

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N. BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
MINUTES
05-16-11

Commissioner Boyer opened the meeting.

BUSINESS 31 PROJECT

Alex Janeczek, Project Manager, updated the Board on Business 31. The crew did not work Friday or today (Monday May 16th) due to the rain. They will be cutting ditch lines 2 more days and then start paving. He was approached by a home owner who is concerned that the road in the housing addition is getting tore up and wants to know if there are any plans in place to take care of that.

VETERAN'S OFFICER

Jay Kendall, Veteran's Officer, informed the Board that he was directed by the State to fly the Flag a t ½ staff on Sunday for fallen officers.

Mr. Kendall is the President of the Grissom Community Council and informed the Board that Elected Officials are invited to a program at the Base on July 20th.

Mr. Kendall will be at Conference June 6 – 9 and he will be on vacation the last 2 weeks of June.

DLZ

The Board received the final bill on the old jail project in the amount of \$940. Commissioner Faust made a motion to process for payment and Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

DNR LETTER

The Board received a Certificate of Approval – Construction in a Floodway from the DNR regarding the replacement of a public access ramp along the Wabash River on the Miami County Wabash County Line.

MCEDA

Jim Tidd, Director and Jeff Price, MCEDA Attorney, came before the Board with MCEDA Resolution number 5-11-2011, A Preliminary Bond Resolution of the Miami County Economic Development Authority Authorizing the Issuance of Miami County, Indiana, Special Taxing District Revenue Bonds. This resolution passes the issuing of the bonds to the County Auditor. A public hearing will be held on June 8TH. The Board gave the resolution to their attorney to review.

IDEM

The Board received information from IDEM regarding the Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation for Aaron and Michelle See.

OCRA

Steve Ray came before the Board to inform them he is going to put a Request for Projects out at the end of the month. The Comprehensive Economic Development Projects deal with infrastructure and could assist the County with Narrow banding for the 9-1-1 center, public safety issues and possibly help with fixing roads.,

BROWNFIELD WORKSHOP

There will be a workshop on Brown fields June 2nd at Ivy Tech.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Pat Roberts had several comments/questions on the Health Care agreement at the jail. Mr. Roberts will also put in an appearance in a release of surplus tax from a tax sale property.

GENERATOR

The Board wants to find out what the cost would be to move the generator at the old jail over to the Courthouse.

LOST BRIDGE

Mike Morris asked the Board where they are with Lost Bridge. The Commissioners informed him that there was not enough money to restore the Bridge.

MINUTES

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

PAYROLL

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

9-1-1

The 9-1-1 Board has interviewed for the 9-1-1 Director and will bring the top 2 to the Board of Commissioners.

CANCELLATION NOTICE OF CLEANING CONTRACT

Commissioner Francis made a motion to sign the letter canceling the cleaning contract with the Cleaning Man as of June 30th, 2011. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

RURAL TRANSIT

Dave Quick, YMCA Rural Transit, brought in the quarterly report.

HANGER 200 BILL

The Board received a bill for the Hanger 200 Project. Commissioner Francis made a motion to process for payment and Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to recess until 1:15 and Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

RECESS

BACK IN SESSION

HIGHWAY

Sam Waltz, Highway Supervisor, met with the Board to discuss his budgets. He has saved over \$200,000 plus an additional savings of approximately \$36,000 out of County General. He has not filled 4 full time and 8 part time positions. He told the Board he was going to ask for a 3% raise for his remaining staff and asked for the support of the Commissioners. He has a great staff that has picked up the slack from the unfilled positions and would like to give them a little reward for sticking it out with him. Other than Health benefits and longevity, the Highway is self sufficient with no dependency on County General.

Mr. Waltz also asked the Board to remove the Highway Engineer from his budget.

EMA

Kris Marks told the Board he has cut his budget as much as he feels he can. He does pay \$330 quarterly for pest control and \$40 twice a year for weed control. He did not ask for a raise.

PROSECUTOR

Bruce Embrey, Prosecutor, is looking for ways to bring more money in such as going after forfeitures. He did not ask for raises.

CASA

Kurt Keifer explained that he is at 50 -51 volunteers and the law would require him to hire another staff person at 60 volunteers. He has another training class for new volunteers coming up. The Board asked him if that happened, could he hire a part time person out of his other fund and Mr. Keifer said that would be possible. He also reminded the Board that he saved \$4,000 from 09 to 10. He also asked about the following:

- *the Clerk not sending certified mail to other offices, just have that office sign for it
- *The Courthouse only working 4 days a week

CIRCUIT COURT

Circuit Court Judge Rob Spahr informed the Board that he asked for a 5% raise for his staff and a 7% raise in the rest of his budget. Each Court cut \$2000 from their budgets from 09 to 10. The Board asked Judge Spahr if he could cut the \$2000 for repairs from his budget and he said he could but he would expect them to paint the walls in the law library and finish the trim in his office.

RECORDER

Brenda Weaver, Recorder, informed the Board that the State told her she should turn in a full budget, so she did. She also asked for an increase of \$737 (not quite 2%) for her self and an increase of \$4994 (over 19%) for her 1st Deputy. Mrs. Weaver is also requesting another employee because her and her 1st could not both take a long weekend at the same time if she does not get another person. The Board asked her about using a float and she said did not think that would work.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Bryan Michaud, Chief Public Defender, asked for a 3% raise for the staff. Mr. Michaud is also over the Public Defender Supplemental Fund and when asked if he could pay for part of a salary out of it, he said he could but could not sustain it for a long period of time. It would have to go back to the County General as soon as possible. Currently he has two felony trials coming up that could potentially cost \$10,000 each, so he could short term but not long term. He is willing to work with the Board and help as much as he can.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Angie Bever, Director, informed the Board that she has asked for a 5% increase for the staff. She stated that collections seem to be doing well and there has not been a decrease in State funds. The only cost of the program to County General is benefits, health claims and longevity.

Mrs. Bever has a field officer that has accepted another job and she needs to fill that position as soon as possible due to the work performed by that position. Commissioner Francis made a motion to support Mrs. Bever to fill the position. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0. Mrs. Bever will go before the Council Tuesday evening.

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

Adjourned

MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION

_____, **Chairman**
C. Craig Boyer

_____, **Vice Chairman**
H. Jon Faust

_____, **Member**
Joshua Francis

Attest: _____ **Auditor**
Jane Lilley