

Hancock County Board of Commissioners' Minutes

October 16, 2012

Commissioners met in regular session. Those present were Commissioner Tom Stevens, President and Commissioner Brad Armstrong, vice president. Commissioner Derek Towle was absent.

Auditor Robin D. Lowder was also present.

Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 8:02 a.m.

Hancock County Board of Commissioners' Meeting began at 8:03 a.m.

In The Matter of Hancock County Highway

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

Sale of Truck – F150 Truck sold at the Don Smock auction for \$15,500.00. The County received \$14,105 for the sale of the truck.

Accident – A half ton pickup truck was backed into while parked. There is damage to the right side in front of the rear wheel. The insurance issued the County a check for \$809.69 for the damage. Direction is requested to either deposit the check or repair the truck. Due to the age and mileage of the truck the Commissioners recommend depositing the check.

Stop Signs – at the I-70 and 600 W. interchange the stop signs were put in by INDOT. A request to remove the stop signs, a total of six, and put signs stating dead end. Commissioner Armstrong moved approval to pull the six stop signs as requested. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

Newspaper Quote – Joe Copeland stated that in the paper last Saturday there was a quote of someone "I haven't really seen a (road maintenance) strategy myself its kind of a happy go lucky I think". Engineer Joe Copeland took exception to the statement and presented very extensive and comprehensive road maintenance plans for county roads to the Commissioners. The Commissioners stated they understood Engineer Copeland taking exception to the comment and support him.

In The Matter of Hancock County GIS

Highway Items – A request to add layers to GIS for the Highway Department was presented to the Commissioners. They would like to add to the GIS system layers for bridges, culverts, speed limits, permits and accident reports, etc. There would be a password so only specific people would have access to these layers and it would not be available to the public do to security issues. Schneider Corporation would need to add the layers and would charge \$105.00 monthly. Commissioner Armstrong moved authorization to proceed with account management with Schneider Corporation at a cost not to exceed \$105.00 per month. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

The Matter of Hancock County Commissioners' Action Items

October 2, 2012 Minutes– Commissioner Armstrong moved to approve the minutes for October 2, 2012 as submitted. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

Claims and Payroll - Commissioner Armstrong moved to approve the claims and payroll as presented. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

Capital Improvement Plan – nothing new at this time.

In The Matter of the Hancock County Surveyor

GIS – Susan Bodkin appeared before the Commissioners to request permission for John Milburn to be on the District 5 Task Force within the State of Indiana. The County would pay for the time he is away and he would be covered by the county's Workers' Compensation Insurance. Commissioner Armstrong moved to allow John Milburn to participate in the Central Indiana District 5 Response Task Force. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

Eastern Highland Acres– Mr. Smith, Sam Awad, Engineer Joe Copeland, Surveyor Susan Bodkin and Mike Dale of the planning Department appeared before the Commissioners regarding the infrastructure of Eastern Highland Acres. The Surveyor presented the question to the Commissioners that since this is a private street, what type of assurance does the County need for the infrastructure to be correct and completed? Should the County request that Mr. Smith file an Affidavit, a Bond or a Certificate of Occupancy?

- Commissioner Armstrong stated the Certificate of Occupancy will not be issued until all work is done. This is a private street and we should not be involved with it. He also was concerned the county had been too slow in moving this project forward.
- Property owner Steve Smith stated he has built several buildings without bonding in other Counties.
- Mike Dale of the Planning Department stated the drainage will need to be approved by the Surveyor's Department.
- Attorney Ray Richardson stated that the Affidavit had no legal merit.
- Commissioner Armstrong moved to allow the continuation of building permits on the property owned by Mr. Smith on Eastern Highland Acres Plat of lots 5, 6 and 7 for construction to proceed with the failsafe of infrastructure being installed the Certificate of Occupancy. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.
- Commissioner Armstrong moved that the Smith project private drive is to be installed per County standards using either asphalt or concrete, subject to the County Highway inspection. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.
- Commissioner Armstrong moved approval of the architectural standards as submitted for the Smith Project. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

In The Matter of the Emergency Management

Grant Compliance Letter – Larry Ervin appeared before the Commissioners to request a signature on the letter showing they did meet and exceed the requirements for the grant. Commissioner Armstrong moved approval that Jeff Vanderwal and Larry Ervin have provided evidence they have completed the training as required for the performance grant funded program and the Commissioner signed letter. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

In The Matter of Hancock County Senior Services

Quarter Claims – Linda Hart appeared before the Commissioners to request approval on the third Quarter claim for transportation in the amount of \$46,893.00. Commissioner Armstrong moved approval to provide payment as a pass through in the amount of \$46,893.00 for Hancock County Senior Services for the third quarter. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

In The Matter of the Planning Department

Ordinance 2012-10D – Mike Dale of the Planning Department appeared before the Commissioners for rezoning of property located at 4147 S. 600 W. in Sugar Creek Township to be rezoned from Commercial Neighborhood (CN) to Commercial Regional (CR). The Planning Commission gave a favorable recommendation.

Commissioner Armstrong introduced Ordinance 2012-10D an Ordinance Amending The Hancock County, Indiana Zoning Ordinance.

Commissioner Armstrong moved to adopt Ordinance 2012-10D an Ordinance Amending The Hancock County, Indiana Zoning Ordinance subject to commitments. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

Ordinance 2012-10E – Mike Dale of the Planning Department appeared before the Commissioners for rezoning of property located at 1944 N. 600 W. in Buck Creek Township to be rezoned from Business (B-3) to Commercial Community (CC). The Planning Commission gave a favorable recommendation.

Commissioner Armstrong moved to adopt Ordinance 2012-10E an Ordinance Amending The Hancock County, Indiana Zoning Ordinance.

Commissioner Armstrong moved to adopt Ordinance 2012-10E an Ordinance Amending The Hancock County, Indiana Zoning Ordinance with non use commitment as specified. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

In The Matter of Community Corrections

Surplus – Pat Powers of Community Corrections appeared before the Commissioners to request a 2006 Ford Explorer be declared surplus. Commissioner Armstrong moved to declare surplus a 2006 Explorer VIN#1FMEU72E86UA30713. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

Gas Contract – Pat Powers informed the Commissioners that the contract for fuel with Gas America was given to VPN when Speedway took over Gas America. The new company is no longer applying for the Sales Tax Exemption. Attorney Ray Richardson will review the contract.

In The Matter of Veteran Affairs

Replacement – The Commissioners discussed what to do about a replacement for Joe Carroll the Veteran Service Officer who is retiring at the end of this year. The Commissioners determined that they would instruct the position be advertised in the paper to seek application and the top three applications be presented at the next Commissioners meeting.

In The Matter of The Hancock County Clerk

CSI Contract – The contract was to be cancelled 90 days before the end of the year. We are now passed that date. The Commissioners request Clerk Marcia Moore and a representative for the Judges to discuss with the Commissioners at the next meeting as to what service to use.

In The Matter of Miscellaneous Items

Light fixtures – light bulbs in the Sheriff and Prosecutor Offices need replaced and occupancy detectors in the restrooms. They will be getting rebates to cover some of this work.

Prosecutor’s Office – a request was made to paint the front of the building. This is approved by the Commissioners.

The meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Tom Stevens, President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President

Absent
Commissioner Derek Towle

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor