

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

August 19, 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 8:30 a.m.

Highway Department

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

Easements – The Commissioners were presented the easements for the City of Greenfield and AT&T Corporation to be signed.

Commissioner Stevens moved approval of the General Utility Easement with the City of Greenfield.

Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

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Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Traffic delineators - The shoulder will need to be blocked off at the bridge on the Hancock / Shelby County line. Approval of a credit application for Shur-Tite Products is required to purchase the item to block off the shoulder, at a cost of \$800.00. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of submitting the application for credit with Shur-Tite Products. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

INDOT – there are several projects with INDOT that have not been closed out. The following need final closure to be removed from the INDOT books: Des #1172159; Des # 1005718; Des #0200824; Des # 0300775; Des # 0300774; Des #0300767; and Des #0710474. Commissioner Stevens moved to close projects: Des #1172159; Des # 1005718; Des #0200824; Des # 0300775; Des # 0300774; Des #0300767; and Des #0710474. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Right-of-Way – The project at 600 W and 300 N needs the Indiana Department of Transportation Local Public Agency Project Coordination Contract binding the County to contract using Federal aid for the right-of-way along 300 N. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of the Local Public Agency Agreement between Hancock County and the State of Indiana for Des # 1400744 which is a project adding a travel lane to 300 N west of 500 W known as Section G. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Traffic Restriction – Traffic was switched to 300 N on the intersection project and is running well.

Woodbury Manor Subdivision – Robin Wilson is in the process of requesting changes at her property in Woodbury Manor. The Highway Department recommends a Cul-de-sac be put in at the owner's expense and it will be dedicated to the County. No action is requested at this time. This is just informational for the Commissioners at this time.

Flooding Notification Preparation– a list for flooding contacts is being prepared for Blackboard the Mass Notification System.

Lester Cox – Works for the Highway Department looking for employment in another County office. He is hard working and dependable.

Old Equipment – The Highway Department is working on identifying items to bring before the Commissioners to be declared surplus.

Bridge 145 – Is open.

Bridge 59 – Is open.

Segment G – The consultant is active and beginning the procurement on the right-of-way for this project.

Fog Sealer – working well and will add two to three years to the roads. It will be used on Fortville Pike.

Advertise – permission to advertise for the pavement striping contact is requested from the Commissioners. The bid date is September 16, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioner Stevens moved authorization to advertise for the striping contract. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Safety Audit – The following items were recommended as a result of the safety audit: We let utilities work near power lines; use argillic face shields when chainsaw in use; wear chaps in the man lift bucket; wear high visibility Class 2 when near traffic. Except when near the chipper; Use construction signage for all stationary operations that impede traffic. The chaps being worn will be clarified with the insurance adjustor to be sure that is necessary.

Action Items

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

Minutes – Commissioner Stevens moved approval of minutes for the August 5, 2014 and Executive Session minutes for the August 12, 2014 session of the Hancock County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

EOC Director – Commissioner Towle recommended the hiring of John Jokantas as the new Emergency Operations Center Director based on his background and reference check. Commissioner Armstrong moved approval to hire John Jokantas as the new Emergency Operations Center Director at the current salary. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Circuit Court Lights – the original vote was for a not to exceed bulb replacement for \$1,762.73. The new motion needs to be a total not to exceed \$2,949.18. Commissioner Stevens moved to revise the total not to exceed to \$2,949.18. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Vectren Easement

Gas Line Easement – Bill Wermund representing Vectren appeared before the Commissioners to present the Gas Line Easement to replace meters and lines. The lines will stop before the concrete wall and the easement will be revised to reflect it. Once revised County Engineer Gary Pool and County Attorney Ray Richardson will need to review the easement. This will be revisited at the Commissioner’s meeting in two weeks.

Common Sense Energy Resolution 2014-8-5

Resolution 2014-8-5 – A Resolution in Support of A Common-Sense Energy Policy for Indiana Counties in the Regulation of Carbon Dioxide Emissions from Existing Power Plants. Commissioner Armstrong introduced Resolution 2014-8-5 – A Resolution in Support of A Common-Sense Energy Policy for Indiana Counties in the Regulation of Carbon Dioxide Emissions from Existing Power Plants. Whereas, A reliable and affordable energy supply is vital to Hancock County’s economic growth, jobs and the overall interests of its residents; and Whereas, Hancock County supports an all-the-above energy strategy that uses renewables and fossil fuels-including coal-because it is in the best interest of the County; and Whereas, EPA carbon regulations for existing coal-fueled power plants could threaten the affordability and reliability of Hancock County’s electricity supplies and, therefore, threaten the wellbeing of its residents; and Whereas, these EPA regulations for existing coal-fueled power plants can unnecessarily contribute to increased energy bills, and Whereas, these EPA regulations for existing coal-fired power plants pose a personal economic threat to the poor, low-income earners, people on fixed incomes and senior citizens in Hancock County; and Whereas, these EPA regulations for existing coal-fired plants place a cumulative negative impact on jobs, local tax revenue and the overall economic health of Hancock County; and Whereas, these EPA regulations for existing coal-fired plants will endanger economic development and potentially deter new companies from locating in Hancock County; and Whereas, these EPA regulations for existing coal-fired plants could drive existing companies out of Hancock County and into other states or overseas; and Whereas, these regulations will have minimal impact in reducing greenhouse-gas emissions, and Whereas, Hancock County has concern the goals of the regulatory action may be detrimental to reliable and affordable electricity for our residents; and Whereas, Coal provides affordable and reliable electricity to the citizens of Hancock County; and burns significantly cleaner than it did 40 years ago, including C02 emissions, which have dropped by 28 percent since 1986; therefore be it Resolved, That Hancock County urges the EPA to not promulgate any provision that could cause job

losses, increases in residents' energy bills and reductions in revenues to Hancock County.
Commissioner Armstrong moved to adopt Resolution 2014-8-5. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 9:04 a.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Derek Towle, President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President

Commissioner Tom Stevens

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor