

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

May 5, 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 8:28 a.m.

Highway Department

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

Speed Limit Ordinance – there are clerical errors on the existing Ordinance. An amendment will be done and presented to the Commissioners.

Bridge Scour - is being addressed on nineteen structures and should be finished in about two weeks. All from winter flood damage.

Property Acquisition – will be using attorney Yasmin Stump and cost will be monitored.

DLZ – Access to facilities will be by contact with Commissioner Towle.

AT&T – will be requesting an easement along U.S. 40 for the County Farm and the Gun Range. The easement will be 10 feet and they will pay \$3.00 for a total of \$5,400.00. It is adjacent to State R/W. AT&T will prepare an offer and present to the County.

Site Distance – Engineer Pool went to evaluate the situation with the intersection at 300 S. and 500 W. he felt there is a site distance problem. There are trees blocking the view. Possible solutions are moving the sign and adding a stop ahead sign. He will make contact with the homeowner to discuss the situation. There is a possibility of a need to cut down some of the trees.

Frontage Property – the construction on 600 W. and 300 N. frontage road should be completed by the end of June.

Bridge# 59 – there will be a change order to mill and recover the road.

Mohr Estates – Property owners are complaining about the poor conditions of the roads in their subdivision.

Work Orders – road patching is 50% complete.

Action Items

Minutes – Commissioner Stevens moved approval of minutes for April 29, 2014 of the Hancock County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0

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

Prosecutor's Office Sewer Repairs – Commissioners have received proposal for repairs from Smith Projects. Willis Excavating is to present a proposal to the Commissioners hopefully before end of today's meeting.

Animal Shelter

Fund Raiser – Craig Meade appeared before the Commissioners to request use of the Courthouse lawn for a show with Sammy Terry on August 16, 2014 as a fund raiser for the local animal shelter. Commissioner Stevens moves to authorize the use of the Courthouse lawn adjacent to the plaza for the afternoon and evening on August 16, 2014 for the local animal shelter. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Public Opinion on Bridge Fund-John Priore stated the bridge fund affects the property owners that have not capped out which includes farmers and owners of older homes.

The Commissioners stated Mr. Priore was not correct.

Bridge Fund

Introduction of Ordinance 2014-5A – Commissioner Stevens moved to introduce Ordinance 2014-5A an Ordinance Re-Establishing the Cumulative Bridge Fund at \$0.05 for each \$100.00 assessed.

Introduction of Ordinance 2014-5B – Commissioner Stevens moved to introduce Ordinance 2014-5B, An Ordinance Re-Establishing the Cumulative Capital Development Fund.

Emergency Operations Center

Employee Replacement – Connie Hoy appeared before the Commissioners to request approval of a employee replacement, Zachariah Zumwalt. Commissioner Armstrong requested resume on remaining individuals in the hiring pool. Connie informed the Commissioners the turnover is decreasing. Commissioner Armstrong moved to allow for the hire of Zachariah Zumwalt to the position at the Emergency Operation Center. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Security Camera Upgrade – the update will enable 90 days of film and a better view of people in the lobby. Security Automation Systems provided a quote of \$13,700.00. A second vendor did not provide a quote. Commissioner Stevens moved to authorize the upgrade of the security camera in an amount not to exceed \$13,700.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/1. Commissioner Armstrong opposed.

Sheriff's Department/Mass Notification

Mass Notification – There are three vendors. Blackboard and Everbridge, they have the services that best serve our county for the Mass Notification. Blackboard will provide a demonstration later in the day. Commissioner Armstrong moved to allow the Public Safety Committee group of four to review the specifications on the Mass Notification proposals and their recommendation is to be presented to the County Council. The Public Safety Committee consists of Brad Burkhart, Dave Sutherlin, Larry Ervin and Joe Hollis. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Personnel Policy

Resolution 2014-5-1 – the personnel policy is being amended to revise the vacation pay. This will be retroactive to January 1, 2014.

Commissioner Armstrong introduced Resolution 2014-5-1, A Resolution Amending Personnel Policy Regarding Vacation Pay.

Commissioner Armstrong moved to adopt Resolution 2014-5-1, A Resolution Amending Personnel Policy Regarding Vacation Pay. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

X-Plex

Committee – Commissioner Towle moved to appoint Commissioner Stevens to be the Commissioner's representative on the X-Plex committee. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Public Opinion by John Priore stating that the Commissioners should not be involved with the X-Plex committee as it is a public organization.

Fred Dunlavy appeared before the Commissioners stating the County should stay out completely until the citizens group has a plan for them to review.

The Commissioners felt this is the proper way to proceed.

Prosecutor's Office

Prosecutor's Office Sewer Repairs – Willis Excavating quoted a price between \$26,000.00 and \$28,000.00. Smith Projects gave a quote of \$26,450.00 and will start Wednesday. Commissioner Stevens moved to accept the quote from Smith Projects for sewer work at the prosecutor's office, not to exceed \$26,450.00 and to be paid out of C.C.D. Fund/Building Expense. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Derek Towle, President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President

Commissioner Tom Stevens

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor