

MIAMI COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
25 N BROADWAY
PERU, IN 46970
FEBRUARY 27, 2012

Commissioner Chairman Boyer opened the meeting.

LAND REQUEST

Jessie Briscoe came before the Board to ask if there is any land coming up for sale. Mr. Briscoe and his son want to start a compost site. He thinks it is needed in this area and would be very beneficial for this area.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Paul Wilson, Voter Registration came before the Board about the appointment of the Perry Township Trustee. Commissioner Francis made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Township Advisory Board and appoint Mike White as the Township Trustee. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

PLANNING/ZONING

Tammy Gamble brought in a request for street vacate in Bennett Switch.. The Planning Board voted for it unanimously. Commissioner Faust made a motion to approve. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

ELEVATOR FLOORING

Commissioner Faust informed the Board that AMCO Elevator said they did not need a hole in floor for maintenance work. Commissioner Faust made a motion to replace the elevator floor (\$450.27). Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

BUILDINGS IN MEXICO

Clarence Mc Dougle came before the Board asking if there is any way the County could tear down 3 buildings that are in very poor condition. The owners are willing to sign the titles over to the Fire Department but the grants that the fire department has applied for does not include any money to tear down the buildings. The Board stated that the buildings are still privately owned therefore the County cannot go in there and tear them down. The property owner still has an obligation for the property. In addition, the Board did not feel it would be fair for the taxpayers to pay to have the buildings tore down and the land given to the fire department.

CLERK

Tawna Leffel, Clerk, brought Nick from Dox Pop to speak with the Commissioners regarding the service they are offering in the collection of ticket/fines monies. There is no cost to the County just to the person requesting to use the service. Dox Pop already does some work for the Clerk. Commissioner Francis made a motion to allow the Clerk to enter in to an agreement with Dox Pop and sign the contract. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

TREASURER

Becky Morris, Treasurer, came before the Board to discuss the use of the floats in the Health Department. The floats have spent a lot of time working in the Health Department, which takes away from the County General offices that need them. The Health Department has its own tax rate and if they need the help, they should pay for part time help.

Mrs. Morris also reiterated that she did not tell them that the new machine that was purchased would reduce her staff time but the Assessor and Solid Waste made the statement. She also asked about printing cost in other budgets and the possibility that other offices could use the machine and share in the cost instead of spending the money to outside printing companies. The cost of the machine is over \$150,000 over a 5-year period.

EXEMPTION QUESTION

Dave Benedict had a question about an exemption on his properties. He owns one property and shares ownership of another property with someone else. He lost the exemption due to having too much assessed value. He feels that he should only be assessed for ½ of the value of the other property. Debbie Cunningham, Auditor's Office was asked to come down to the meeting and she explained the law does not say that a shared property should be pro-rated; it has to be all assessed value.

EMA

Mr. Marks spoke to the Board about the cost of fixing the card machine verses the cost of a new one. The Board would like to see a couple of quotes. Mr. Marks will get more information.

Mr. Marks also expressed concern over the rising fuel cost.

INSURANCE

Mary Milroy, Chief Deputy Auditor, asked the Board about the quote for the new life insurance and if they had decided on whether to pursue it or not. Commissioner Francis made a motion to move forward with the change. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

Commissioner Faust made a motion to allow Commissioner Francis to set up an appointment with Novia. Commissioner Francis 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Pat Roberts, County Attorney, asked Ken Einselen to send him information on the ADA information he has been working on. There is a short version in the Handbook that is being worked on but it may need revised. There was a discussion on the animal control truck, which needs tires. The County is looking to replace the truck with a more economical vehicle.

HIGHWAY ENGINEER

Ken Einselen gave an update on Bridge 152. There is honeycombing on the wing wall that he will need to keep an eye on.

Mr. Einselen gave ADA information to Pat Roberts and he is OK with it.

CLAIMS

Commissioner Francis made a motion to approve the claims. 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.

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

BACK IN SESSION

Pat Roberts informed the Board that per IC 5-22-22-5 they need to advertise for bids for the sale of the animal control truck.

Ken Scott asked the Board if they wanted all of the exit signs done at one time. The Board stated that they wanted them all done at one time.

Commissioner Francis made a motion to sign the letter to David Armstrong. Commissioner Faust 2nd the motion and it passed 3-0.

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: _____, **Auditor**
Jane Lilley