

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

April 1, 2014

Commissioners met in regular session. Those present were Commissioner Derek Towle, President, Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President 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 8:25 a.m.

Highway Department

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

AIC Meeting – County Engineer Gary Pool will not be attending.

Bullock Property – Duane Bullock, owner of property at 300 N. and 600 W. would like to confirm there was a verbal agreement to remove the driveway from 600 W. and will have an access drive off of 300 N. The Commissioners understood the plans showed access off of the North/South Road but there was not a verbal agreement for 300 N. Engineer Pool recommended eliminating the drive off of 600 W. He will have the agreement prepared in writing. The Commissioners agreed they could support the recommendation.

Motor Grader – bids are April 15, 2014.

Rotary Milling Machine – an experiment will be held on April 15, 2014 with the City of Greenfield and McCordsville, observing if this will improve road repairs.

2018 Call for Projects – current list of projects is Bridge 71, Segment G (300N from 600W to 500W), 600 W. Broken Arrow Dr. to 300 S, 600 W. from 300 S. to U.S. 52. Gary would like to add Bridge 18 to this list due to concern the steel/rebar is showing in some spots. His concern is the Bridge could fail quickly. Commissioner Stevens moved to allow Engineer Gary Pool's recommendation to accelerate Bridge 18 in the program. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Mt. Comfort Corridor Project/600 W. – approval to request federal funding for both Segment A and Segment G since both probably will not be awarded. It is recommended to apply for both segments. Gary feels there is a better chance to receive Segment A and not Segment G. Commissioner Stevens moved the Engineer request approval to submit the applications for both Segments A & G for federal funding to the County Council. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

TIGER Grant – there are low odds for having this grant awarded, the cost of \$20,000.00 with a 1% chance at one million dollars. Engineer would like to pass on this grant.

Invoice – the intersection improvement invoice for the project for 600 W. and 300 N. in the amount of \$455,000.00 was received by the Highway Department. Engineer Gary Pool will meet with the RDC regarding the invoice later today. There was a discussion and it was taken under advisement.

Updates – working on modernizing snow operations for next year to save the County funds by using a 1:1 mix, spray to center of road, and prewetting salt. Highway will do Educational Training. The Highway Department will be experimenting with a fog seal and sand seal on roads for extending roads for another five to six years.

Review by Highway Superintendent-Randy Moore

12 Culverts have been replaced/Bridge 114 Tree was removed to prepare for work on Bridge.

Twin Oaks – there is an old tree that possibly needs to be removed. Recommend waiting to see how it leaves out to see how much of the tree is dead. The cost could be as much as \$4,300. Highway will review this at a later date.

Road Patching – the patching is 20% complete

Edge Treatment – 50% of the edge treatment from the flooding is done.

600 W. Parcel Offers – Commissioner Stevens moved to execute the offers for parcels on the 600 W. project from Broken Arrow Dr. to U.S. 40 being parcels 2, 19, and 27 for a total amount of \$110,300.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Deobligation of Transit Grant Funds – Commissioner Stevens moved the balance remaining from sign replacement project grant in the amount of \$5,386.00 and the execution of the deobligation of grant fund letter and authorization to execute. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Hot Box – A hot box has been purchased by the Highway Department to help accelerate the patching process.

IT Department

GIS – Bernie Harris appeared before the Commissioners to request authorization for another year of GIS on the web page at a cost of \$750.00 for 2014 and then \$900.00 a year. Commissioner Stevens moved to authorize the additional years of data from the Schneider Corporation for \$750.00 prorated for 2014 and then \$900.00 each year until the contract is terminated. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Virtualized Servers – The current servers were installed three years ago and are running out of space. They need to be upgraded to increase the capacity and should be fine for another five years. The cost is \$12,848.00. Commissioner Armstrong moved to allow for the software purchase through Network Storage in the amount not to exceed \$12,848.00 with yearly software not to increase over \$500.00 annually. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Assessor's Office

Contract – the Re-Assessment contract with Lexus had a change required by the state requiring all signors to initial the change. Commissioner Stevens moved to initial the clerical correction on the contract. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Child Abuse Awareness

Child Abuse Awareness Month – Josh Sipes appeared before the Commissioners to request permission to place pin wheels on the courthouse lawn for the remainder of April. There will be 50 to 75 pin wheels. Commissioner Stevens moved that the signs and child abuse awareness pin wheels be allowed to be placed on the Courthouse lawn. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Commissioner's Action Items

Building Study – DLZ Indiana LLC.'s proposal was presented to the Commissioners, in the amount of \$22,000.00. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of the proposal from DLZ Indiana LLC for an amount not to exceed \$22,000.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. Attorney Richardson requested time to review the proposal.

Claims and Payroll – Commissioner Stevens moved approval of the claims and payroll as presented. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Coroner – The Coroner's van has been returned to the Deputy Coroners for County use.

Building Study – after review by County Attorney Ray Richardson, the Hancock County Probation on South Street will be struck from the contract. Motion carried 2/1. Commissioner Armstrong opposed.

Hancock County Regional Water and Sewer

Recess – Commissioner Towle recessed the Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:05 a.m. for the Hancock County Regional Water and Sewer meeting.

Reconvene – Commissioner Towle reconvened the Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting at 9:20 a.m.

Building Inspector

Advertisement – the position for a building inspector will need to be posted within the county for seven days then advertised. Commissioner Armstrong moved to have Auditor Lowder prepare the advertisement then post and advertise the position in the building and newspaper. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Pensy Trail

First Group - A draft Study of the Pensy Trail approximately 5 miles between Greenfield and Cumberland was presented to and reviewed with the Commissioners. They addressed some of the concerns the public has. The county doesn't have a Parks Department therefore maintenance could possibly be done with an interlocal agreement with Cumberland and/or Greenfield. The cost with Federal Funds, an 80/20 match would be 11 million in Federal Funds/5.6 million in County Funds and would take 15 yrs. The cost with strictly Local Funds would be 7 million and take 4 yrs. Topics of interest for the public are 1. Make sure low maintenance. 2. Security. 3. Property acquisition – foot print small/undeveloped property. 4. Quality of Life – encourage people to exercise. 5. Can increase property value, not decrease. 6. Cumberland and Greenfield both have representatives.

Sheriff's Office

Mass Notification – The system by Everbridge enables users to send notification to individuals or groups using lists, locations and visual intelligence. The notification system keeps everyone informed before during and after all events whether emergency or non-emergency. The notifications will go out to mobile devices whether signed up or not if there is a tornado or extreme emergency. Pricing is \$20,000.00 for Mass Notification, \$3,000.00 for SMART Weather Alerting, \$6,000.00 for Interactive Visibility, and no charge for IPAWS and one-time implementation and set up fees. Commissioner Stevens moved to support the Mass Notification System and for the Sheriff to go before the County Council with request for funding. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

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Non-Navigable Stream Funds/Blocked Stream – Commissioner Stevens moved approval to remove blockage and recommendation that they remove the concrete boxes from the stream using Non-Navigable Stream Fund. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Piney Acres – The Commissioner's discussed the cancellation by the Plan Commission of an Easter Egg Hunt at Piney Acres. The Commissioner's discussed options to avoid this in the future. They requested Mike Dale meet with them at the next Commissioner's meeting concerning this issue.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Derek Towle, President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President

Commissioner Tom Stevens

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor