Faust made a motion to have the Highway Department furnish and install the sign for Maconaquah Drive. Commissioner Boyer 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

NORTH GROVE CROP SERVICES

Dan Wagoner came before the Board to ask about the dust control at that location. It was his understanding that Crop Services were going to address the dust problem. Commissioner Boyer will stop there and talk with them.

MEXICO ROAD AND 11W

Debbie Merrix asked the Board to look at the intersection and road 100 W. Tires on vehicles are pulling up the road. The Board will look into it.

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

Adjourned

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