

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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NOVEMBER 7, 2011

Commissioner Chairman Boyer opened the meeting,

NICKEL PLATE TRAIL – PIOTTER PROPERTY

Jerry Piotter, Macy, came before the Board with concerns about a ditch on his property that has had problems since the Trail was established. He asked Mike Kuepper when they were going to take care of it and said Mr. Kuepper told him nothing was going to be done with it. All Mr. Piotter is asking for is his ditch to be put back to the way it was before the Trail came through. The Board of Commissioners asked Greg Wilkinson, Surveyor, to look at the ditch and bring back his opinion in writing.

PLANNING & ZONING

Jim Denham, Planning and Zoning, discussed the vacant position in the Planning and Zoning office. They also discussed an inter-local agreement between the Commissioners and the City for inspections until the position can be filled.

Mr. Denham also informed the Board that there are 2 Board members whose terms are up at the end of the year and are willing to serve another term. Commissioner Francis made a motion to reappoint Jerry Gable and Steve Daniel to the Board. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

IT

John Powell, IT Director, informed the Board that the generator has been moved but it needs fuel. The Board asked him to contact North Central Co-op to get it filled.

Mr. Powell also discussed an issue of no air conditioning unit in the server room at the new jail. The Board asked him to get some quotes to fix the problem. Larry West asked if the architect was aware of the problem. John Powell said no, that it was an issue that we grew into.

COMPLAINT

Melanie Eckelbarger, Treasurer's office, passed out a paper with the population of several counties and how many people they had working in their Treasurer's office.

Ms. Eckelbarger also inquired about several corrections she wanted made to the minutes from the 17th.

Ms. Eckelbarger once again complained to the Board about painting some cabinets for central supply when people are being laid off and there has been what she believed as to be mold in the Treasurer's office that has not been taken care of. The Board told her that it was their job to maintain the building. They found some old cabinets that were no longer being used and had them painted to be used in the area of central supply. The issue of the problem in the Treasurer's office and several other areas was addressed by the Board as they had those areas cleaned. She also informed the Board that without a 3rd person the Treasurer's office might not be able to get their work done in a timely manner or they might have to have a lot of comp time.

After Ms. Eckelbarger left Commissioner Francis stated that he was not going to tolerate this for 3 more years. Employees should be doing their jobs and if they choose not to disciplinary measures should be taken. In the private sector, employees would be fired for that behavior. There was some discussion about the consequences if work was not done.

Larry West asked if it was an acceptable practice for an employee could take a small undetermined amount of vacation time to attend a meeting. Commissioner Francis stated that it has been left to the Department head/Elected Official.

Dick Wiles said he would look into a sound system if the Board would like him to. Chairman Boyer asked him to check into it.

LAW LIBRARY

The Board received a quote from Mosier Floor Covering for carpet. Commissioner Faust made a motion to accept the quote and Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

The Board thanked Councilman Wiles for the great job he did fixing up the Law Library.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Paul Wilson, Voter Registration, passed out information regarding the districts for the County Council members.

Mr. Wilson also asked if he could post signs saying no cell phone usage once you have registered to vote. The Board gave him permission to post the sign.

Mr. Wilson also requested access to You Tube due to training films for voting are posted on the sight. That is all he would access and he would have no problem with it being monitored and his rights being taken away if there was anything else accessed. Commissioner Faust made a motion to allow access given only to Mr. Wilson for the sole purpose of accessing voter training films. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0. (Commissioner Boyer was out of the room).

INSURANCE

Mike Saine brought in books regarding the County's insurance information for the Board to review.

HEALTH OFFICER APPOINTMENT

Commissioner Faust made a motion to reappoint Dr. Farag as the County Health Officer. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

HEALTH BOARD APPOINTMENT

Commissioner Faust made a motion to appoint Mark Waite to the Health Board. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

LAW SUIT

A law suit was filed in regard to Darrell Wooten, former Planning and Zoning Director, not issuing a permit. Commissioner Francis made a motion to have County Attorney Pat Roberts file an appearance on behalf of Darrell Wooten. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

MINUTES

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

HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Ken Einselen, Highway Engineer, presented the Board with a list of contractors for Bridge 152. He also went over an addendum to the project.

CLAIMS

Commissioner Francis made a motion to approve the claims with the exception a claim to Menards. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

PROSECUTOR

Brent Davis, Prosecutor's office, explained that the office is attempting to go paperless and intends to sign a contract with the Perry Corporation to help them do that. They will pay for it out of their incentive funds. The Board reminded him that by statute all contracts have to be signed by the Board of Commissioners even if it is being paid for by the Prosecutors funds. Commissioner Faust made a motion to support and Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Faust made a motion to recess until 1:30. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

BACK IN SESSION

PENDING ACTION AGAINST AN ELECTED OFFICIAL

Commissioner Faust made a motion to have the Prosecutor investigate a situation which involved an Elected Official taking a public notice (required by law to be posted) off of the wall, wadding it up and throwing it away (destruction of a public document). Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion. After some discussion, it was decided not to pursue it at this time. Commissioner Faust did request an investigation about county property being misused.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to have an executive session on November 15th at 9:00 am to discuss other personnel issues. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

IT

John Evans, IT, informed the Board that he has contacted North Central Coop and they will bring the fuel for the compressor at the end of this week or beginning of next week.

The Board asked Mr. Evans to get another key for the generator.

NORRIS INSURANCE

The Board received a bill from Norris Insurance for office equipment. Commissioner Francis made a motion to pay the bill. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

BILL FROM DEAN'S BODY SHOP

Commissioner Faust made a motion to approve paying a bill from Dean's Body shop for a wrecked county vehicle. Commissioner Boyer 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0 (Commissioner Francis had left for the day).

LORD ABBOTT

Lord Abbott (Deferred Comp carrier) sent a notice of a \$250 charge to bring the plan up to date. The two options for payment are the County can pay it or it would be divided up between the employees that are active in the plan. Commissioner Faust made a motion to have it divided among those enrolled in the plan since it is an optional plan. Commissioner Boyer 2nd the motion and it passed 2-0.

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

Adjourned

MIAMI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION

_____, **Chairman**
C. Craig Boyer

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

_____, **Member**
Joshua Francis

Attest: _____ **Auditor**
Jane Lilley