

## **Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes**

**April 19, 2016**

Commissioners met in regular session. Those present were Board of Commissioners President Brad Armstrong, Vice President Commissioner Marc Huber, and Commissioner Tom Stevens.

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 8:20 a.m.

### **Highway Department**

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

**Bridge 91**- Addendum- Rosemary Huffman was one day late on filing. There was not a request for extension.

Supplemental #2 between Hancock County and SJCA P.C. replacement of Bridge 91 on CR 300 S over Brandywine Creek, 650 feet east of SR9, DES. NO. 1383325. Revised from \$142,150.00 to a not to exceed of \$144,750.00. Commissioner Stevens makes a motion to accept Supplemental #2 between Hancock County and SJCA P.C. replacement of Bridge 91 DES. NO. 1383325 Revised from \$142,150.00 to a not to exceed of \$144,750.00. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Fastlane Grant for \$11 million dollars has been successfully submitted. This is for Segment B in the TIF area. We should know by late summer or early fall.

CSX Railroad has reneged on the \$9000.00 for the railroad crossing at 400 W and Pendleton Pike. They said it is now the County's responsibility. We can use rubberized or wood plank. The engineer recommends rubberized. The cost would be \$20,200.00 for the rubberized crossing. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to use the rubberized materials at the railroad crossing at 400 W and Pendleton Pike with a not to exceed of \$20,200.00. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Engineer Pool requested permission for him to go to County Council and request an additional appropriation for \$70,000 in the 1135 Cumulative Bridge Fund for Bridge 91. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to grant Engineer Pool's request. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Engineer Pool made a request to recommend at the next Budget meeting a portion of the HB 1001 Funds be used to:

Pave the County PASER 4 or less roadways

Crack seal and Fog Neighborhood roadways (\$790k over 2 years)

The remaining funds used in following years

The Commissioners were in agreement he make the recommendations at the next Budget Meeting.

A group of Students from Rose-Hulman, Alex Pohl, Eric Harned, Ryan Helrich and Ben Klick, worked on a Project for Pennsy Trail also called Rails to Trails. They were supervised by the County Engineer Gary Pool. The project was mainly in Sugar Creek Township and spanned from 150 W to 600 W. It has four uses, Recreational use, Safety measures, Community Development and Economic Development. The group identified problem areas the trails pass through. They also recommended changes. They estimated the total cost of the project to be \$1,0855,00.00.

#### **Surveyor - Removal of Log Jam and Tree**

Susan Bodkin requested permission to use funds in the Non-Navigable Stream Fund in the Commissioners Budget in General Fund to remove a large tree in Sugar Creek south side of CR 1000 N – West of CR 600 E. Also Debris blocking Brandywine Creek east of CR 400 E – South of CR 500 N. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to allow the Surveyor to use the Non-Navigable Stream Fund in the Commissioners Budget in the General Fund to remove the Tree and Debris in Sugar Creek and Brandywine Creek. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

#### **Action Item**

Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve claims and payroll. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the Commissioners April 5, 2016 Minutes. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

#### **Planning Department**

Mike Dale appeared before the Commissioners stating D&D Storage at 4623 S 400 W Sugar Creek Township had been zoned Industrial and when the comprehensive plan was done it became residential. They would like to be rezoned back from Residential (R1.0) to the Industrial Business Park (IBP). Hancock Co Area Plan Commission gave a favorable recommendation. It will be open storage for Boats and RV's and Self- Storage. Ordinance 2016-4D Ordinance Amending Hancock County Zoning Ordinance NO. 2007-1B Amending Title XV, Chapter 156, Zoning of the Hancock County Code of Ordinances Section 1 Title XV, Chapter 156 of the Hancock County Code, is amended as follows: The zoning Map referenced in Section 156.020 for Sugar Creek Town ship is hereby amended by rezoning the subject area from Residential (R1.0) to Industrial Business Park (IBP).

A commitment was read in the minutes at the Hancock Co Area Plan Commission that any unlicensed vehicles would be removed. Commissioner Huber made a motion the Ordinance 2016-4D be adopted including commitment read into Plan Commission minutes. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

#### **Action Item Tax Sale Addendum**

The Auditor presented the Commissioners with the Tax Sale Addendum for signatures. There was just one change this year. The cost went from \$70.00 per parcel to \$75.00 per parcel. There had not been an increase in several years. The County does not pay the cost. Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the Tax Sale Addendum. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

#### **IT Department**

Bernie Harris appeared before the Commissioners and informed them they could sign a new three year contract with Ninestar for the County internet. It would be for less money but more megabyte. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to sign the new contract. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

#### **Senior Services 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter**

Linda Hart appeared before the Commissioners for signatures for the Senior Services 1st Quarter Claim. The amount is for \$62,472.00. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to accept and sign the Senior Services 1st Quarter Claim in the amount of \$62,472.00. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

#### **Annual Jail Report for 2015**

Major Brad Burkhart presented to the Commissioners the Annual Jail Report. He and the Commissioners reviewed the report. (Report is available in the Auditor's Office or request by email)

Major Burkhart informed Commissioners the County Auction will be August 6<sup>th</sup> at the Fairgrounds.

Darrin Couch and Barb Pescitelli of the 4-H Ag Association have stated they do not want to participate in any discussion groups pertaining to the Fairgrounds until after this year's Fair.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

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Commissioner Brad Armstrong, President

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Commissioner Marc Huber, Vice President

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Commissioner Tom Stevens

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Robin D. Lowder  
Hancock County Auditor