

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

November 5, 2013

Commissioners met in regular session. Those present were Commissioner Derek Towle, President, Commissioner Tom Stevens, and Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President.

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.

In The Matter of the December 3, 2013 Commissioner's Meeting

Meeting Date Changed: Date changed from December 3, 2013 to December 2, 2013. There will be given a public notice for the new date of the meeting.

In The Matter of the Highway Department

Engineer Joe Copeland appeared before the Hancock County Board of Commissioners to discuss the following:

Pipe Quote Bids – set for December 2, 2013 at 8:15 a.m.

Annual Bids – set for December 2, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. Carry overs are Small Equipment Rental with Hoosier Pride Excavating from 2012 and Treated Lumber with American Timber Bridge & Culvert from 2006. Asphalt suppliers will not hold bid any longer since cost has increased considerably.

Bridge #145 - is now scheduled with contractor Duncan Robertson for March 3, 2014 to May 1, 2014 for Phase I and they have sixty calendar days to complete. If not completed they are required to pay a penalty.

Buildings at 600 W. and 300 N. – House demolition is completed for the County properties. The brick house to the South is down and they are finishing clean up.

Federal Aide Projects – Highway will need a letter signed by the President of the Hancock County Board of Commissioners and the Hancock County Council for Bridge #91, 600 W. Phase 3 Broken Arrow to 300 S. and Segment G. Commissioner Stevens moved to authorize Board President Derek Towle to sign the letter. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Intersection Accident Investigation 11/5/2013 – Accident reports for 2010 through 2012.

Not including drunk driving or slick conditions.

*Intersections with five or more accidents in a year. Further investigation to be done.

700 W. & 350 N. 6 accidents from 2/11/2010 to 8/28/2012

600 W. & 300 S. 2 accidents from 10/9/2011 to 8/3/2012

*500 W. and 300 S. 10 accidents from 3/16/2010 to 10/25/2012

200 W. & 300 S. 5 accidents from 2/6/2010 to 10/6/2012

Fortville Pike & 600 N. 8 accidents from 6/10/2010 to 9/30/12

*400 E. and 200 N. 8 accidents from 7/29/2010 to 7/20/2012.

Driveway Variance – Larry Bowmer appeared before the Commissioners to present a request for a variance for John Forcum’s property at 300 W. and 100 N. 3234 W. Tulip Tree Drive, Greenfield in Hickory Woods, Lot 48, Section 3, 8 acres. Commissioner Stevens would like to see alternatives for the driveway. Commissioner Armstrong moved to authorize the driveway variance for Tulip Tree Drive. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/1. Commissioner Stevens opposed.

In The Matter of County Health Insurance

Recommendations – Presented amount of Aggregate Specific Deductible \$120,000.00 to choice of \$125,000.00, \$130,000.00 or \$140,000.00. Recommendation is \$140,000 and to discontinue the Aggregate Premium for \$14,857.92. Recommendation is to keep the present HSA – Change to one Traditional PPO plan at \$1,000.00 deductible and keep Dental and Vision Insurance the same. Commissioner Armstrong moved to choose the Aggregate Specific Deductible of \$140,000.00, Discontinue the Aggregate Premium of \$14,857.92, keep the present HSA, just have one PPO with a \$1,000 deductible, continue with the present Metlife and Vision VSP and discontinue the 360 degree Nurseline and future Mom’s program. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Health Clinic – suggested to bid out the Health Clinic and find out the best choice for our money.

Kevin Mandrell requested mandatory attendance at the insurance meetings.

In The Matter of Wheel Chair

Annex and Courthouse – Treasurer Janice Silvey appeared before the Commissioners to request a wheel chair for the annex and the courthouse. She had someone that could not make it back to their car and had to wheel them in a chair. Commissioners recommended reviewing this request with the safety committee questioning the liability of the County.

In The Matter of Commissioner's Action Items

Public Concern – Citizen Wayne Brooks – Morristown Pike south of Steel Ford Road where the bridge is being taken out, is concerned about the construction devaluing his property. The Commissioners assured him no one would do any work on his land and would not be taking any of his land. There is a meeting tomorrow with the consultants and they will make the plans clear to him that they will not be changing his property.

Payroll – Commissioner Stevens approved payroll as presented. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Minutes – Commissioner Towle moved approval of the Commissioners meeting for October 29, 2013. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/1. Commissioner Stevens abstains.

Ordinance 2013-9B – An Ordinance Amending Workers' Comp Benefits. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of Ordinance 2013-9B, An Ordinance Amending Workers' Comp Benefits. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Public Defender Board – John Apple was appointed for a three year term. Commissioner Stevens approved John Apple's appointment to the Public Defender Board. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Purdue University – Commissioner Towle President of the Board of Commissioners signed Amendment #6 To Extension Contractual Services Agreement Between Purdue University and Government of Hancock County, Indiana in accordance with IC 20-12-42.1 for \$103,645.00, Appropriation #011-30-0097 said contract having been approved previously.

Tables – Robin Lowder, Auditor requested new tables for the Commissioner's Court. Twenty tables at \$49.98 each totaling \$999.60. Commissioner Towle moved approval of purchasing twenty tables and a cart for them for the Commissioner's Court from the Commissioners Building supplies line item. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Sheriff's Department Grinder Pump – Brad Burkhart appeared before the Commissioners to inform them of the installation of the grinder pumps for \$5,460.00 this was paid out of the Sheriff's funds.

Sheriff's Department Receiving Door – the west receiving door. Quote from Professional Garage Door Systems Inc. for the whole system is \$4,644.00. Quote from Overhead Door \$4,100.00 using old opener. Overhead Doors products have an issue because they are proprietary. The Sheriff's Department does not have the funds for this. Commissioner Armstrong moved approval of Professional Garage Door Systems, Inc. and to be paid from Commissioners C.C.D. miscellaneous building fund. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Transfer Funds – Commissioners transferred remaining balance of Commissioner’s C.C.D. Demolition expense line item of \$8,888.22 to Commissioner’s C.C.D. Miscellaneous Other line item. This will enable the Commissioners to use the funds for other C.C.D needs.

County Farm Lease – the former lessee is terminating the lease. Auditor is to work with Commissioner Stevens to place notice in paper to lease County Farm out to Bid.

County Engineer – Resumes for County Engineer will be reviewed by Commissioner Stevens and County Engineer Joe Copeland. They will present a short list of five candidates and interviews with all three Commissioners will be on November 12, 2013.

Macco Building – They have had problems with the owner of the property located at 700 W. and U.S. 40. The Commissioners feel there needs to be a cash bond. The work must be completed before the Commissioners will give an occupancy permit. The Landscaping can be done in the spring.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Derek Towle, President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President

Commissioner Tom Stevens

Attest: _____
Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor