

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

August 29, 2017

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

Auditor Robin D. Lowder was present and Accounts Payable Deputy Supervisor

Anna L. Voorhis was also present.

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's meeting began at **8:00** a.m.

Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at **8:28** a.m.

Highway Department

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

Johnson County Aid -Johnson County's asphalt distributor is failing and they have asked to borrow Hancock County's distributor for approximately 2-3 weeks to complete roadwork in their county. County Highway Engineer Pool expressed his desire to extend professional courtesy to a neighboring county. He requested signatures for an Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement between the Board of Commissioners of Hancock County and the Board of Commissioners of Johnson County to provide use of our asphalt distributor. Commissioner Huber made a motion to sign the Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement under the terms of use outlined in the agreement. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

Roadwork done within 5 weeks- Roadwork is ahead of schedule and will be complete in approximately five weeks.

Bridge 91- Supreme Court denied appeal of Greenfield LLC. Settlement offer is highest of appraisals at \$21,500.

Broken Arrow Grass Mowing- Highway received an offer by a citizen to mow ROW at Broken Arrow for payment. Engineer Pool explained that the county did not pay citizens to mow ROW.

Systemic Safety Improvement- An overview of systemic safety improvements was provided which detailed common causes of roadway accidents in high traffic areas and included statistics of injuries and deaths. Engineer Pool discussed cost effective measures to improve safety in those areas. Some of those measures include installation of signs and pavement marker improvements. Engineer Pool hopes that installing approaching "stop ahead" signs at two-way stops and adding rumble strips will significantly reduce accidents in problematic high traffic areas.

500 E & 100 S- Regarding accidents at 500 E and 100 S, Engineer Pool stated that the most recent accident data provided from ARIES shows that there has been only one accident in that area in the last four years.

Pennsy Trail Acceleration from 2022 to 2021- The State of Indiana has asked for the Pennsy Trail project to be accelerated by one-year. This would require approval of the County Council for payment towards project to be made earlier than anticipated. Additionally, Pennsy Trails of Hancock Co. Inc. would need to be made aware so they would have time to raise matching funds. Commissioners were in favor of Engineer Pool initiating conversation with the Council in regard to the matter.

Grants- Engineer Pool will be pursuing grants for the following projects: 600 W. South of Broken Arrow, Seg B (RDC), Bridge 62 and School Zone flashers.

County Bids- As bid season approaches, Engineer Pool will revisit recurring projects out for bid. He noted emphasis on snow removal bids which will be focused on by township and mobilization. This will enable more people a successful chance of being awarded bids.

Discussion Re: Draft of Zoning Amendment-Mike Dale

Plan Commission Director Mike Dale presented for discussion a draft ordinance that would allow fabrication and manufacturing, as permitted use by-right, in the IL and IBP zoning districts. The proposed ordinance would amend Ordinance 2007-1B with regard to Industrial land use standards in the IBP and IL Districts with the addition of supplemental standards to floor area, outdoor storage and loading and service areas. Commissioners discussed the proposed ordinance which serves to encourage fabrication and manufacturing facility growth in the county while maintaining neat and orderly appearances. Commissioners raised questions in regard to language pertaining to 'visibility in loading and service areas' and asked for that section of the ordinance to be revised for clarification. Mike Dale will email changes to Commissioners for review and the matter will be revisited at a later date.

Fortville-Hancock County/MOU Planning and Zoning

Adam Zaklikowski, Town of Fortville Planning Administrator, appeared before the Board of Commissioners seeking signatures for an amended Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Fortville, Hancock County Area Plan Commission and Hancock County Board of Commissioners. Mr. Zaklikowski was hired in February 2017 and has assumed some of the duties relevant to the MOU that were previously administered by the Fortville Town Manager. This has warranted the parties to amend and agree upon procedures that pertain to certain building, zoning and planning matters in relationship to the incorporated area of Fortville. The MOU was previously reviewed by Plan Commission Director Mike Dale and County Attorney Ray Richardson. Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the amended Memorandum of Understanding between Town of Fortville, Hancock County Area Plan Commission and Hancock County Board of Commissioners as presented. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

Hancock County Sheriff's Department-Major Brad Burkhart

Fire Protection Bid Proposal- Major Brad Burkhart appeared before the Commissioners to discuss jail maintenance and repair issues. Major Burkhart presented a bid proposal from RSQ Fire Protection to update, repair and replace existing sprinkler heads/piping to bring outdated items up to code and repair faulty items. Bid proposal was in the amount of \$5932.00. Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept bid proposal from RSQ Fire Protection for an amount not to exceed \$5932.00 as presented in scope of work detailed in bid to be paid out of the Commissioner's budget in the Building and Maintenance line. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

Boilers Bid Proposal- Major Burkhart presented a bid for Commissioner's approval from heating contractor Fitzgerald & North to remove and replace two boilers of advanced age and poor performance quality with two new 1,600,000 BTU Hydrotherm KN16 High Efficiency Condensing boilers. Bid was presented with 12% savings for purchase and installation of two new boilers in the amount of \$137,293.00. (Breakdown: Two Boilers, \$69,928.00; Installation, \$62,965.00; communication card, \$2,200.00 per boiler). Commissioners requested that Major Burkhart receive additional bid proposals for boilers from two other manufacturers because the amount of the current proposal exceeds \$50,000. Major Burkhart will receive two additional proposals to present to the Commissioners at their next meeting, Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

200N & 400 E- Major Burkhart expressed concern pertaining to accidents at 200 N. & 400 E. and asked if a traffic study could be done to gather data. Commissioners were supportive of Major Burkhart's request to contact Engineer Pool to discuss a potential traffic study in that area.

Corporate Fitness Challenge-Health Department

Commissioners discussed benefits of the County's voluntary participation in a Corporate Fitness Challenge as presented to the Commissioners via email from Crystal Baker, Hancock County Health Department Office Manager. The initiative sponsored by Anytime Fitness would offer group workouts, coaching sessions, and club access for 4 weeks. In support of programs that enhance the wellness of county employees, Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to approve the county's participation in the Corporate Fitness Challenge. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0

Commissioner Statement- Generosity of Employee Donation of Sick Time

Commissioners requested to formally acknowledge their appreciation for the generous donation of sick time from county employees to a fellow co-worker who is currently battling cancer. Donations were such that the employee should have more than enough time to cover time off for upcoming surgery and recovery.

Citizen Comment/Complaint - BZA

Gary Dickey appeared before the Board of Commissioners to voice his complaint that he was not allowed time for rebuttal at a recent Board of Zoning Appeal public hearing (petition #1672). Mr. Dickey had gone before the BZA seeking a special exception for zoning of a property he was seeking to purchase and use, in part, to operate a dog kennel. The property had previously been used for the same purposes but the current special exception would not follow the property to a new owner. Mr. Dickey expressed frustration and concern that he was not given the time permitted for rebuttal. He asked that the fees he paid associated with the hearing be refunded back to him or that he be permitted time for his rebuttal to be heard at another BZA meeting. Planning Director, Mike Dale, spoke on the matter, stating that Mr. Dickey's time for rebuttal was used by the current landowner who spoke on his behalf at the BZA meeting. Mr. Dickey disagreed with that statement. Discussion followed in regard to culpability for procedural confusion and misunderstanding. County Attorney Ray Richardson explained the Commissioners have no position of authority over the BZA in the matter other than to convey their opinions. Commissioner Huber made a motion asking Mike Dale to draft and send a letter to BZA stating that the Commissioners would appreciate if the BZA would rehear petition #1672 to resolve any procedural confusion and/or misunderstanding relating to allotted time for rebuttal. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

Claims and Payroll

Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve Claims and Payroll. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

Commissioner's Minutes

Commissioner Jessup made a motion to approve Commissioner's Minutes August 15, 2017. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

Budget Transfer-Weed Specialist

A budget shortfall in salary line for Weed Specialist, Dean Folkening, necessitated a budget transfer in the amount of \$2,269.84. Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve a budget transfer of \$1269.84 from weed specialist supply line and \$1000 from weed specialist chemical line to be moved to weed specialist salary line for a total of \$2,269.84 transferred. Commissioner Jessup seconded. Motion

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

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Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, President

Commissioner Marc Huber, Vice President

Commissioner John Jessup

Attest: _____
Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor