

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

February 17, 2015

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners met in regular session. Those present were Commissioner Brad Armstrong, President, Commissioner Tom Stevens, Vice President and Commissioner Marc Huber.

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 8:20 a.m.

Highway Department

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

Bridge Inspection Contract – Supplement #1 increasing the maximum Federal share of eligible costs to \$136,480.00 equal to 80% of the eligible project costs. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of Indiana Department of Transportation County Bridge Inspection Contract Supplement Number 1 EDS No.: A249-14-320243. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Utility Reimbursement Agreement – AT&T line on 600 W. between U.S. 40 and Broken Arrow Dr. has been redesigned with a new cost of \$64,351.34 which will be reimbursed 80% when complete. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of the Utility Reimbursement Agreement between AT&T and Hancock County for the 600 W. Project #0400037 not to exceed \$64,351.34. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Surplus – The request to declare the Kenworth Do-All, VIN#INKBH58X8DJ357229, surplus was presented to the Commissioners. It will be used for trade in. Commissioner Stevens moved to declare the Kenworth Do-All surplus with trade in. Commission Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Round-a-bout – the asphalt material on the base layer has failed. In lieu of replacing the asphalt, Milestone will pay a penalty of \$36,950.59. The material that failed was in the first 1,000 tons but INDOT applies the penalty to all 5,000 tons.

Water Break – Citizens had a water break in the round-a-bout on 600 W. They did a concrete plug to repair until spring when they can repair properly.

Advertise – request to advertise for purchasing a new triaxle truck bid is requested. Commissioner Stevens moved to grant permission to advertise for the triaxle truck. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Common Construction Wage – a representative is requested for the committee.

Road Funding – The Council asked the Highway Department what they could do with an additional \$500,000.00. A plan was presented to the Commissioners showing 19 miles could be added to the current 66 miles. This would put the roads on a ten year cycle.

Resolution Submitted by Town of McCordsville – The Town of McCordsville is concerned with the delay of 600 W. realignment. Resolution No. 021015 a Resolution Reaffirming Support For Expeditious Completion of County Road 600 West Realignment was presented to the Commissioners from the Town of McCordsville. The Resolution is requesting a more rapid process so their Economic Development prospects will not continue to be hampered. They believe the next section of the project should be construction of the bridge over Broadway/US 36/SR 67/SR 234 and the CSX Railroad Line in McCordsville. Commissioner Stevens read the Resolution into the Commissioner's Record. The Commissioners want to meet with County Engineer Gary Pool to discuss options.

Public Comment: John Priore stating he is concerned about the County RDC TIF and County roads being maintained.

Hancock Regional Hospital Board of Trustees

Hospital Board – Jim Miller appeared before the Commissioners to recommend Ann Vail be appointed to the Hancock Regional Hospital Board of Trustees to replace Tom Haines who is retiring. Commissioner Huber moved to appoint Ann Vail to the Hancock Regional Hospital Board of Trustees for a four year term ending July 1, 2019. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Action Items

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

Minutes – Commissioner Huber moved approval of the minutes for the February 3, 2015 meeting of the Hancock County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Freije Water – The Commissioners placed Freije Water on hold for now due to the unexpected expenses so far this year.

Sheriff

Out of State Travel – Approval is requested for out of state travel for Officer Jordan Conley to attend training – Cell Block Survival, The Tactical Edge for Corrections on February 26, 2015. Commissioner Stevens moved approval for Officer Jordan Conley for out of state travel on February 26, 2015. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Out of State Travel – Approval is requested for out of state travel for Major Brad Burkhart for training – Federal Equitable Sharing on March 5, 2015 in Columbus, Ohio. Commissioner Stevens moved approval for Major Brad Burkhart for out of state travel on March 5, 2015. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Tasers – the current tasers are outdated. A total of 35 tasers are needed. Two options were presented to the Commissioners. Purchasing 10 tasers a year will cost \$11,200.00, or pay \$7,400.00 for five years for new tasers and at the end of the five years receive all new tasers. The second option would save the County approximately \$4,000.00 per year. The Commissioners would like to see the agreement as how this would work and County Attorney Ray Richardson is concerned it might not be correct for the County to enter into the agreement. Major Burkhart will send the contract to the County Attorney.

Hancock Regional Water & Sewer District Meeting

Recess – Commissioner Stevens moves to recess the Hancock County Board of Commissioners at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Reconvene – Commissioner Armstrong reconvened the Hancock County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:21 a.m.

Planning Department

Ordinance 2015-2E– Ron Pritzke appeared before the Commissioners as Attorney for Jeff and Brenda Frey to request rezoning for their property at 3600 S. 450 W. The property is currently zoned Residential (R2.5) and would like it to be rezoned to Agriculture (A) for the family construction business and warehouse. The Planning Committee gave a unanimous approval of the Ordinance. Commissioner Stevens moved to introduce Ordinance No. 2015-2E Ordinance Amending Hancock County Zoning Ordinance No. 2007-1B Amending Title XV, Chapter 156, Zoning of the Hancock County Code of Ordinance. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of Ordinance No. 2015-2E Ordinance Amending Hancock County Zoning Ordinance No. 2007-1B Amending Title XV, Chapter 156, Zoning of the Hancock County Code of Ordinance with statement of Commitment: if the Real Estate is rezoned to Agriculture (A), the Petitioners commit to the Commission and the Commissioners that the Real Estate will not be used for the following purposes: animal stables, farm (confined feeding), livestock raising and breeding, animal shelter, fairgrounds, and agricultural products terminal. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Action Item

Memorandum of Understanding – Between the Town of Fortville, Hancock County, Indiana and The Hancock County Area Plan Commission and The Hancock County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Stevens moved to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Fortville, Hancock County, Indiana and The Hancock County Area Plan Commission and The Hancock County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Howard Matthias – Mr. Matthias appeared before the Commissioners to express his concern about his neighbor’s trailer parked on the property and not having a license plate on it. Several issues have existed between the neighbors. Mr. Matthias feels that his issue is not being addressed by the Plan Department Director Mike Dale. Mike Dale stated the trailer did have a license but he would follow up on the issue of the plates not being on the trailer. He will keep the Commissioners informed.

Affordable Care Act

Part Time Employees – Heather Carlton, Payroll/Human Resources, appeared before the Commissioners expressing concern that three part time departments do not turn in time sheets. The Auditor reported she is confident when she speaks with two of the departments they will comply. Heather also expressed concern about employees not complying with mandated part time hours. The County must offer insurance to employees working over 29 hours a week or 130 hours per month. There will be a very costly penalty next year if employees are working over the set hours without benefits. She will continue to investigate this issue and keep the Commissioners informed.

Action Item

Grant Agreement – The Agreement Between the Hancock County Board of Commissioners and The Council for Economic Development Hancock County, Inc. The sum of \$15,000.00 is to be used to develop a website for the Hancock Economic Development Council. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of the Agreement between the Hancock County Board of Commissioners and The Council for Economic Development Hancock County, Inc. to allow for \$15,000.00 from Duke Energy. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Septic Installer Certification Committee – Commissioner Huber reported research is being done to determine if the State requires or recommends County enforcement for installers to be certified.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, President

Commissioner Tom Stevens, Vice President

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder

Auditor

Commissioner Marc Huber