

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

November 18, 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:

Sign Project – There is a LPA consulting contract for the sign replacement project's construction inspections. There is an 80% match. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of local public agency consulting contract with CHA Consulting, Inc., DES#1383061 and not to exceed \$26,900.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Snow Removal - Training for snow removal was last week. All drivers were out and adjustments were made as needed on materials distributed. Drivers performed well.

Truck 53 – Engine is being rebuilt.

Truck 155 – Is a Kenworth truck that has been having several issues, it has been to Kenworth three times. The truck will be evaluated as to its future, in 2015.

Speed Study – 250 W. and 300 N. were rechecked and the speed study was validated for both.

Redevelopment Reimbursement Letter - the letter is from INDOT. This is a reimbursement. We are trying to determine who should be signing the LPA documents, we will check with County Attorney, Ray Richardson.

Striping – is now complete.

Top Plow Competition – Driver that has the most hours with no damage at the end of the snow season, will be given a reward.

2015 Road Maintenance – The plan will be given to the newspaper to publish so there can be feedback from the public.

Bridge Inspection Report – Brian Frederick appeared before the Commissioners to present the Phase One, County Wide Bridge Inventory Project. He stated the bridges are in good condition. There are 157 bridges in Hancock County. Top Five Bridges on Replacement are Bridge 76, CR 600 S. over Little Sugar Creek, Bridge 114, Morristown Road over Branch of Brandywine Creek, Bridge 2, CR 600 N. over Buck Creek, Bridge 91, 300 S. over Brandywine Creek, and Bridge 62, 300 N. over Sugar Creek. The next inspection will be June 2015 for a complete routine inspection and again for Phase two of this project in June of 2016.

County Health Insurance

Insurance Renewal - Kevin Mandrell appeared before the Commissioners to present the summary of Insurance for 2014. Claims were a little higher this year with a number of claims over \$5,000.00. With all considered there is about a seven percent increase in claims. No changes in premium or deductibles for employees for 2015. HSA will be changed to distribute the annual contribution each pay instead of giving the HSA amount up front at the beginning of the year. Commissioner Armstrong moved to distribute the annual \$500/\$1,000.00 contribution on HSA plans over twenty-four pays instead of a lump sum contribution. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

The recommendation was given to keep everything the same for 2015. Commissioner Stevens moved to renew the plan based on the same benefits as the previous year and in accordance with the summary presented. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0. There will be a re-issuance cost to the County this year in the amount of \$31,000.00.

Rate Change - one change is for the dental insurance with MetLife, cost was increased by 9% for employees. Commissioner Stevens moves that the dental plan be continued to be offered to the employees based on the new rates as proposed. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Emergency Operations Center

E.O.C. Modem – E.O.C. Director John Jokantas presented a quote for purchase of APX6500 RF Modem for Genwatch 3 in the amount of \$2,731.18 was presented to the Commissioners for approval. Commissioner Armstrong moved to allow for the purchase from Motorola the radio for an amount not to exceed \$2,731.18 to be paid for out of E.O.C. C.C.D. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Switch – Marion County is paying for their part and Hancock County will be paying our part. This is needed to support an additional remote site for C.A.D. Services. Commissioner Armstrong moved to allow an agreement with Netech for a network switch in an amount not to exceed \$3,497.98 to be paid out of E.O.C. C.C.D. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Emergency Management Agency

Deputy Director Recommendation – Emergency Management Director Misty Moore appeared before the Commissioners to recommend George Boaz for the Deputy Director position. Commissioner Stevens moved to approve the recommendation of George Boaz for Deputy Director. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Notification – A suggestion was made when the County Offices are closed the EMA Director would send out the notification to all department heads, instead of the County Auditor.

Surveyor

Non-Navigable Streams – work on 600 S. and 250 E. to remove the log jam. A Quote was provided from Leonard Excavating in the amount of \$4,500.00. Surveyor Susan Bodkin recommends acceptance of the quote. Commissioner Armstrong moved to allow for the clearing of the log jam out of Non-Navigable Streams line item in the Commissioner's Budget on 5800 S. State Road 9. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Xplex

Xplex Board of Directors Nominee – Commissioner Towle made a motion to appoint Commissioner Tom Stevens to the board of directors to the newly to be formed Xplex not for profit corporation for a two year term ending December 31, 2016. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion.

Open to discussion:

John Priore from Blue River Township - He would like the Commissioners to reconsider what they are doing as the proposals are contrary to the proposals made on April 15, 2014. This should not be a not for profit group. He feels this is being done outside of public view. There is not a need to appoint the board for the Xplex at this time.

George Langston – He feared this would happen where money is being sent to private organizations and the public has no say about what is being done. All meetings should be open to the public.

County Attorney Ray Richardson – He stated, there has not been a quorum at these meetings.

Commissioner Towle – He clarified that the only motion on the table, at this moment, is if Commissioner Stevens should be appointed or not.

Jim Shelby – He stated that this is a process of forming a non-profit corporation and after formation of the entity; it would then come before the Commissioners for discussion.

Kent Fisk - appeared before the Commissioners and stated that the State Board of Accounts and three attorneys all approved the legal process of forming this Board. They also approved one of the Commissioners be on the board.

The motion carries 3/0.

Action Items

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

Minutes – Commissioner Stevens moved approval of the minutes for the November 3, 2014 meeting of the Hancock County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0. Commissioner Armstrong abstains.

XPLEX Lease – Kent Fisk appeared before the Commissioners to request a public meeting to include all Council members and Commissioners that would like to be here to discuss the XPLEX Lease in a public setting. The meeting will be scheduled after the Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting on December 16, 2014.

Veterans Office Software – Commissioner Stevens moves to authorize the transfer of money for software not to exceed \$40.00 from line item 1001.32900.000.0068 to line item 1001.32901.000.0068 in the Commissioner’s Budget. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Annex Roof – has a fifteen year warranty. Nu-Tec for Carlisle came out to look at the roof and invoiced the County \$415.00. They are now claiming the repair that needs to be done is now not under warranty. The Commissioners will have a third party review the condition of the roof.

Annex Lights – Some of the outside lights are out and will need to be replaced. Millis Electric will need to do the replacements. The Commissioners would like Auditor Robin Lowder to call in the work order.

Elevator Repair- It was reported by the Auditor there is a costly repair that needs to be done on the Elevator according to Mid-America Elevators the company that does the maintenance. The Auditor will schedule Mid-America Elevators to appear before the Commissioners at their next meeting.

Recess of the Hancock County Board of Commissioners Meeting– Commissioner Armstrong moved to recess the Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting until 7:00 p.m. Wednesday November 19th, 2014 at the Greenfield Chamber of Commerce located at 1 Courthouse Plaza, Greenfield, Indiana 46140 for viewing of a presentation from Triad Associates Inc. Commissioner Stevens seconds the motion. The motion carries 3/0.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Derek Towle, President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President

Commissioner Tom Stevens

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor