

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

June 3, 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 8:24 a.m.

Highway Department

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

Bridge 59 – located at 200 N. south of I-70. There is a small crack that is being monitored. A small pavement change order due to the approaches, however, over all it is running under cost.

Bridge 91 - funding is being moved within the Bridge Budget from Bridge 114. Approximately \$60,000.00.

AT&T Easement at County Farm– Currently working together the City of Greenfield, County Attorney Ray Richardson and AT&T to rewrite some of the easements so they aren't exclusive. So the city and county can run easements through the same area. County will receive approximately \$5,400.00 for the easement.

Crack Sealing – requesting approval to advertise a bid for Crack Sealing. Commissioner Stevens moved approval for the Highway Department to advertise for a Crack Sealing. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Paving – switching 400 N. and 575 E. from strip to full paving. This will save the County approximately \$25,000.00 and two weeks work. Set for July 1, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.

Audit Overhead Claim – on federal projects, we owe \$4,100.00 to United for a job that was completed in 2006 job# 040047497, part of 600 W. development. Then the State will reimburse the County \$3,300.00. The job was not to exceed \$345,000.00 and the County paid them \$210,000.00.

Road Evaluation – The road evaluation will be used to develop a work plan. This project is underway. The roads will be given points to rate the urgency the road needs. The Transportation Advisory Committee will review the plan.

Debris Management Program – Currently working on a plan to stock pile debris from emergencies such as tornado, etc. County Engineer Gary Pool is working with the Lighthouse group. Possible use of unclaimed right of way etc. for storage of debris and/or neighboring Counties that can assist Hancock County if needed.

IAHCS – Meetings will be June 3 and June 4, 2014. County Engineer Gary Pool will be attending both days but will be available if needed. Randy Moore will be in charge during this time.

Road Closed – Western approach into 300 N. 600 W. will be closed on June 9th for about 1 ½ months. The Eastern approach will be closed in August for about 1 ½ months. The project is moving along as planned.

Bridge 59 – Mr. Blankenship was able to sell his property thanks to the Permit United assisted him in obtaining.

Call for Projects – for the year 2019 due July 3, 2014. Submitting four bridges, #62, #93, #76, and #2. Asking for negotiation at meetings and would like to have a Commissioner go with him.

Pensy Trail – Pensy Lane Trail to 600 W. connection. Currently looking at doing bike lane striping. People are using it anyway it is a safety issue.

Patching and Paving – down to one or two crews. Hired two to three more coming next week, full time and bring up to 26 employees/full crew.

Randy Moore, Superintendent

Paving – completed paving on 600 N. from State Road 9 to 50 W. Next will be the radius on 400 W. between 200 N. and 300 N. Then 400 N. between 300 W. and 400W. Then, 250 N. from Grandison to 850 E, wants paved before school starts up again. Then 525 W. between 100 N. and 200 N. to start strip paving. Then back on schedule with paving. Mowing has started.

County Building Official

Update – Scott Williams appeared before the Commissioners to update them on the expired building permits. There are about 300 expired building permits that have not been closed. He has been able to close five. Most are accessory structures. Worst offense is where there was a building built with no inspections. Scott Williams is requesting direction from the Commissioners on how to close the permits. Commissioner Stevens's states they need to be reviewed individually, by category when property has sold, close out and write off. Commissioners suggest sending out a letter to receive an inspection to close out the permit, and then a phone call will follow if no response.

Plan Department

Fence Ordinance – Fence Ordinance. Commissioners request he return in two weeks.

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 May 20, 2014 of the Hancock County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0

Executive Session Minutes – Commissioner Stevens moved approval of Executive Session minutes for May 20, 2014 of the Hancock County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0

Executive Session and Emergency Meeting Minutes – Commissioner Armstrong moved approval of Executive Session minutes for May 21, 2014 and Emergency Meeting minutes on May 23, 2014 of the Hancock County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0. Commissioner Stevens abstains.

Question of Buffer Zone– two mile zoning buffer area around the City. Attorney Ray Richardson stated the Advisory Plan Commission law does have a two mile buffer zone but the Area Plan Commission that we have prohibits the two mile buffer zone.

Emergency Operations Director – The advertisement process is proceeding ahead.

Emergency Management Director – Commissioner Stevens moved to advertise for the position of Emergency Management Director. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 8:48 a.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Derek Towle, President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President

Commissioner Tom Stevens

Attest: _____
Robin D. Lowder, Hancock County Auditor