

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

March 31, 2015

Commissioners met in regular session. Those present were Commissioner Brad Armstrong, President, Commissioner Tom Stevens, Vice President and Commissioner Marc Huber Auditor Robin D. Lowder was also present.
Hancock County Board of Commissioner's meeting began at 8:00 a.m.
Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 8:30 a.m.

Highway Department

County Engineer Gary Pool appeared before the Hancock County Board of Commissioners to discuss:

Signatures- DES 0810490 Bridge 59 Purchase Orders – The Commissioners are requesting PO 0014804360 and PO 0014801834 for Bridge 59, located at 200 N West of 600 West, remain open. Commissioners are waiting for the final inspection for the tree plantings that is required. Tree replanting may be required as late as September 2015. This would generate invoicing on both PO's. A final invoice is expected November 2015. Commissioner Stevens moved execution of the letter to Sandra Hudson requesting two purchase orders, 14804360 and 14801834 from District 9 remain open and Final Invoice expected November 2015. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Memorandum for Record/ Mount Comfort County Frontage Road- A memorandum excepting .14 miles of 2 lane roadway extending north of 300N then connecting to 600W in the North Eastern quadrant of the intersection of CR 600W and CR 300N in Hancock County. Commissioners are adding to our inventory in order to get appropriate gas tax monies. There is a \$600 outstanding bill for latches on gates. This project is under budget. Final inspection occurred on February 12, 2015 and all defects have been addressed. Hancock County is maintaining this roadway. Commissioner Stevens moved acceptance of the 0.14 mile 2 lane frontage roadway into Road Inventory. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Road Inventory- When a review of INDOT's road inventory for Hancock County was done several roads were found missing. Some roads were dedicated and accepted several years ago. Commissioner Stevens made a motion that we take into our road inventory: Ridge Dr. – 1322.56', Mt. Vernon Way – 2437.03', Mt. Vernon Ct. 362.81', and Wilmont Trail – 1159.31'. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Forestry Head- Piece of equipment for excavator to grind down trees so the use of a six man crew won't be needed. Price has been negotiated down to \$49,000. Once the bid on the triaxle truck is clear then they will purchase.

Beeson Business Relocation Expense- This is a Federal Uniform Right of Way Act with a \$10,000 max. \$10,000 will be paid for out of CEDIT Funds for specified relocation expenses. Commissioner Huber made a motion to pay for Beeson Business Relocation Expense in amount of \$10,000, to be paid for out of CEDIT Funds for specified relocation expenses. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

MPO Bike Committee- Gary Pool requested to appoint Larry Lindly to an advisory committee for the Regional Bike Steering Committee. It will not be a voting position, but an informational one.

Bond at Heron Creek (Waters Edge)/ Settlement- Trying to come to an agreement on Heron Creek. Gary Pool believes we will settle the Pavement Bond for \$42,136, and Monument Bond for full amount of \$3,000. He believes he will make a motion to settle soon. **Settlement/** Gary Pool requested we accept the settlement on the two Heron Creek Performance Bonds. A Paving Bond for \$42,136 and a Monument Bond for \$3,000. Commissioner Stevens moved to accept negotiated settlement amounts. One for \$42,136 and one for \$3,000. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

500W 300S Intersection- There have been 2 accidents since tree moving. (Including fatal accident) The accident was not due to high speed but to driver distraction from road sign. We are looking at using a double or larger STOP sign. We need to make sure NOT to use excessive signage. The County is working with Dave Book from New Palestine.

Cumberland Proposal of Roadway Swap- Cumberland proposing roadway swap of annexed portion of 600 W for Buck Creek Road. 600 W has more maintenance requirements with less tax money coming in. Engineer doesn't recommend swap because he doesn't see benefit. (Seems to be less tax money coming in with more maintenance required) Ben Lynch, Street Superintendent for Cumberland, spoke to Commissioners for Cumberland. Also, Andrew Cleaner was present from Cumberland. Andrew stated he thinks MOU with county makes sense because Buck Cr. Road is segmented. He believes this would be an opportunity to put together full maintenance. Hancock County Engineer restated that at this time he doesn't recommend this swap. He believes there will be more conversation on this topic.

Pot Holes- Engineer stated that there is quite a bit of work being done at this time. (Mandatory overtime is getting ready to start) They are concentrating effort on 600E.

