

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

July 1, 2014

Commissioners met in regular session. Those present were Commissioner Derek Towle, President and Commissioner Brad Armstrong Vice President. Commissioner Tom Stevens was absent.

Auditor Robin D. Lowder and Attorney Ray Richardson were also present.

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's meeting began at 8:30 a.m.

The Hancock County Commissioner's Opened and read the following bids:

Crack Seal Bids – Three bids were submitted as follows:

Global Asphalt Paving Co.	\$ 35,379.60
Robertson Paving	\$101,716.35
Dave O'Mara Contractor Inc.	\$ 97,293.90

Commissioner Armstrong moved to allow the County Attorney and the County Engineer to review the bids and return with a recommendation. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0

Highway Department

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

600 W. Project – Three parcels are presented to the Commissioners for right of way purchase approval. Parcel #9 in the amount of \$26,580.00; Parcel #22 in the amount of \$15,700.00 and Parcel 22A in the amount of \$4,770.00. Commissioner Armstrong moved to allow for purchase of right-of-way parcels #9 \$26,580.00, #22 \$15,700.00 and #22A \$4,770.00. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

HSIP – Project Coordination Contract for signs was presented to the Commissioners for approval. We are no longer receiving Federal monies for sign projects. Commissioner Armstrong moved to enter into the Project Coordination Contract Des No. 1383061 for \$50,000.00. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

Bond Release – Bond from Dennis Barker for property at 700 W. and 350 N. Commissioner Armstrong moved to approve the bond release to Dennis Barker in the amount of \$20,000.00 for commercial driveway permit. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

Bridge# 105 – Red steel bridge scheduled for repair and will be closed for one day while the work is completed.

Properties Plus – 600 W. project, the driveway was moved as far from 600 W. as possible as well as a drainage pipe.

Bridge# 76 – Shelby County Commissioners were asked to contribute to repairs on this bridge but may not be able to contribute this year. We requested \$310,000.00 from Shelby County for bridge repairs. Due to a lack of safety the north shoulder will be closed. The bridge is still passable.

600 W. Project – 600 W. and 300 N. are closed. An access road is being developed for emergency access. Access is being worked on for school buses, not sure if this will be possible. The project will be completed by October.

Paving – Currently working on 525 W, 100 S. and Country Lane. Chip and seal will start next. Commissioner Armstrong suggested a sign “local traffic only” for one day after the chip seal.

Road Evaluation – is complete and a long term plan is being worked on.

AT&T Easement – That will run across the south side of U.S. 40 on the County Farm property. County Attorney Ray Richardson recommends giving an easement to the City of Greenfield and then an easement to AT&T. This would avoid problems for the city if at a later date the county wanted to provide an easement to them. The Commissioners agreed this would be the best plan.

Planning Department

Ordinance 2014-5D – An Ordinance amending Title XV, Chapter 156 of the Hancock County code to clarify the County’s fence standards and to define “fence, decorative”. This ordinance will clarify what constitutes a decorative fence. Commissioner Armstrong feels this is overwhelming, more than what is needed. The Ordinance is tabled.

Brian Shoppel – applied to rezone property in New Palestine. Since New Palestine will do the rezoning, he is requesting a refund of his fee in the amount of \$670.00. Commissioner Armstrong moved approval to refund to Brian Shoppel the filing fee of \$670.00 due to confusion about the jurisdiction. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

Lloyd Arthur – this is currently with the surveyor.

Health Insurance

Group Health Insurance – Kevin Mandrell appeared before the Commissioners to give an update on the county health insurance and discuss the current claims through May of 2014. There was one major claim from an accident. Claims are running a little higher than the past few years. There should not be a major change next year. Kevin Mandrell recommends a 5% increase for 2015 for group insurance.

NASA

Update – Tim Retherford appeared before the Commissioners to review the funding and youth programs. Revenue is still declining. They are continuing to fund youth programs.

