

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
25 N BROADWAY  
PERU, IN 46970  
07-25-11

Chairman Boyer opened the meeting.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Paul Wilson, Voter Registration, informed the Board that voter precincts need to be changed. Mr. Wilson brought a form that the Board needed to sign for the State. Commissioner Francis made a motion to sign. Commissioner Boyer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 2-0. (Commissioner Faust was out of the room.)

BUSINESS 31 PROJECT

Chairman Boyer informed Alex, Project Manager, that the Board has received a lot of complaints about the trash and litter left behind covered by the straw. Chairman Boyer said they would not sign any final paperwork until that issue was addressed.

Alex had 2 change orders that needed to be signed. The first one was for a time extension, which the Board had previously approved but had not signed and the second was for a larger pipe at a cost of \$6,080. Commissioner Francis made a motion to approve. Commission Boyer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 2-0. (Faust still out of the room)

PROSECUTOR

Bruce Embrey, Prosecutor, asked the Board if he could have a key for the 4<sup>th</sup> floor made. Commissioner Francis made a motion to allow and Commissioner Boyer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 2-0.

IT

John Powell, IT Director, brought an amended estimate for the moving of the generator. The new bid was for \$26,056.95. Commissioner Francis made a motion to approve and Commissioner Boyer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

SEE CAFO

Carolyn Cohee and Jerry Smith came before the Board with more questions/statements regarding the CAFO being built by Michele and Aaron See.

\*Mrs. Cohee spoke with Pat Roberts, County Attorney, who told her there was no decision on the part of the Commissioners that could be appealed. The appeal would have to be with Planning and Zoning. Who is Darrell Wooten? Mr. Wooten is the Planning and Zoning Administrator.

\*Mrs. Cohee doesn't feel that the survey is valid since it was done after the permit was issued. She has heard that the GIS mapping is not reliable.

\*She received the information from IDEM 48 hours before the appeal had to be filed. Commissioner Francis stated that IDEM sent out notices in the very beginning and she acknowledged that she had received that. Commissioner Francis informed her that if they meet all of the requirements the Board could not deny the permit. She asked if other Counties could, why cannot Miami County.

\*Mrs. Cohee stated she is not done with the Board of Commissioners and will be at their meeting every week. She asked the Board if they could get her an appointment with the Governor.

\*Mrs. Cohee asked how many Courthouse employees have a CAFO in their backyard. She also asked if the landowners on 400N were going to be notified of the CAFO going up by them. IDEM notifies all landowners for every CAFO.

\*Mr. Smith stated his father could not build on his property because there will not be enough room. He asked again about property values. He feels the Board has trampled on his rights.

\*Mrs. Cohee stated there needed to be better communication between offices. People in Miami County are not educated. She is going to start a business but will not have it in Miami County because of the way she has been treated. Commissioner Faust said he knows someone on Duke Street next to the old factory which dropped the value of their home \$20,000. There are other people in similar situations and the Board is not turning a deaf ear but the other people have rights as well and they do what they are suppose to do, the Board cannot turn them down.

\*Pat Roberts, Commissioner Attorney, said they needed to go to the Planning and Zoning Office and asked to be put on the next agenda for requesting an amendment to the ordinance. Mrs. Cohee wanted to know if they could have an emergency meeting and have the amendment to the ordinance retroactive.

#### YMCA RURAL TRANSIT

Dave Quick, Rural Transit, spoke to the Board about grant money for the program and his concerns with grant money not being available.

#### EMA

Kris Marks, EMA Director, updated the Board on the increased requirements to get the re-imbursement from the State. He also informed them that he and his assistant would be attending training in Fort Wayne.

#### NICKEL PLATE TRAIL

The Board had a discussion regarding the ordinance for the Nickel Plate Trail. Commissioner Faust has an issue with having an ordinance for private property. Commissioner Francis is concerned because of the safety issues. Commissioner Francis made a motion to table until next week. Commissioner Faust 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 3-0.

#### CLOSING COURTHOUSE DUE TO NO AIR CONDITIONING

Commissioner Francis made a motion to close the Courthouse at noon due to the severe heat and no air conditioning. Commissioner Boyer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed 2-1 with Commissioner Faust opposing.

#### MINUTES

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

#### PAYROLL

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

#### BUSINESS 31 VOUCHER

The Board received the final bill for the Business 31 project. The Board tabled until next week because of the complaints they have received. Alex was going to address those today.

#### ANIMAL CONTROL ISSUE

Commissioner Francis said Animal Control had asked him if they pick up a dog from an incorporated town and they have to put it down, could they bill the town for the cost. It was decided that there should be an inter-local agreement.

Commissioner Faust made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Boyer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 2-0 (Commissioner Francis was out of the room).

**Adjourned**

**MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION**

\_\_\_\_\_, **Chairman**  
**C. Craig Boyer**

\_\_\_\_\_, **Vice Chairman**  
**H. Jon Faust**

\_\_\_\_\_, **Member**  
**Joshua Francis**

**Attest:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Auditor**  
**Jane Lilley**