

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

October 21, 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 8:25 a.m.

Highway Department

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

Bond Release – Commissioner Stevens moved to release the Performance Bond with Centennial Partners in the amount of \$38,064.00 for asphalt surface in Centennial Village, Section 1. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Bond Release – Commissioner Stevens moved to release the Performance Bond with Centennial Commons, LLC in the amount of \$24,336.00 for asphalt surface in Centennial Commons. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Bond Release – Commissioner Stevens moved to release the Performance Bond with Westport Homes in the amount of \$54,829.00 for installing a cul-de-sac at the west end of West Whispering Way in Herron Creek. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Bond Release – Commissioner Stevens moved to release the Performance Bond with R & F Development, Inc. in the amount of \$2,231.00 for asphalt surface on Summerhaven, 11. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Bond Release – Commissioner Stevens moved to release the Performance Bond with R&F Development, Inc. in the amount of \$11,000.00 for asphalt surface and monuments in Greyhawk Woods Section IV. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Memorandum – The lender will not issue a partial release of Mortgage for the right of way property being purchased from Shoemaker's. There are two options, condemnation of the property which will cost roughly \$10,000.00 or purchase without the release by signing a waiver. Commissioner Armstrong moved to sign the waiver of partial mortgage release. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0. Commissioner Stevens opposed.

MPO – No projects were awarded to Hancock County for the fiscal year 2019. This will affect Segment A of the 600 W project and two bridges. The Commissioners were asked to attend the next meeting with the MPO to show support for the County.

INDOT – 2008 audit #0201091, 600 W Phase one, the state reimbursed 100% instead of 80% giving the County an overage of \$44,706.75. Commissioners need to be aware of this. Engineer Pool stated he would keep this amount in the Budget in case the State of Indiana requests the funds be returned.

Bridge# 105 – The Bridge was repaired using painted bolts in place of rivets.

Intern – The Highway Department will be hiring a summer intern for the 2015 summer.

Stabilization – 700W Bank Stabilization is underway near CSX.

Culvert Repair – the repairs are behind this year and probably will not get caught up. However, all high risk repairs are complete.

Bridge# 114 – Permission to advertise Bridge# 114 for letting next year, was requested from the Commissioners. Plans will be brought to the next Commissioners meeting.

Bridge# 76 – Shelby County will be reimbursing Hancock County for the right-of-way purchase.

Speed Study – the speed study for Station Way has not worked out as anticipated. The signs will be modified by changing the Ordinance.

Paving – Eden Road near SR 9 will be added to the list for paving and also fixing three spots in the County Yard

Driveway Variance – Steve Riley wants a primary plat on 100 S if a driveway variance is allowed by the Commissioners. The zoning is residential rural and the lots would be two acre lots. Commissioner Stevens suggested possible shared driveways between the lots. Commissioner Armstrong and Towle feel the eight driveways would be fine. It is agreed to allow for the driveway variance.

Annual Bids – Permission is requested to advertise for the annual bids on November 1, 2014. The snow plow and asphalt liquid will be rolled over. Commissioner Stevens authorizes to advertise for annual bids November 1, 2014. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Freije Water Treatment

Water Treatment – Dean Freije appeared before the Commissioners to present his quote for the Annex, Courthouse and Purdue Extension office. The Annex should keep the softeners running as they are because of the fountains. The Courthouse would take one system treatment which would eliminate salt and last for fifteen years. The Extension Office would take the smallest commercial system available. The work could be done in a couple of days. The Commissioners don't think the funds will be available until 2015. The cost for the Courthouse and Extension would be \$6,000.00.

Senior Services

Grant – Linda Hart appeared before the Commissioners to approve the third Quarter claim in the amount of \$43,315.00. Commissioner Armstrong moved to approve and sign the \$43,315.00 third Quarter claim to Hancock County Senior Services for the pass through grant. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

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 the minutes for the October 7, 2014 meeting of the Hancock County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Emergency Management Director – Commissioner Stevens moved to offer the Emergency Management Director position to Misty Moore. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Surveyor's Office

Truck – There were three bids presented for the truck for the Surveyor's Office.

1. Inskeep for \$25,425.00 for 2015 F250 with trade.
2. Dellen there was a no bid. 3.
- Capital City for \$23,100.50 for a 2015 F250 with trade.

Commissioner Stevens moved to submit the bids for review to the County Attorney, Ray Richardson and County Surveyor, Susan Bodkin. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Bid – There was only one legal bid due to no signature on the Capital City bid. Commissioner Armstrong moved to accept the bid from Inskeep in the amount of \$25,425.00. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

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Control Valve – Commissioner Armstrong approved the invoice from PDF mechanical to replace one heat control valve for \$575.00. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

NASA

Grant – Tim Retherford appeared before the Commissioners to present the 2015 Local Drug Free Community Grant Recommendations. Commissioner Armstrong moved to allow for the 2015 Local Drug Free Community Fund Grant Recommendations through NASA as presented. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Emergency Operations Center

Genwatch System – This is basically an insurance policy on the 800 radio system at a cost of \$27,227.15. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of ERS proposal for the County Emergency Operations Center for an amount not to exceed \$27,227.15. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Computer – request for a new desk top computer. The old computer will be used for the CAD system. Commissioner Stevens moved to authorize the purchase of a new computer and monitor in an amount not to exceed \$2,444.84 out of CCD funds. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Personnel Policy – It was requested that a change be made in the personnel policy for public safety to use flex time. County Attorney Ray Richardson will prepare an amended Ordinance to be sent to the Sheriff for review.

Hiring Test – Would like consideration for Testing Software to do testing for new hires. There is a demo version currently at EOC for the Commissioners to review. Cost would be anywhere from \$4,000.00 to \$6,000.00 with an annual \$500.00 annual update charge. He would also like more background checking. It was also requested that the Commissioners consider additional testing ideas for the hiring process to insure quality employees are hired.

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Ordinance 2014-5D – This is the Ordinance concerning fences. Commissioner Armstrong has concerns about the ordinance. Further review of the Ordinance will be done by the Commissioners.

Commissioners Courtroom – There was a concern someone had an allergic reaction to mold in the Commissioner’s Court room. The Commissioner’s will have it checked.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Derek Towle, President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President

Commissioner Tom Stevens

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor