

## **Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes**

**April 29, 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 and Bookkeeper Ginny Martin were also present.

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

Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 8:27 a.m.

### **Highway Department**

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

**Ordinance 2014-4A** – Amending the Speed Limits in Hancock County. A road study was done on 321 sections of roadway for travel speeds. The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile was determined to set the speed limit. School Zone times are set at 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. school days. On 600 E. south of U.S. 40 there are substantial commercial trucks and the speed will be set at 50 mph. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of Ordinance 2014-4A as recommended by the Highway Engineer. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion with discussion. Commissioner Armstrong prefers split time for school zones. The Ordinance stands as is. The motion carried 3/0.

Commissioner Armstrong moved to amend Ordinance 2014-4A with split times in school zones being 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. There was public comment by Greg Kleiman he asked if speed makes things safer? The Commissioners explained that studies have been done to back up their decision. John Priorie stated 600 E. is used by farm commercial vehicles. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. Commissioner Stevens stated he wants flashing signs that can be controlled by the transportation department and geared to school activities. Vote was; yes, Commissioner Armstrong, and Nay, Commissioner Towle and Commissioner Stevens.

**Steve Smith Property** – the property is located at the County line on the western side of the County. The Plat is set to bind the owners of the property to the road maintenance. Commissioners and County Engineer are agreeable with the private road as long as all is recorded in the plat.

**Fatality** – there was a fatality at a railroad crossing in the County. The accident report has been requested to review the cause.

**Rotary Miller** – The experiment with a rotary miller on 200 S. between 200 W. and 250 W. went well. Will review to see how it holds up to the weather.

**Work Orders** – the work order system has been revised. There were 800 orders and 500 have been done, in regards to pot holes.

**600 W. and 300 N.** – a preconstruction meeting will be held to inform people of the work schedule. The Church, Emergency Services and the School will be included in the meeting.

**Bridge 114** – There has been no agreement on the right of way property purchase so this will be forwarded to the condemnation attorney.

**Frontage Road** – The construction inspection on frontage road will be done in house.

**300 S. and 500 W. Intersection** – there have been twelve accidents in the last five years and most have been ninety degree impacts. Trees are obstructing the view and the stop sign is too far back from the intersection due to the placement of a utility pole. There is 171 feet site distance and 425 feet is needed to stop safely. The intersection will be reviewed to see what can be done to make it safer.

### **Commissioner's Budget**

**4H Association** – Danny Ramsey appeared before the Commissioners. The requested budget for 2015 is \$84,600.00. This is the same as 2014.

**Cemetery Commission** – Nancy Leach appeared before the Commissioners. The requested budget for 2015 is \$1,500.00. This is the same as 2014.

**Historical Society** – Bridgette Jones appeared before the Commissioners. The requested budget for 2015 is \$5,000.00. This is an increase from 2014 budget amount of \$2,500.00. There is need for roof replacement, furnace/air conditioner totaling approximately \$9,000.00.

**Senior Services, Inc.** – Linda Hart appeared before the Commissioners. The requested budget for 2015 is \$24,000.00. This is an increase from 2014 budget amount of \$22,000.00. There has been no increase in funds since 2006 but transit has more than tripled in that time.

**NASA** – Debbie Spangler appeared before the Commissioners. The requested budget for 2015 is \$16,918.00. This is the same as 2014. Debbie Spangler commented their fund has continually seen a decrease in their revenue because of the increased activity in the Pre-trial Diversion Fund.

**Public Defender** – John Apple appeared before the Commissioners. The requested budget for 2015 is \$350,000.00 for Pauper Council Felonies. This is an increase from 2014 Budget amount of \$300,000.00. The requested Budget for 2015 is \$150,000.00 for Pauper Council Misdemeanor. This is the same for 2014. The requested budget for 2015 is \$4,637.00 for Public Defender Board. This is an increase from 2014 budget amount of \$4,546.00. The requested budget for 2015 is \$200.00 for Public Defender Supplies. This is the same as 2014. The requested budget for 2015 is \$2,000.00 for Assigned Counsel Training. This is an increase from 2014 budget amount of \$0.00. The total 2015 Public Defender Budget is \$506,837.00. This is an increase from 2014 budget amount of \$454,746.00. They will be reimbursement on CHINS and terminating parental rights.

**Probation** – Wayne Addison appeared before the Commissioners. The requested budget for 2015 is \$100,000.00 for Court Order Care of Students and \$120,000.0 for Secured Detention for a total of \$220,000.00. This is the same as 2014.

**Emergency Management** – Larry Ervin provided the following information for the Commissioners. The requested budget for 2015 is \$13,961.00 for Emergency Mgt Director, \$12,092.00 for Emergency Mtg Deputy, \$4,750.00 for operating supplies and \$7,000.00 for operating expense for a total of \$37,803.00. This is the same as the 2014.

**Veteran Affairs** – Bob Workman appeared before the Commissioners. The requested budget for 2015 is \$25,650.00 for Veterans Service Officer Salary. This is an increase from 2014 budget amount of \$17,101.00. Requested 2015 budget VSO phone \$980.00. This is an increase from 2014 budget amount of \$960.00. Requested 2015 budget VSO Expense \$3,600. This is an increase from 2014 budget amount of \$1,200. Requested 2015 budget VSO Software \$400.00. This is a decrease from 2014 budget amount of \$960.00. This is with the office open two to three days a week and hours increased to twenty hours weekly. The total Veterans Service Office 2015 Budget is \$30,630.00. This is an increase from 2014 budget amount of \$20,221.00.

#### **Cumulative Capital Development Fund**

**County Extension** – Roy Ballard appeared before the Commissioners. The requested budget for 2015 is \$17,768.00. This is an increase of \$1,500.00 for furniture and equipment from 2014 budget amount \$16,268.00.

**Clerk and Election Board**- Marcia Moore appeared before the Commissioners. The requested budget for 2015 is \$3,650.00 for the Clerk's Office and \$5,865.00 for the Election Board. Both are the same as 2014.

**Sheriff** – Major Brad Burkhart appeared before the Commissioners. The requested budget line items for 2015 are the same as 2014 except for the following: Auxiliary Police is now \$15,000.00 instead of \$25,000.00 and Motor Vehicle is now \$160,000.00 (2014 \$117,000 was moved to LOIT in 2015 it has return to original line item in C.C.D. Fund). Added to the 2015 budget are Taser X2's for \$11,200.00 and 800 mhz handheld radios for \$42,000.00 and a mobile vision server for \$20,000. The total 2015 budget is 332,200.00. This is an increase from 2014 budget amount of \$168,000.

**Jail** – Major Brad Burkhart appeared before the Commissioners. The requested budget for 2015 is \$15,000. This is the same as 2014. However, there are items that are known will need repaired/replaced. First priority is the sewage piping. The Commissioners instruct him to get cost estimates for the repair.

**Mud Run** –Major Brad Burkhart requested approval to close 1050 E. between 150 N. and 350 N. on May 24, 2014 for two hours for the Eastern Hancock Mud Run, Educational Run. Commissioner Stevens moved to allow 1050 E. to be closed for an event in cooperation between the Sheriff's Department and the Eastern Hancock School on May 24, 2014. Commission Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

**LOIT** – The public safety group is to review and send their recommendation to the Commissioners for the Mass Notification.

**Jeff Ellison** – Major Brad Burkhart is asked, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners to express their condolences to the Ellison family.

**Treasurer** – Janice Silvey appeared before the Commissioners. The requested budget for 2015 is \$1,400.00 down from \$1,700.00 for 2014.

**Recorder** – Debra Carnes appeared before the Commissioners. The requested budget for 2015 is \$1,272.00 which is the same as the 2014 budget.

**Auditor** – Robin Lowder appeared before the Commissioners. The requested budget for 2015 is \$1,700.00 which is the same as the 2014 budget.

**Surveyor** – Releasing Bonds for Bay Creek East subdivision Commissioner Armstrong moved for the release of a Bond in the amount of \$2,600.00 for Bay Creek Section II on behalf of Davis Homes, LLC and a Bond release in the amount of \$2,080.00 for Bay Creek Section I on behalf of Davis Homes, LLC. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

**Prosecutor** – The 2015 budget is \$17,900.00. This is the same as 2014.

**IT** – Bernie Harris appeared before the Commissioners. The requested budget for 2015 is \$273,950. The 2014 bond will be partially used by 2015. Bernie Harris will prepare these figures for the Commissioners so they may review what will be needed for the 2015 budget. There will be an addition of a new generator for the computer system.

**Weights and Measures** – The requested budget of \$1,000.00 is the same as the 2014 budget.

**Assessor** – Mary Noe appeared before the Commissioners. The requested budget for 2015 is \$120,000 for her Nexus Software Contract. This is the same as the 2014 budget.

**National Road Sale** – Robin Lowder presented to the Commissioners, for Sarah Wolf, Miss Wolf's annual request for use of the courthouse lawn for U.S. National Road sale on May 31, 2014. Commissioner Stevens moved to allow use of the Courthouse lawn on May 31, 2014 for the U.S. National Road. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

#### **Action Items**

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

**Minutes** – Commissioner Stevens moved approval of minutes for April 15, 2014 of the Hancock County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0

#### **Cumulative Capital Development Fund**

**Superior II** – The requested 2015 budget is \$1,224.00. This is an increase from the 2014 budget amount \$900.00.

**Superior I** – The requested 2015 budget is \$12,400.00. This is an increase from the 2014 budget amount \$11,400.00.

**Circuit Court** – The requested 2015 budget is \$900.00. This is the same as 2014.

**E911** – Connie Hoy appeared before the Commissioners. The requested 2015 budget amount is \$40,000. This is a decrease from the 2014 budget amount \$61,000.00.

### **Planning Department**

**Permit for Circus** –McCordsville and Fortville Chambers hired a circus as a fund raiser and the permit costs \$110.00. They are requesting the fee be waived. Commissioner Armstrong moved to waive the fee for the McCordsville/Fortville Chambers of Commerce Special Event Permit. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0. Commissioner Stevens abstained he is a member.

**AgriBusiness** – Mike Dale reported Tom Roney would like to draft recommendations to amend the AgriBusiness Ordinance. Commissioners prefer Mr. Dale find improvements on procedures.

### **Action Items**

**Townsend Commitment/04/16/14-** Earl Townsend commitment Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to accept as presented from April 16, 2014. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

**Tax Sale Addendum** – Commissioner Stevens moved approval of SRI addendum. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

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Commissioner Derek Towle, President

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Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President

Attest:\_\_\_\_\_

Robin D. Lowder  
Hancock Co Auditor

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Commissioner Tom Stevens