Greenfield Main Street

Riley Festival- Tom Billings requested permission to use Courthouse lawn and to connect to the water. He also would like to use the Annex and the Commissioners Courtroom. They would like use of facilities October 1- October 4, 2015. (With a set up date in Annex of Sept 30, 2015) **Christmas Festival-** Tom Billings requested permission to use Courthouse Lawn on Saturday, December, 05, 2015 for hosting of the Christmas Festival. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of Courthouse Lawn, hook up to water, use of Annex (set up Sept. 30, 2015) for Riley Festival from October 1 -4, 2015, and use of Courthouse Lawn Saturday, December 05, 2015 for Christmas Festival. Mr. Billings

was reminded that the County would be watching more closely to keep our new landscaping in good condition. It was also made mention that Marcia Moore would be able to answer any questions concerning any concerns over the landscaping. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Hancock County Beautification

Greenfield Re-Greening- Sally Parsons requested permission to hang informational tags on three Courthouse trees explaining benefit of trees. She would like to hang these tags the week of April 17, 2015 and then remove two weeks later. Commissioner Huber motioned to allow Greenfield Re-Greening to hang tags on three trees on Courthouse lawn starting week of April 17, 2015 for two weeks. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Emergency Operations Center

Criticall Dispatcher Testing Software Contract- John Jokantas requested acceptance of contract. Commissioner Huber made a motion that we accept the bid from Biddle Consulting Group for Criticall Multi User System for E-911 for an amount not to exceed \$5895 to be paid out of E-911 C.C.D. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Claims and Payroll- Commissioner Stevens moved approval of the claims and payroll as presented. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Minutes- Commissioner Stevens moved approval of the minutes for the March 17, 2015 meeting of the Hancock County Board of Commissioners as presented. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Bond Release- Release of a Performance Cash Bond to Platinum Properties in the amount of \$5,600 for Emerald Springs S-5 Monuments & Markers. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of the release of a Performance Cash Bond to Platinum Properties in the amount of \$5,600 for Monuments & Markers. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Action Items

Introduction of Resolution #2015-3-12 –A Resolution Amending Vacation Time Rules. Commissioner Huber motioned to adopt Resolution #2015-3-12, a Resolution amending vacation time rules. Commissioner Stevens seconded motion. Motion carries 3/0.

Ordinance No. 2015-3D- Ordinance Adopting the Unsafe Building Law. Commissioner Stevens moved adoption of Ordinance No. 2015-3D. Commissioner Huber seconded motion. Motion carried 3/0.

Ordinance No. 2015-3E- Ordinance Re-Establishing the Unsafe Building Fund. Commissioner Stevens moved adoption of Ordinance No. 2015-3E. Commissioner Huber seconded motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Planning/Zoning

Refund for Fees- Mike Dale is requesting for a BZA Refund on behalf of Angela Jackson. His office took in an application that a citizen can't technically file for and he didn't realize his error until he had already filed. (Only Board of Commissioners or Planning Commission can file for amendment) Her filing fee was \$550 and she would like a refund. Commissioner Stevens moved to refund application fee since it was taken in error. Refund in amount of \$550 to Angela Jackson. Commissioner Huber seconded motion. Motion carried 3/0.

Cedar Dumpster Fence Proposal

Courthouse Fence/ Trash Cans- Marcia Moore requested Commissioners' permission to except quote, for \$960, from Custom Wood Fence & Decks for a Cedar Fence Partition, with no gates, "L" shape, to hide trash cans on the South side of Court House. Commissioner Stevens motioned to allow Clerk to have cedar screening constructed with an amount not to exceed \$960 to be paid out of her budget with any approvals needed from Historical Society. Commissioner Huber seconded motion. Motion carried 3/0.

Board of Finance

Recess- at 9:45 a.m. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to recess the Hancock County Board of Commissioners for the Board of Finance meeting. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Reconvene- at 9:48 a.m. Commissioner Armstrong reconvened the Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting.

Capital Improvement Plan Summary

(Greg Guerrettaz)

Commissioners CIP

CCD Funds

2015 – 1.5 million **2016** – 3.3 million **2017** – 2.3 million **2018** – 2 million **2019** – 1.8 million

Total for 5 years 10.8 million – CCD Funds

Facilities 7.5 million

4 levels of Need

18 million Capital needs in the next five years

Level One Priorities

1.5 million For Jail Building / \$500,000 for other Buildings

Question: Police cars can be funded from LOIT **or** Food and Beverage
*Possibly would need to raise tax rates for these funds

\$2 million of immediate needs

We cannot continue postponing Capital needs.

Discussion was held on ways to increase revenue.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, President

Commissioner Tom Stevens, Vice President

Commissioner Marc Huber

Attest: _____
Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor