

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970

JANUARY 9, 2012

Commissioner Chairman Boyer opened the meeting.

HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL

Ken Scott explained that his department received a Health Preparedness Grant and he explained the items he wished to purchase with it. Commissioner Francis made a motion to approve. Commissioner Faust asked if the phones he wants to purchase breaks down or fails in some way, who would be responsible to replace. Mr. Scott was not sure but John Powell, IT Director, stated it would have to come from the Health budget. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

IT

John Powell, IT Director, came before the Board asking for permission to order a computer for Solid Waste (Solid Waste would pay for the machine). Commissioner Faust made a motion to allow and Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Powell asked informed the Board that EMA is in need of a hard drive and battery. Commissioner Faust made a motion to allow and Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Powell updated the Board on the amplifier for Circuit Court. The amplifier is still having issues and if it goes out the Court will have to shut down. It is still operational but could go out at any time. It would cost approximately \$4,593. Commissioner Boyer stated that we should probably try to hold out a little longer until we find out where we are with budget issues.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

The Board had a discussion with Mr. Roberts concerning the Planning Building Commissioner/Zoning Administrator. The Planning Commission wants to separate the position into two positions, add the two salaries together and split the pay between the two positions. Mr. Roberts reviewed the current ordinance and had stated it would have to be re-done. The Auditor is concerned because the Salary Ordinance is in place and would have to be amended before she could pay something different or acknowledge the positions. Chairman Boyer does not think this is a good time to separate the position or add another budget. Commissioner Faust also is in favor of keeping the budget as it is. Commissioner Francis is concerned that if the salaries are not high enough we will not be able to get qualified people, which will cause problems later.

Mr. Roberts said we need to get proper organizational structure in place before we hire for the position. Mr. Denham, Plan Commission, stated the Commission is having a meeting Wednesday evening and they want the positions paid the same. Mr. Roberts advised him he should cancel the meeting until the structure is worked out. The Commissioners would have to approve the plan and then it will have to go before the Council to approve the two new positions and then approve the pay for those positions. The Council would then have to amend the salary ordinance.

RECORDER

Brenda Weaver informed the Board that she has ordered 4 monitor risers and will pay for them out of her perpetuation fund.

MINUTES

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

PAYROLL

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

REORGANIZATION

Commissioner Faust made a motion to re-appoint Commissioner Boyer as Chairman of the Board. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0-1 (Commissioner Boyer abstained).

Commissioner Francis made a motion to re-appoint Commissioner Faust as Vice Chairman. Commissioner Boyer 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0-1 (Commissioner Faust abstained).

MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Darrell Wooten, who was Building Commissioner/Zoning Administrator of Miami County for seven years. Mr. Wooten passed away Sunday morning.

ANNUAL FUND/FINANCE REPORT

Commissioner Francis made a motion to sign and publish the annual fund/finance report. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

EMPLOYEE EARNINGS REPORT

Commissioner Francis made a motion to sign and publish the yearly employee earnings report. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

EMA

Kris Marks informed the Board that there would be a volunteer meeting on Tuesday this week.

There will also be a District meeting in Ft. Wayne on Tuesday.

Mr. Marks informed the Board that Amboy, Denver fire and the Highway Department are all interested in purchasing a generator. Mr. Marks brought the application to purchase the surplus generators. Commissioner Francis made a motion to fill out the application and send it in. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0. The application was given to the Auditor to fill out.

Commissioner Faust made a motion to re-appoint Mr. Marks as EMA Director. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

BRIDGE #47

Mike Morris came before the Board to ask about Bridge 47. He is concerned because the weight for the bridge was reduced and the farmers use that bridge a lot. They will have to go quite a distance if they have to around it. The Board will have the Engineer look at it.

HIGHWAY

Sam Waltz, Highway Supervisor, spoke to the Board about the culvert at Bridge 51 (1100N east of 600 E). The Surveyor thinks it needs to go deeper.

Commissioner Faust made a motion to re-appoint Mr. Waltz as Highway Supervisor. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

PROSECUTOR

Bruce Embrey, Prosecutor, came before the Board to request more storage space. Although he is making every effort to reduce the amount of paper, the office still has to have storage. The Board directed him to check out the empty cells at the old jail.

INSURANCE

Mike Saine informed the Board that he would be here to answer questions about the new insurance.

APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Francis made a motion to re-appoint Jay Kendall as the Veterans Officer. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Faust made a motion to re-appoint Ken Einselen as the Highway Engineer. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Chairman Boyer made a motion to reappoint Commissioner Faust to the Museum Board. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to reappoint Commissioner Faust to the Chamber. Chairman Boyer 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to reappoint Commissioner Faust to Dukes Health Care. Chairman Boyer 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to reappoint Commissioner Faust to the EMA Board. Chairman Boyer 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Faust made a motion to reappoint Commissioner Francis to the 9-1-1 Board. Chairman Boyer 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Faust made a motion to reappoint Commissioner Francis to the MCEDA Board. Chairman Boyer 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to reappoint Commissioner Boyer to the Community Corrections Board. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to reappoint Commissioner Faust to the Animal Control Board. Chairman Boyer 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to reappoint Commissioner Boyer to the Plan Commission Board. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION TEAM

Ken Scott and Tim Hunter came before the Board to discuss electrical needs. Ken Scott will get a list of electricians from the City.

They also asked the Board if they had spoken to the tenant in the annex about extending the hall. Commissioner Faust and Francis felt like it would not be a problem. They will get a quote.

Tim Hunter stated that the Courts also need space for evidence storage.

YMCA RURAL TRANSIT

The Board received a quarterly report and a claim voucher for rural transit. Commissioner Francis made a motion to sign the claim voucher. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Commissioner Faust made a motion to allow Mr. Einselen to attend the Wabash River Heritage meeting. Commissioner Francis 2nd the meeting and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Faust made a motion to allow Mr. Einselen to attend the Bridge Conference. Commissioner Francis 2nd the meeting and it passed 3-0.

The Board also asked Mr. Einselen to check out Bridge 47 and get back with them.

Mr. Einselen also gave the Board an ASA compliance letter to have Attorney Roberts look at.

INSURANCE QUESTION

Mrs. Mills asked if the County insurance was 80-20 and if the County had to provide insurance. The Board explained we just switched insurance in December and it is still being worked on. The Board stated the employees have not had any raises for 3-4 years and they would like to continue providing insurance.

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

BACK IN SESSION

The Board and the Auditor worked on the application for Federal Surplus.

IT

John Powell informed the Board that the monitor on the Veteran Officer’s computer quit working. The Board told him to get one we are not using and put in there for now.

COVERED BRIDGE CERTIFICATION

Commissioner Faust made a motion to fill out and sign the Covered Bridge Certification form. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

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