

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N. BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
MINUTES
08-20-2012

Commissioner Boyer opened the meeting.

GALLAGHER BENEFIT SERVICES

Ryan Goergen gave the Board a presentation of the services offered by Gallagher. It is a group of government entities that share the cost of insurance. By the total number being so much larger than a single entity the savings would be greater. They estimate the 1st year to be 3% - 5%. It would be a three year commitment. The cost would be \$11 a person per month and the deadline to join is September 15, 2012. Mary Brown, Chief Deputy/Insurance stated that is not saying it wouldn't be a good thing, she just thinks that we should wait and see what the changes we have already made and what savings the clinic would bring before we do something else. Commissioner Francis would also like to wait and see if we can get the clinic going before we add something else.

Commissioner Boyer is a little nervous because it has not been in operation long enough to have some data collected. Commissioner Francis made a motion to table for the time being. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

CLERK

Tawna Sands, Clerk, informed the Board that she has 3 staff that needs to be able to enter the building before 7:45 a.m. Commissioner Francis made a motion to allow the three Clerk employees (Mary Kay Jones, Martha Koontz and Patricia Peters) to have access keys (7am to 7 pm Mon thru Fri). Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

The Clerk also requested that Patricia Peters be allowed to have an office door key as well. Commissioner Faust made a motion to allow. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

IT DEPARTMENT

John Evans, Assistant IT Director, explained that our website software is very old and is having issues. He would like permission to purchase Dreamweaver software to replace it. The cost would be \$758. Commissioner Francis made a motion to allow the purchase. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

John Powell, IT Director, informed the Board that his laptop quit working and he needs to replace it and get a case for it. Mr. Powell told the Board that he would get a quote for the laptop and an ipad and otter box which would do everything he needed to do and would probably be cheaper. Commissioner Faust made a motion to allow the 2nd option of an ipad and an otter box. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

ASSESSOR

Sara McAuliffe, Assessor, informed the Board that the State discovered an error in the assessed values. A property in Richland Township that should have had a gross assessed value of \$113,900 had a gross assessed value of \$227,642,000. She fixed the error and the Auditor's office will have to recalculate everything and resubmit the net values to the State.

The Assessor, Mary Betzner, Assessor's office and the Recorder informed the Board that they had an issue with a deed issued to the Salvation Army for a property that had been through several tax sales. There wasn't a Commissioner's certificate (deed) issued, therefore no record that the property was ever the Commissioner's to sign off on. A process needs to be put in place to ensure things are done correctly. The Auditor will get with the attorney and get it taken care of and the Auditor and Commissioners will work on getting a correct process in place.

ANNEX

Susan Rice told the Board that the fan in the women's restroom in the annex needs to be replaced. Commissioner Francis will call someone.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Pat Roberts informed the Board that there is an issue with meth houses that have been marked as needing rehabilitation. If it is determined that meth has been cooked in a house the State requires that the house/property be rehabilitated prior to being sold or someone being allowed to live there. The rehabilitation process is very costly and has to be re-inspected after the rehabilitation process. The Auditor's office was not informed of any of the properties that were marked to be rehabilitated and one was sold in a tax sale. A process will need to be put in place to inform all necessary parties to prevent that from happening.

ELSIE SHARP DITCH

Terry Hughes asked the Board about the Elsie Sharp ditch. Apparently it is an open ditch between 350 & 400 that needs cleaned and has some erosion. The ditch needs some attention and Mr. Hughes was told there are no funds available for that ditch.

Commissioner Boyer told Mr. Hughes he would need to get all the land owners connected to that drain to sign a petition. The Surveyor should have the paperwork Mr. Hughes needs. Money from periodic maintenance could be used to speed up the process, however it has to be paid back with an assessment on the landowners. The Surveyor would only be allowed to do one side of the ditch to be cleaned per DNR.

HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Ken Einselen, Highway Engineer, brought a letter from the Corp of Engineers regarding Bridge 152 that needed to be signed by the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Faust made a motion to have Chairman Boyer sign. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Mr. Einselen stated Wightman Petrie suggest that the best option for the Miami Sewer District would be to connect to Bunker Hill and he agrees.

Mr. Einselen also stated that the INDOT bill is finally straightened out and the final amount for the County to pay is \$8,605.04. Commissioner Francis made a motion to pay the bill. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

The Board of Commissioners received information regarding a Flood Plain Management Plan by certified mail. The Plan has to be adopted by September 20th, 2012. The Board turned it over to Mr. Einselen to review and make his recommendation.

TREASURER

The Treasurer explained to the Commissioner's that she would like for them to sign a contract with SRI to do electronic billing (e-billing) for property taxes. Mrs. Morris also would need to have them adopt an ordinance allowing it. Commissioner Faust made a motion to sign the contract with SRI. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

After reviewing the ordinance and finding it included the Auditor and she had not seen the ordinance, Commissioner Faust made a motion to table it for a week to allow the Auditor to review. Commissioner Francis 2^{ns} 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.

PAYROLL

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

RAILS TO TRAILS

The Board received a request from Rails to Trails for the county right of way to the old depot in Converse. Commissioner Boyer would like some time to review the request. Commissioner Francis made a motion to take under advisement for a week. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

PROSECUTOR

Bruce Embrey requested better paper for his office because the paper we are currently getting in central supply curls up and causes issues for his office.

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