

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N. BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
MINUTES
08-13-2012

Commissioner Boyer opened the meeting.

YMCA

Kathy Brehmer gave the Board the new Transportation grant to be signed. Commissioner Faust made a motion to have Chairman Boyer sign the grant application. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mrs. Brehmer also brought 2 vouchers in to be signed. Commissioner Francis made a motion to have Chairman Boyer sign the vouchers. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

MINUTES

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

CLAIMS

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

CAPITAL PLAN FOR REPAIRS

Commissioner Francis discussed the need for the Board of Commissioner to create a capital plan for repairs, (Courthouse, Annex and other locations that is in the area of their responsibilities) in order to prepare their budgets effectively.

TREASURER

Becky Morris, Treasurer, came before the Board to ask about getting an ordinance in place to do tax bills electronically. Mrs. Morris has been conversing with SRI to be able to send tax bills electronically. Commissioner Faust asked if receipts would be sent back to the taxpayer electronically. Mrs. Morris replied that could be done but it is not part of the process. Commissioner Boyer asked about the cost and Mrs. Morris did not have that yet. Commissioner Francis said the attorney needs to look over the contract once they have all the information.

PARKING TICKET ISSUE

The Board received a memo from an employee that received a parking ticket. They didn't feel they should have to pay the ticket because there is an ordinance that states parking is to be made available to all employees. Commissioner Faust is not in favor of paying the ticket because then no one would move their cars and there would be a lot more tickets issued. There was discussion about trying to get parking passes but Commissioner Francis asked the Mayor and they do not issue parking passes any more.

EMA

Kris Marks, Director, requested the Board allow him to carry over 5 vacation days that he will use next week. Commissioner Faust made a motion to allow him to carry over the 5 days and use them next week. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mr. Marks also discussed an issue with a box for the sirens. He can send the box in for repairs or order a new one. After some discussion it was decided to send the box in for repairs.

Mr. Marks also informed the Board that the tower was damaged by the storm. He will check the insurance policy.

HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Ken Einselen came before the Board with a request from the State wanting the Board to name the Title VI coordinator. Mr. Einselen is the ADA coordinator. The Board decided it should have both, Mr. Einselen and Jane Lilley, Auditor.

The State also requested affirmation that signs would be placed on River Road marking that it is part of the Wabash River Heritage Corridor. Commissioner Faust made a motion to affirm and Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Tim Miller came before the Board to discuss several issues. The first item of discussion is the Metroplex (cameras and locks) maintenance contract. After reviewing the contract Sheriff Miller feels that it would save money to just appropriate some maintenance money verses signing a maintenance contract.

The second issue concerns the Cisco phone system. Sheriff Miller stated he could send John Powell, IT Director for training for \$1,360 or have them come here and train 4 or 5 people for \$2,000. He thinks it would be more beneficial to have them come here so there would be a back up if something happened. The Board will look over both options.

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

BACK IN SESSION

The Board met with department heads to discuss budgets. The Board of Commissioners have been reviewing the budgets and would like to find a way to give the employees a raise since they have not had one the last 4 years and asked the department heads to help them find a way. Anything they could do help that happen would be greatly appreciated. The Board realizes that everyone has taken on more work with no more pay and is doing everything they can to try to get them something. The Board is looking at 2% - 3%.

The Board is still looking into joining a clinic which would save the employees money because there would not be a co-pay for the clinic and there would be some prescription that could be dispensed from the clinic at no cost. The Board would like to have it in place by January 1st. Bruce Embrey asked if they could use the clinic if they are not on the County insurance. At present you do have to be on the insurance. Michelle Siegfred asked which clinic they are looking at. Commissioner Francis stated they are looking at joining Peru Schools with the Novia clinic which would save on start up cost. Brenda Weaver asked if the employees would have to give up their regular doctor. Commissioner Francis said they would not have to.

Sara McAuliffe asked if central supply had saved any money. Commissioner Francis stated that they had appropriated \$75,000 and 7 ½ months into the year they had only spent \$25,000.

Sam Waltz asked if they were looking at 3% across the board or would they look at departments individually. Commissioner Boyer said they weren't sure.

CASA Kurt Keifer, CASA Director, asked if the mileage for his office could be raised to 50 cents. The Board was not sure if that would be allowable. The Auditor stated that is determined at budget time and is in the budget ordinance.

1st FLOOR WATER FOUNTAIN

Tim Hunter, Security, informed the Board that water from the fountain splashes onto the floor making it very slippery and two people have slipped on the wet floor today. He recommends they get a mat to put there to prevent anyone from falling.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and the 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