

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
JANUARY 22, 2013

Chairman Francis called the meeting to order.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Dr. Farag, Health Officer, and Keith Stockdale, Health Board member, came before the Commissioners to discuss several issues in the Health Department. The first issue had to do with the use of the Commissioners floats. Since the Health department has its own tax rate, they should be funding their own employees and not using the floats paid for by County General funds. Dr. Farag stated that they would need someone for at least 50 days this year. Mr. Stockdale stated that they would start looking for a part time person to help on those days. The Commissioners stated that they will support them going to the Council to ask for an additional appropriation to fund the part time position.

Dr. Farag also spoke to the Commissioner about the need for more space for the Health Department. They would like to have some space in the old jail. Commissioner Francis stated that the Commissioners are going to start working on a Capital Improvement Plan to figure out funding for different needs.

Ken Scott, Environmental Specialist asked the Commissioners if they would waive the six month probation period for his new full time assistant since he has worked for him part time for several years. Mr. Scott is concerned because his assistant will not have any time available to him for 6 months. Commissioner Francis stated that the 6-month period is the policy and is the same for everyone. Other departments have people that have worked part for a long period, then went full time, and still had the 6 months just like new employees.

SRI

Dave Wichlinski, SRI, explained a program that SRI provides to help with the homestead program. SRI will look at the database and determine which properties might have ineligible homesteads to be removed and the possibility of going back 3 years to collect taxes that should have been paid. SRI would not receive a set fee for their service; they would receive 30% of money collected for their services. If no money were collected, they would not get any money. The Commissioners will have the County Attorney look at the contract before signing.

OLD VOTING MACHINE

Paul Wilson talked to the Board about the old voting machine in the hallway. The Board had talked about getting rid of it in the past and Mr. Wilson checked with the Museum but they already have one and were not interested. Mr. Wilson offered to give the Board a token amount and haul it away. The Board asked him to have the Clerk check and see if there are any steps we have to take to dispose of it since it was an actual voting machine. Mr. Wilson said they would check with the State and get back with them.

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Kathy Brehmer informed the Board of the need for an appointment to the Transportation Advisory Committee from the County. Kris Marks, EMA Director, has been attending the meetings anyway and is willing to serve as the County appointment. Commissioner West made a motion to appoint Kris Marks to the Transportation Advisory Committee. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

PAYROLL

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

CLAIMS

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the claims. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

COURTHOUSE REPAIRS

Commissioner Francis asked Dick Wiles to go ahead and have someone look at the repairs to the walls in the courthouse and give an estimate of what it would take to fix them. Mr. Wiles asked about the ceiling tiles and was told to take a look at them and report back.

OCRA GRANT

The Board received an amendment to the OCRA granting the time extension needed. The completion date will now be March 31, 2014 and the end date for the grant will be March 31, 2015. Commissioner Hamman made a motion to have Chairman Francis sign the amendment. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

Commissioner West updated the Board on the Workforce Investment Board. The Workforce Board is now allowed to attend ½ of the meetings electronically which means they can be counted present and can vote electronically as long as they are physically present at half of the meetings.

VETERANS OFFICER

Jay Kendall, Miami County Veterans Officer, came before the Board to have a State form appointing him to the position signed. Mr. Kendall is a County employee but also is approved by IDVA. He gave an update on his office and explained what he does to the new Commissioners. Mr. Kendall invited the Board to come to his office any time and is willing to answer any questions the new members might have.

Mr. Kendall was Employee of the year 2011 and Citizen of the year in 2002. He informed the Board that he is training a new assistant which is very time consuming but he cannot run the office without one due to the traffic that goes through his office.

Mr. Kendall told the Board that years back he was asked to do a security evaluation for the Courthouse because he did a lot of that in the military. His thoughts are that if they had all the doors closed except for one with a couple of security guard there, those guards would be the first ones that would be taken out, but having a guard roving the Courthouse is more secure because no one knows exactly where he is. That is the better solution in his thoughts.

PROBATION

Susan Rice, Chief Probation Officer, asked the Board if her intern could have her ID card updated to give her access to the Annex due to the different hours her department has to work. Commissioner West made a motion to allow. Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Commissioner Francis informed the Board that he and Brian Engle from Plan Commission met with the City of Peru regarding the handling of decapitated buildings.

IT

John Evans, Interim IT Director, asked the Board if he could get some new software for the servers that would give him recovery capabilities should something be lost off them. Commissioner Hamman made a motion to allow Mr. Evans to buy license for 6 servers. Commissioner West 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

HIGHWAY

Sam Waltz, Highway Supervisor informed the Board he will be on vacation as of Saturday and will return on February 1st.

The Highway was out bid for the property they wanted to purchase.

Commissioner West asked Mr. Waltz if they could take down the Miami County Jail sign from the old jail and take it to the new jail. Mr. Waltz said they would.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Pat Roberts gave the Board his recommendation on the Bridge Inspection bid and gave them a couple of IC codes for reference.

Commissioner West made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Hamman 2nd the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Adjourned

MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION

_____, **Chairman**
Joshua Francis

_____, **Vice Chairman**
Larry West

_____, **Member**
Jerry Hamman

Attest: _____, **Auditor**
Jane Lilley