

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
MINUTES
09-27-10

Commissioner Deeds opened the meeting.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Jeff Price requested permission to hold the Domestic Violence candlelight vigil on October 5th at 6:00 p.m. and place the crosses on the lawn. Commissioner Boyer made a motion to allow. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

BUSINESS 31 PROJECT

There was some discussion between the project inspector and the Board regarding the voting place on Business 31 and the availability of access to it for the November election. There will be some access to it; however, the road will still be under construction.

Sherry Payne, Voter Registration, informed the Board that 1,808 voters are registered for that particular voting place and she would have to send out letters to the voters if they were to change the voting location. She has checked with Best Western and the Theological Seminary and both have conference rooms that would be available. Commissioner Boyer made a motion to proceed with acquiring a new voting location. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Dana Biddle came before the Board to inquire about the article about the Animal Control Officer. Ms. Biddle asked the Board why, after 4 years, they did not know whether the officer had the proper insurance. The Board informed her that he had presented his insurance papers but the question of whether it was correct/sufficient did not come into question until recently.

Ms. Biddle was also concerned about the practice of shooting the dogs. Commissioner Faust assured her that in some instances, it is very humane to shoot the dog as he has done it himself. Ms. Biddle asked if any of the Board had been to the facility. Several had been there but actually inside of the buildings. Commissioner Faust said he would be happy to go with her if she would like. Commissioner Faust will call her and set up a time. Ken Scott, Health Environmental Specialist informed her that an inspection of the incinerator had been done and found to be operating in a proper manner. Chairman Deeds informed them that Mr. Tigler is a dog person and has dogs of his own.

The Board explained that they had the Auditor contact other Counties to see what they do as far as animal control and found that Miami County is close to the top. The Auditor explained that the Board checked with the other Counties to see if there was a better way to address animal control. The Board has also been working with Sandy Chittum who is working on opening Rosie's Retreat (a place for stray dogs and cats). Ms. Chittum spoke to the group about securing the funding she is trying to secure. She also told them how the facility would operate, such as the Director of the facility being educated in medically euthanizing the animals. The Board has been working with Ms. Chittum for over a year. Ms. Chittum said she would accept donations and/or help constructing the addition for the cats.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Captain Dave Vitek turned in the weekly jail report.

Captain Vitek asked the Board if it would be possible to have signs installed notating the direction to the new jail such as the signs for the State Police post.

LAW LIBRARY

Judge Spahr asked the Board if there was any way to get the walls in the law library fixed and painted. He was at a meeting in the Tipton Courthouse and they have a beautiful Courthouse. It shows the pride they take in their building. He is not asking for anything elaborate; just fix the walls and paint. The Board said they would love to but money is very tight right now. Judge Spahr would at least invite the cleaning crew to clean the space.

TREASURER

Rebecca Morris, Treasurer, needed signatures to open investment accounts. Ms. Morris also spoke with the Board about having the floats in her office during fall collections. The Auditor's fall conference is the last week of October and the Auditor asked one of the floats to be in the Auditor's office. Ms. Morris also requested that the phones be put on the automated system since the switchboard operator will be on vacation the last week of October.

9-1-1

Carol Harbison, 9-1-1 Director, brought in estimates for replacing 4 chairs in the dispatch center along with replacing 6 CAD monitors. The chairs are all broke and the dispatchers sit in them for 12 hours a shift. One of the monitors is making a noise and is ready to quit. The other monitors are very old and she is afraid they are all going to quit working.

There are funds in a homeland security fund that has not been touched in several years. Commissioner Boyer made a motion to use the funds to purchase the chairs and monitors. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0. (Commissioner Deeds was out of the room).

EMA

Kris Marks, EMA Director requested the Board allow him to carry over the small amount of vacation time he had left on his anniversary date. Commissioner Boyer made a motion sign a letter to allow Mr. Marks to carry over his time. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

MINUTES

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

CLAIMS

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

OCRA GRANT

Steven Ray, Community and Rural Affairs, informed the Board that a grant was received that enables him to work with a 6 county region for economic development.

PERY CORPORATION

Ryan Porter, Perry Corporation, asked the Board if they had made any decision on the e-mail archiving and document scanning. Commissioner Faust made a motion to move forward with the project and Commissioner Deeds 2nd the motion. Motion passed 2-0. (Commissioner Boyer was out of the room).

UMBAUGH

The Board received a bill from Umbaugh. Commissioner Boyer made a motion to process for payment and Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

The Board gave a copy of an ordinance to prohibit motorized vehicles on the trail. The County Attorney will review and give the Board an opinion.

Commissioner Boyer made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Faust 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