

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
MAY 20, 2012

Commissioner Chairman Boyer opened the meeting.

USDA/DEPT OF COMMERCE

The Board of Commissioners received a list of all contracts that have been sent to the U.S. Department of Agriculture in regards to the Hanger 200 project. Commissioner Boyer noted that this list needs to be put in the file for the Hanger 200 project for easy accessibility.

MINUTES

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

CLAIMS

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

COURTHOUSE SMOKING NOTICES

Ken Scott brought to the Board notices no smoking notice that are required to be posted to comply with the new state-wide no smoking ban for all public buildings.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to leave the notices that we currently have posted to read “no smoking within 25 ft of the building” rather than the 10 ft required.

Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

LOST BRIDGE

Commissioner Francis noted that the highway will be putting concrete barricades up at Lost Bridge. They will be able to be moved in the event that the utilities need to access the area.

METLIFE

Dick Wiles, County Council, came to the Board because an employee had contacted him with a complaint that their dentist was not in the network. Mary Brown, Insurance Deputy stated that the dental coverage has been in effect since 9/1/12 and that the employees need to check before going to the dentist to ensure they are in network. Mrs. Brown went on to state that she has no control over who falls in our network and who does not. Mr. Wiles also was upset that he had been in the office on the previous Friday and no one could help him with this issue regarding the dental. Mrs. Brown noted that she was out of the office last week for a conference and there is a reason that there is only 1 person designated for an insurance contact. There is a risk when several people get involved that incorrect information could be given out and there are certain guidelines that must be followed to protect employee’s privacy and the county.

PATIENT ASSISTANCE

Lola Materna came on behalf of Patient Assistance offering discount prescription cards that could be made available to employees and residents. These cards allow people get a discount on their medication if they have no health insurance. The Commissioners suggested putting them in the Health Department.

DOG ISSUE

Commissioner Faust stated that there was a dog hit over the weekend on Business 31 South. The dog was pulled off to the side of the road where it would not be in the path of traveling vehicles. Commissioner Faust received calls asking about having the county pick up the dog. Kulla’s was contacted as well and made arrangements with Ensley’s to get the animal picked up. Commissioner Faust would like to adopt some type of policy that would allow Kulla’s to have the animal picked up on heavily traveled county roads and disposed. After some discussion it was decided that Commissioner Faust would

speak with Susan Kulla and get more information about the cost and logistics of getting the animals picked up.

Commissioner Faust also noted that the incinerator that was at Kulla's had been moved to the highway garage in Denver.

PERU PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Board of Commissioners discussed the library's 3 million dollar renovation project and the request that has been made by the Library Board to receive funds from the county that would be used towards the project. The Board discussed ideas of how to fund the money needed to make the renovations without solely relying on the money coming from the county. The Board does not feel that the county has the money to commit to a 20 year pledge.

Mrs. McKaig came in representing the Library Board. Mrs. McKaig expressed the need for the renovations. This is not something the Library wants to do, but rather needs to do in order to be compliant with the ADA act. The Library received a grant for the architect on the project but in order to obtain an OCRA grant they must have matching funds from the county/city. Mrs. McKaig explained that the major cost of the renovations is leveling the floor of the museum and to put in an appropriate elevator.

The Board and Mrs. McKaig discussed the option of imposing a county user fees for those that do not pay Library tax. Another suggestion by the Board was for the Library to talk with the townships to see if they would be willing to put the tax rate on for their individual taxing units.

Commissioner Boyer stated that currently, the county contributes \$75,000 per year in addition to the county tax, COIT, CVET, and FIT money that is distributed through tax collections. This totals over \$400,000 and at this time the Board is concerned about any further CEDIT allocations because of the money pledged for the Hanger 200 project and other commitments that the county must honor.

Mrs. McKaig thanked the Board for their suggestions and will take this information back to the Library Board to see what they can do from there.

COUNTY ENGINEER

Ken Einselen brought in the ordinance for the yield sign to be placed at Paw Paw Pike and 550 E. Commissioner Francis made a motion to put a yield sign to be put up. Commissioner Boyer 2nd the motion and it passed 2-1 (Faust). Commissioner Faust stated that he did not vote in favor because he would like to see 3 stops signs placed at this location. Due to a non-unanimous vote the ordinance will need to be brought back to the Board at their next meeting on 5/29/12.

IT

John Powell gave the Board a revised quote for the portable recording system. The original quote was outdated and needed to be redone. Mr. Powell stated that this system is exactly like the Court System with the exception that it is portable and can be used for meetings in different locations. The Board discussed the possibility of instituting an ordinance that would require all Boards appointed by the Commissioners requiring them to use the recording device for their meetings. Mr. Powell also noted that there needs to be a sign posted for the public that the meetings are being recorded. Commissioner Francis made a motion to proceed with the purchase of the equipment from BIS Digital and for it to be paid out of Cum Courthouse. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

HIGHWAY

Sam Waltz requested a purchase of a laptop for the signman from highway funds. Commissioner Francis made a motion to purchase the laptop. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

The Board discussed the 2nd phase of the Business 31 project with Mr. Waltz.

AMERICANSTRUCTURE POINT

Representatives from AmericanStructure Point updated the Board on the Business 31 project. The 1st phase is officially complete and they are waiting on any overages from INDOT to be processed. The additional expense (approx. \$66,000) will come from CEDIT funds. Phase 2 is on hold until the INDOT grant is updated.

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: _____, **Chief Deputy Auditor**
Mary Brown