Action Items

Ordinance 2014-7A – An Ordinance Establishing the Hancock County Farm Development Fund. Commissioner Armstrong introduced Ordinance 2014-7A, An Ordinance Establishing the Hancock County Farm Development Fund for donations.

Ordinance 2014-7B – An Ordinance Establishing a County Xplex Management Board. Commissioner Armstrong introduced Ordinance 2014-7A, An Ordinance Establishing the Hancock County Farm Development Fund.

Resolution 2014-7-1 – A Resolution Requesting That The County Council Retain CEDIT at the Current Rate of 0.10%. Commissioner Armstrong introduced Resolution 2014-7-1 A Resolution Requesting That The County Council Retain CEDIT At The Current Rate of 0.10% Be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Hancock County, Indiana, That Section I Whereas, The current rate of CEDIT is 0.10% and Whereas, the Board of Commissioners believes that it is desirable to retain that rate for the year 2015 for the following reasons: A. The County has many more needs than funds available. B. It is better to budget with a uniform revenue stream. C. The County's revenue shouldn't have to change every time the Library rate is raised or lowered. D. Reducing CEDIT affects not only the County, but all units of government in the County. E. CEDIT can be used for purposes that can free up money for road maintenance. Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Hancock County Council is hereby requested to retain the current CEDIT rate for the year 2015. Commissioner Armstrong moved to adopt Resolution 2014-7-1 A Resolution Requesting That The County Council Retain CEDIT at the Current Rate of 0.10%. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

Claims and Payroll – Commissioner Armstrong moved approval of claims and payroll as presented. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

Minutes – Commissioner Armstrong moved approval of minutes for the Executive Session and the Regular Meeting for June 17, 2014 of the Hancock County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

Amended Minutes – Commissioner Armstrong moved approval of the amended minutes “Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to instruct the E.O.C.I.D.A.C.C. Board to begin a pursuit and search for placement of the position of Director of Hancock County Emergency Operations Center. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.” for May 23, 2014 of the Hancock County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

E-911 / Emergency Operations Center

New Hire – Brooke Vawter is presented as a new hire for E.O.C. Commissioner Armstrong moved approval to hire Brooke Vawter as a dispatcher for E.O.C. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

Emergency Management Agency Director – The Commissioners agreed to advertise for the position of EMA Director with resumes due by August 6, 2014.

Emergency Operations Center Director – the Board has received several resumes, will be reviewing them and interviewing soon.

Crack Seal Bid

Recommendation – Global Asphalt Paving Co’s bid was disqualified for using the wrong measure unit. County Engineer recommended Dave O’Mara be awarded the contract. Commissioner Armstrong moved to go with the low bid of Dave O’Mara Contractor Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$97,293.90. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

Sheriff’s Department

Surplus – Four vehicles were listed for the Commissioners, one to be transferred to Community Corrections and three to be declared surplus. Commissioner Armstrong moved to transfer the 2004 Ford Crown Vic, VIN#2FAFP74W84X185070 from Sheriff’s Department to Community Corrections. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0. Commissioner Armstrong moved to declare as surplus the 2008 Dodge Charger VIN#2B3KA43G18H272278, 2009 Ford Crown Vic VIN#2FAHP71V49X140719 and 2003 Ford Explorer VIN#1FMZU72K63UB1110. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

Parked Vehicle – an inmate parked his vehicle in the Annex parking lot. Instruction was requested from the Commissioners as to leave it alone or have it towed. Commissioner Armstrong moved the President of the Hancock County Board of Commissioners has authority to approve towing for any vehicle parked on a County Parking lot for 48 consecutive hours. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

DLZ – Representatives from DLZ appeared before the Commissioners to present the draft of their review of the County buildings. Fourteen buildings were reviewed and items categorized as Priority One – Currently Critical, Priority two – Potentially Critical, Priority three – Necessary, not yet critical and Priority four – recommended. Commissioner Armstrong requested contractor names be added to the report. The Commissioners reviewed the reports for each building.

The Commissioners took the report under advisement.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Derek Towle, President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President

_____ Absent _____
Commissioner Tom Stevens

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor