

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

June 21, 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 present.

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's meeting began at 8:01 a.m.

Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 8:20 a.m.

Highway Department

Highway engineer Gary Pool is absent. Dave Butler from the County Highway appeared before the Hancock County Board of Commissioners to discuss:

Signatures: Engineer Assignment Letter with United and Will Coleman as the designate full time Resident Project Representative for construction Des# 1383325 This is for the Bridge at 300 S and Brandywine Creek.

Commissioner Stevens made a motion to sign the Engineer Assignment Letter Des# 1383325 with the prior stated stipulations. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0

Road work on 600 W will start any day.

Pennsy Trails of Hancock County

A representative from the Pennsy Trails appeared before the Commissioners to give an update on the purchase of Trails Property between 400 W and 500 W. The total cost of the project to purchase the property is \$340,385.00. Through grants and donations they have raised \$295,701.26. This leaves them with a shortfall of \$45,133.74. They now need professional Services such as: Title work, Surveying, Engineering etc. The commissioners are concerned with the connectivity issue because the trails would not connect with a trail on either end at this time. The Commissioners discussed a feasibility study contract to be done by First Group to be sure this trail will have connectivity and there will be an alignment. The County attorney as reviewed the contract. The Commissioners would like an Alignment amended into our County thoroughfare plan.

Bridge #2 Should be starting soon

Replacement of Joe Hollis: Joe has been replaced by a Mr. Vic Doloso. He will be paid a salary of \$45,000.00 which is less than Mr. Hollis' salary. Timi Wood will take on additional duties so Engineer Pool would like to increase her salary by \$2,300.00. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the hiring of Vic Doloso at a salary of \$45,000.00 and an increase in salary for Timi Wood of \$2,300 for being assigned additional duties. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Railroad Crossing: CSX is working on the Railroad crossing at 400 W

Request to Appear to Determine if Building is Unsafe

Scott Williams Hancock County Building Official appeared before the Commissioners to discuss if property owned by Newton T and Rosemary Dick Jr. at 1200 E. 700 N. Greenfield, IN 46140 is an unsafe building. No one appeared on behalf of the Dick's. Mr. Williams stated Mr. Dick is deceased and Mrs. Dick is ill and living with relatives out of county. They don't have the funds to repair the property. A Public Hearing was set for August 2, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

Building Department 2017 Budget Requests

Mr. Williams wanted the Commissioners to know he would be making the following requests for increases in his budget.

Increase for Part-time from 2016/\$3,121.00 to 2017/\$4,680.00

Increase in mileage from 2016/\$9,800.00 to 2017/\$10,976.00

Increase in cell phone from 2016/\$0 to 2017/\$300.00

Sister Cities of Greenfield

Jim McWhinney appeared before the Commissioners representing Sister Cities of Greenfield an exchange student program with Japan. The city is requesting to place a Sister Cities of Greenfield Banner for a 5K Run August 20, 2016 on the Courthouse lawn. Commissioner Stevens made a motion for the Sister Cities of Greenfield to place their 5K Run Banner on the Courthouse lawn for 30 days. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Claims and Payroll

Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve Claims and Payroll as presented. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion passed. 3/0

County Extension Office Air Conditioner

The County Extension Office needs to have one of their air conditioners replaced. Hamilton Heating & Air will install a new one including labor for \$4,314.00. Commissioner Huber made a motion Hamilton Heating & Air will provide and install a new air conditioner for a not to exceed of \$4,314.00. This will also include 1 year labor warranty, 5 year parts warranty and 10 year compressor warranty. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Prosecutor's Office Air Conditioner

In the Prosecutor's Office one of the Air Conditioners needs the motor replaced with a cost of parts and labor of \$400.00 by Hamilton Heating & Air. Commissioner Huber made a motion to have the air conditioner motor replaced at the Prosecutor's Office at a not to exceed of \$400.00 for parts and labor by Hamilton Heating & Air. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

County Clerk 2017 Budget Requests

Marcia Moore County Clerk submitted her request for one new hire for 2017.

Her request for her CCD is as follows:

Clerk CCD: \$2,875 for the Copier Lease

\$1,300 for Office Furniture & Equipment

Election Board CCD: \$5,500.00 for Office Equipment & Machines

\$865.00 for Copier Lease

E-911/EOC

John Jokantas Director of the EOC requested replacement of an employee. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the replacement of an employee for EOC. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

The director requested out of state travel for Matt Kelly to Illinois on 08/15/16 to 08/17/16, Matt Kelly and Craig Lindsay to Tennessee on 09/25/16 to 09/30/16 and Eric Watson and John Jokantas to Tennessee on 11/15/16 to 11/18/16. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to allow Matt Kelly out of State travel to Illinois and Matt Kelly, Craig Lindsay, Eric Watson and John Jokantas to Tennessee within the specified dates. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Mental Health Partners of Hancock County

Kim Hall the director of Mental Health Partners of Hancock County appeared before the Commissioners to let them know they were having the Pennsy Trail Art Fair & Music Festival in front of the Annex August 6, 2016. They believed the city would probably be shutting down the street from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. They requested the Commissioners shut the fountains down from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on August 6th so they could use them for their Ducky Derby Raffle. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to shut the fountains down at the Courthouse Annex from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on August 6th. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Weed Mowing Notification

Dean Folkening notifies property owners and orders properties mowed when properties are not compliant feels the notification process can be streamlined. He explained the process of the letter notification and he and the Commissioners agree the process could be less costly and more efficient. Commissioner Huber made a motion to allow Mr. Folkening to change language in the Rank Vegetable Letter and the Canadian Thistle Regarding Detrimental Plants Letter. This will make the process progress in a more timely manner. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Property Tax System Contract

The County Auditor Robin Lowder appeared before the Commissioners requesting they sign a contract with LOW Associates purchasing the Property Tax Software System. Shawn Low also attended. The Auditor and Attorney Richardson presented to the Commissioners IC 5-22-10-7 that would allow the County to make a special purchase of data processing contracts or license agreements for software programs. The Auditor also had an email where State Board of Accounts also agreed with the Auditor and the County Attorney. The process will begin in 2016 and continue into 2017. The Commissioners questioned if the funding would be an issue if the process continues into 2017. The Auditor said if there is a contract the law states you can encumber the remaining funds for the next year. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the Property Tax System Contract for the Auditor and Treasurer with LOW Associates. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Citizen Requesting change of Ordinance

Shannon Colter 2403 Osman Lane Greenfield In 46140. She has had chickens for a long time but an Ordinance keeps her from containing her chickens in a coop without a special exception from the BZA. She didn't want to do that she wanted the Commissioners do repeal the Ordinance so she could keep them in a coop without a special exception. The Commissioners explained they did not want to do that because the special exceptions allowed the BZA to judge each case by its own merits. What would be appropriate in one location in the county wouldn't be in another. It was important to look at these case by case. They did not want to repeal the Ordinance.

Mental Health Partners of Hancock County

Jeff McClarnon and Kim Hall representatives of Mental Health Partners of Hancock County both appeared before the Commissioners to express their dissatisfaction with the services of Gallahue. Kim Hall said last year out of 296 calls 167 requested not to be referred to Gallahue. The main complaints were they were forced to take medication and participate in group therapy even if they didn't want to. Mr. McClarnon said even if they couldn't get the State to change Gallahue as our gate keeper if enough dissatisfaction was expressed it might at least force them to be more responsive. The Commissioners told them they would need to provide them with hard facts and figures. They couldn't just tell them people were unhappy. The Commissioners appointed Commissioner Huber to investigate complaints about Gallahue from our own resources (ie) Probation, Jail etc.

Town of Cumberland and Town of McCordsville Grant

April Fisher from the Town of Cumberland and Tonya Galbraith from the Town of McCordsville stated they had received a grant together from Hancock County Community Foundation. It was an Economic Development Grant. They decided to do a study of the Mt. Comfort Corridor. The boundaries are 1000 N and 100 S. The cost of the study will be \$25,000.00. They are within \$5,000.00 of the \$25,000.00 goal with their grand award and donations. They requested a donation from the Commissioners since they felt the study will be beneficial for the County. The County will also receive a copy of the study. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to make a \$2,000.00 donation to the study and to fund it from the Commissioner's Budget Contractual line item. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Commissioners' Recommendation for New Staffing for the 2017 County Budget

Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the following Commissioners' Recommendations for New Staffing for the 2017 County Budget.

Treasurer-1 Full Time New Employee/Minus 1 Part-time for partial funding of new employee

Clerk-1 Full Time Employee

Sheriff-1 Full Time Narcotics Officer

Jail-3 Full Time Jailers

Maintenance-1 Full Time Maintenance Employee/Funded from Commissioner's Budget maintenance & repair line item.

Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/0.

Bernie Harris discussed with the Commissioners our fire alarm panel has some needed repair issues and the company that serviced it isn't in business anymore. They gave him permission to find some companies that could do the repairs.

The Commissioners recessed their meeting at 12:08 p.m.

The meeting will reconvene tonight at 7:00 p.m. June 21, 2016 at the Courthouse Annex 111 American Legion Place Greenfield, IN 46140 in the Commissioners Court for The Public Election Board Meeting.

The Commissioners reconvened their meeting at 7:00 p.m. June 21, 2016 at the Courthouse Annex 111 American Legion Place Greenfield, In 46140 in the Commissioners Court for The Public Election Board Meeting. The commissioners attended the meeting, reviewed information from vendor ES&S and listened to public comment.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, President

Commissioner Marc Huber, Vice President

Commissioner Tom Stevens

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor