

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

December 30, 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:

Reimbursement - request for approval of reimbursement for \$5,700.00 additional cost for replacement of septic field on 600 W. and Broken Arrow Drive project #0400037. Commissioner Stevens moved approval for the request of the administrative Settlement on Parcel #19 project #0400037 in the amount of \$5,700.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

LPA Agreements – Supplement Number 1 EDS No, A249-13-320163 between INDOT and Hancock County changes the project funds from \$2.56 million to \$3.69 million and Project Coordination Contract Des No. 1400744 between INDOT and Hancock County breaks out bridge from Segment G project. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of Supplement Number 1 and Project Coordination Contract Des No. 1400744 between Hancock County and the State of Indiana. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Bond Release – Performance Bond with R & F Development in the amount of \$7,000.00 for asphalt surface & monuments in Meadowlake Village Section III A, Performance Bond with R & F Development in the amount of \$1,500.00 for monuments in Meadowlake Village Section III B, and Performance Bond with R&F Development in the amount of \$6,500.00 for asphalt in Meadowlake Village Section III B, were presented to the Commissioners to be released. All work has been completed. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of the release of Bonds in favor of R & F Development in the amount of \$6,500.00 for asphalt, \$1,500.00 for monuments and \$7,000.00 for asphalt surface & monuments. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Winding Oaks Subdivision – Harold Gibson appeared before the Commissioners to notify them he will be requesting a change of set back from 50 feet to 30 feet for Winding Oaks Subdivision. The County Engineer doesn't see a widening in the roads future therefore he recommends the change. The Commissioners see no problem with presenting this to the Planning Commission.

Surplus – The highway would like to declare surplus six cut power poles to be sold for \$1.00 each. Commissioner Stevens moved to declare the power poles surplus. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Street Name Change – Awning Court will be changed to EMS Boulevard as of February 1, 2015. All parties on the road will be notified of the date of the change.

Sign Project – The County Engineer will need a new line item in his budget for \$44,100.00 for design and inspection, of which 80% will be reimbursed to the County and \$27,000.00 which is out 20% of the \$135,000.00 construction cost. Commissioner Stevens moved approval to move forward with the request. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Additional Appropriation – Engineer would like to make a 2015 request from Council for a 2015 additional appropriation from CEDIT a portion of the roundabout inspection funds in the amount of \$20,000.00 of which 80% will be reimbursed. There is \$266,023.24 left in the fund from this year. Commissioner Stevens moved approval to move forward with the request. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Bridges – Bridge #145 will need a 2015 additional appropriation of \$5,000.00 and Bridge #59 will need a 2015 additional appropriation of \$10,000.00 with both being reimbursed 80%. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of the 2015 additional appropriation as stated. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0

Culverts – The culvert work for 2015 has been posted on the highway website for public view.

Surveyor

Grant – Presented to the Commissioners for approval the Homeland Security Grant for updating the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for Hancock County. Commissioner Armstrong moved approval of Hancock County entering into State Local Agreement for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program CFDA 97-039 with Total project cost of \$24,670.68, HMGP Grant amount of \$18,503.00, Local Cost amount of \$6,167.67 the County cost is an in-kind cost which is not a monetary cost. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Log Jam – There is a log jam in Sugar Creek north of Eden, permission is requested from the County Surveyor Susan Bodkin to the Commissioners to remove the log jam. Commissioner Stevens moved approval to move forward with the removal of the log jam on Eden Road. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Bond Release - Approval to release the Performance Bond with R & F Development in the amount of \$5,430.00 for Windhaven Section 5 Erosion Control is requested from the Commissioners. Commissioner Stevens moved approval to release the performance bond to R & F Development in the amount of \$5,430.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Emergency Operation Center

Hiring – E.O.C. Director John Jokantas appeared before the Commissioners notifying them an employee will be leaving and requesting permission to hire a part time employee, Elizabeth Crabtree, to fill the position is requested from the Commissioners. Commissioner Armstrong moved to allow the hire to full time, of part time employee Elizabeth Crabtree providing she meets the qualifications for full time employment at E.O.C. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Action Items

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

Claims – 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 the minutes for the December 16, 2014 meeting of the Hancock County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Milestone Lawsuit – The Commissioners and County Attorney Ray Richardson discussed pursuing the lawsuit against Milestone. Judge Culver decided favorable to the County but there was a change of venue to Shelby County where the judge decided favorable for Milestone. County Attorney stated that water is a common enemy; you can dump it on someone else. Commissioner Armstrong moved not to appeal the case against Milestone he stated he thought the county had invested enough funds already. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/1. Commissioner Stevens voted Nay.

Sheriff

Out of State Travel – Major Brad Burkhart appeared before the Commissioners to request approval for out of state travel to the funeral of the slain New York officer. Three officers would like to attend, two are honor guards. Jet Blue offers flights at no charge from Chicago. Commissioner Stevens moved approval for out of state travel for Deputies York, Addison and Nasby. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Action Items

Xplex Update – The three attorneys have everything settled but have a question. What happens if there is little activity in ten years? Commissioner Armstrong stated no lease should be signed until there is a workable business plan. All three of the attorneys agree. There is a question about who will pay for the utilities to be extended to the property. The surveyor has questions about the pond that will be addressed later.

Turning Leaf Woods – Robin Wilson appeared before the Commissioners to request signatures on the previously approved Plat for Turning Leaf Woods. The property owners were incorrect on the original Plat. Commissioner Stevens moved to accept the right of way and secondary plat of Turning Leaf Woods as amended, Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Hancock County Extension

Phones – Bernie Harris appeared before the Commissioners to present the contract with Ninestar for \$125.00 for monthly service and \$2,200.00 for installing lines. Commissioner Armstrong moved to enter into a contract with fee \$2,200.00 on 2015 budget to be paid out of I.T. C.C.D. fund and the monthly bill to be paid by the Extension Office. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Commissioner Towle’s Final Meeting – Commissioner Stevens stated to Commissioner Towle that he has enjoyed being on the Board together and that he has done a tremendous service to the County and will be missed. Commissioner Armstrong stated he echoed those same sentiments and that Commissioner Towle tackled the job well and with integrity and that he serviced the citizens well.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Derek Towle, President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President

Commissioner Tom Stevens

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor