

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
25 N BROADWAY  
PERU, IN 46970  
MINUTES  
08/02/10

Commissioner Deeds opened the meeting.

CITIZEN COMPLAINT

Carol Lennon came to the Board to discuss an issue with holes in her yard on 400 W. The contractor who did some repairs to the tile did not fill in the holes. This has created issues and she has lost \$150 worth of peacocks. Commissioner Deeds will talk with the surveyor and contractor about the issue.

REGIONS INSURANCE

Brett Cain with Regions Insurance presented information on commercial insurance for government entities that the company offers. The plan is designed to help reduce the cost of insurance for the county and covers everything but employee benefits. Mr. Cain reiterated that the plan is not a pool policy and it is a part of a buying group. Several entities would be submitted at one time to various insurance carriers with the intent of obtaining cheaper rates. Commissioner Deeds spoke to Mr. Cain and told him that they have a private, retired insurance agent who is currently looking over the policies of the county and offering recommendations. They will forward the information presented by Regions Insurance.

COURTHOUSE CLEANING PROPOSAL

Becky McKinney with Touch of Dust Cleaning Service presented a proposal for the cleaning of the courthouse. No action was taken.

ANIMAL SHELTER

Sandy Chittum brought in a draft of a contract between Miami County and the proposed animal shelter. Ms. Chittum will follow up after the county attorney has reviewed the contract. Ms. Chittum also asked about the possibility of getting money committed by the county up front for operating capital. Commissioner Deeds told Ms. Chittum that we do not give funds up front but would have the Auditor check with the SBOA to see if advancing funds is legal.

RECORDER

Brenda Weaver, Recorder shared with the Board that her office had been using special copy paper that she had to purchase from the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund. They are now able to use regular copy paper and requested use of the copy paper that is provided by the Commissioners. Commissioner Deeds approved the use of the copy paper but would not approve purchase of the special copy paper that was used previously by the Recorder.

SMITH OFFICE

Commissioner Deeds asked Mary Milroy, Chief Deputy Auditor to review with the Board the procedures for processing Smith Office bills. It was explained that there had been issues in the past with bills not being processed in a timely manner for a local vendor. A new procedure was put in place a few years ago where all Smith Office bills would be sent to the Auditor's office and then distributed to the respective offices. This was done in an effort to help eliminate the issue of delayed payments and also makes reconciling the account easier because of the amount of invoices and credits being issued. There have been some offices complaining about the process and feel that the invoices for this vendor should not be filtered through the Auditor's office. Ms. Milroy further explained that this is the only vendor that this process is used for because of the purchases being on a larger scale. The Board felt that the procedure is working and approved the continuance of the process.

BOARD UPDATE

Commissioner Deeds stated that the stop signs are up on 550 E/500 S. The rumble strips should be in soon.

The Business 31 S preconstruction hearing will be Wed Aug 4<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.

INVOICES

The Board received invoices for D & L Electric for work on the server room and for Dell for the imaging project. Commissioner Faust made a motion to process the invoices for payment. Commissioner Boyer 2<sup>nd</sup> them motion and it passed 3-0.

## EMA

Kris Marks, EMA Director, updated the Board on the following:

\*Working on a grant with LEPC

\*Large project going on in district

Mr. Marks also asked about the weather emergency ordinance and if had been returned by Pat Roberts. The Board had not received it back at that time.

## HAVA Grant

The Commissioners reviewed the bid from TT & T bid for the handicapped accessibility project. The grant provides \$10,000 and \$5000.00 from Deferral User Fee Fund to help with the project. The Commissioner felt that the remaining funds could come from their budget to complete project. Commissioner Boyer made a motion to move forward with the handicap project. Commissioner Deeds 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 2-1 (Faust voted against)

## MINUTES

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

## CLAIMS

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

## SHERIFF

Tim Hunter discussed the landscaping at the new jail. Commissioner Deeds shared with the rest of the board that Phil Thorington has volunteered to lead the project and will donate his time and plants. Mr. Thorington will be looking for additional volunteers to help do the gardening. This project is for the flowerbeds only. After some discussion, it was decided that Commissioner Deeds would contact Mr. Thorington to let him know that he can move forward with the project.

## PERRYSBURG

John Oldfather has contacted Commissioner Deeds about property in Perrysburg that the community no longer wished to maintain. The town would like to return to the parcel, currently the park, to the county. There is still money in an account, according to Mr. Oldfather, that citizens in that area have donated over the years to help with the care of the park. Commissioner Faust felt like the money should stay with the town. After some discussion, it was agreed that Commissioner Deeds would contact John Oldfather and refer him to the county attorney to find out the proper procedures in returning the property and what should happen with the remaining funds.

## EASTER & CAVOSIE

The Board received notification that Pauly Jail has withdrawn its bond claim and that payment had been received from Michael Kinder.

## COUNTY ATTORNEY

Pat Roberts, County Attorney, looked over the proposed contract for the animal shelter. He will review and make necessary corrections.

Mr. Roberts is still working on the personnel policy.

## HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Ken Einselen received a letter from INDOT regarding a Notice to Proceed with Construction Inspection Activities. Commissioner Faust made a motion to sign the letter. Commissioner Boyer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

## CITIZEN COMPLAINT

Anna Hale came before the board to voice her complaint about the Pipe Creek Trustee and the manner in which she is operating. Ms. Hale had an appointment and when she arrived no one was at the office. Ms. Hale had to call and remind the trustee that she was late for the appointment and showed up 45 minutes late. Ms. Hale had another appointment today and again, the trustee did not show. The Board told Ms. Hale that she would need to contact the Advisory Board of Pipe Creek to take further action.

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Ken Scott, Health Environmentalist, has had several complaints about dogs and asked if the dog ordinance addressed kennel licensing. The Board did have the county attorney review the ordinance awhile back and it did not address that particular issue.

OCE

Mark Bender presented information regarding billing options for the copiers in the county. The Board will forward to John Powell for review.

**NICKEL PLATE TRAIL**

A citizen living on 300 N & Meridian wanted to know about parking for the Nickel Plate Trail. That particular area does not have adequate parking. It causes people have to walk a mile to get to the trail or park on the edge of the road. The Board referred him to the Nickel Plate Organization.

Commissioner Faust made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Boyer 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** \_\_\_\_\_, **Chief Deputy Auditor**  
**Mary Milroy**