

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

September 16, 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:

Salt Bid – We were awarded 1700 tons at \$71.72 which is up 12% from last year.

Fortville Pike – The road is complete except striping that will be done next week.

ADA Bid Advertisement – Permission is requested to advertise for the ADA bid. Commissioner Stevens moved approval to advertise for accepting bids for striping the county parking lots for ADA compliance. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

IACC Conference – The conference is December 1st to the 4th, 2014.

Reclaimer Street Zipper – The one that was selected is no longer available. Currently they are searching for a similar Street Zipper.

Demo – There will be a demo of a Street Zipper on September 30, 2014 on Colonial Drive.

Safety Training – October 2, 2014 the Highway Department will have a picnic that will include CPR training, safety training, and employee evaluations.

Right of Way Acquisition – Beam Longest and Neff has begun right-of-way acquisition on Bridge No. 2 at 600 N. and 400 W.

Crack Seal – Work is 70% complete except 600 W, Hamilton Heights, Sun Ridge, 700 N, and 200 S.

LPA Contract – Negotiation with INDOT and CHA Consulting, Inc. on Hancock County sign replacement project. The negotiated amount is \$44,100.00 and approval of the contract is requested. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of LPA Consulting Contract, Des No. 1383061 which is a contract between Hancock County, State of Indiana and CHA Consulting, Inc. in the amount of \$44,100.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Speed Study – speeds have been rechecked on 600 E, 600 W and 1000 N and they are still within +/- 2 mph of when the study was originally done.

Action Items

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

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

Exhaust Fans – a quote to repair the exhaust fans in the courthouse restroom from PDF Mechanical, LLC in the amount of \$1,090.00 was presented to the Commissioners. The Commissioners requested a second quote. Commissioner Armstrong moved to allow for the repair of exhaust fans not to exceed \$1,090.00 pending contractor approval. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Vectren Easement – The easement has been modified. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of the Gas Line Easement in accordance with the attached exhibit A which has been revised per the Commissioners request. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Bids For Traffic Pavement Markings

Bids – There were four bids presented to the Commissioners at 8:31 a.m. as follows: 1. Indiana Sign & Barricade, Inc. in the amount of \$78,289.98. 2. Oglesby Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$66,060.45. 3. Grid Lock Traffic Systems Inc. in the amount of \$91,643.50 and 4. Indiana Traffic Services, L.L.C. in the amount of \$52,083.23. Commissioner Stevens moved to turn the bids over to the County Engineer and the County Attorney for review and then receive a recommendation later in the meeting. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

IT Department

Salary – Bernie Harris appeared before the Commissioners to request an increase in salary for the current Network Administrator because he feels the current salary is way under market value. He has \$5,700.00 in part time he would like to increase the Network Administrator's Salary for 2015. Commissioner Armstrong moved approval for the budget year 2015 to transfer part time line item and apply the \$5,700.00 to the Network Administrator's salary. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. Commissioner Stevens feels the timing is off for this request. The motion carries 2/1. Commissioner Stevens opposes.

Bids

Recommendation – Gary Pool recommended the bid be awarded to Indiana Traffic Services, L.L.C. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to enter into a contract with Indiana Traffic Services, L.L.C. in the amount of \$52,083.23. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0

Clerk's Office

Hostas – Marcia Moore appeared before the Commissioners to request Master Gardeners be able to remove their hostas before the changes are made to the lawn. Commissioner Armstrong moved for Master Graders to remove the hostas they provided. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

She also reported the soil had been treated by Howard in preparation for next year.

Printer – The library location worked well as a voting center. A printer will be needed for this location. A list of items to be declared surplus to purchase the printer was provided to the Commissioners. M-100 items are as follows 1) 202104, 2) 202113, 3) 202120, 4) 202166, 5) 202171, 6) 202180, 7) 202194, 8) 202196, 9) 202207, 10) 202209, 11) 202211, and 12) 202217. Commissioner Stevens moved items M-100 1 through 12 be declared surplus to be used in exchange of a printer. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Mary Jane Woods Minor Subdivision

Right-of-Way – Harold Gibson of Gibson Surveying appeared before the Commissioners to request approval of a 35 foot dedicated right-of-way for Mary Jane Woods Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Armstrong moved to accept the 35 foot dedicated right-of-way in Mary Jane Woods Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Smith Projects

Ordinance No. 2014-9A – Ron Pritzke appeared before the Commissioners to request a zoning change for Smith Properties Corporate headquarters moving to Hancock County. The request is to change from Residential (R1.0) to Industrial General (IG). The Planning Commission gave it a favorable recommendation with commitment. Commissioner Armstrong Introduced Ordinance 2014-9A An Ordinance Amending The Hancock County Zoning Ordinance No. 2007-1B with Commitment. Commissioner Armstrong moved to adopt Ordinance 2014-9A An Ordinance Amending The Hancock County Zoning Ordinance No. 2007-1B with commitment as follows: The following uses shall be deleted from the list of Permitted uses in the IG zoning district. Crop processing & storage, heliport, parking lot or structure (as a primary use), agricultural products terminal, fabrication facility, food and beverage production, lumber yard, manufacturing facility, truck freight terminal, warehouse & distribution facility, and wholesale distribution facility. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Plan Department

Piney Acres – The Commissioners inform Mike Dale they are not happy with how the AgiBusiness Ordinance is working. The Commissioners requested to know why the temporary permit for Piney Acres to do a haunted loft was denied. Mr. Dale responded that they were referred to BZA. The question was presented again, what needs to be done so it will perform as intended. Mike Dale stated a revision of a draft of the Ordinance is in progress.

Health Department

Emergency Plan – Misty Moore appeared before the Commissioners to inform them she is working on a security plan and would like to explore door key options. This is in case Bernie Harris is not available to lock down doors to the annex in case of an emergency. Commissioner Armstrong suggested she come to the Safety meeting to explore different scenarios.

Weed Board

Funds – Dean Folkening appeared before the Commissioners to request moving line items in the Weed Specialist Supplies \$1,064.00, Weed Specialist Chemicals \$1,000.00, and Weed Liens & Releases \$500.00 to cover about four more weeks of salary to respond to weed complaints and send out notices for property owners to mow their property. Commissioner Armstrong moved approval of the budget transfer of \$2,564.00 for personnel salary to be transferred from three different lines, \$1,064.00 from Weed Specialist Supplies, \$1,000.00 from Weed Specialist Chemicals and \$500.00 from Weed Liens and Releases. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Action Items

Sam McDaniel – has hired an attorney to request the Commissioners review the disciplinary action taken by the Sheriff. The Hancock County Personnel Policy Handbook does not allow this for disciplinary actions. County Attorney Ray Richardson will send a letter to Mr. McDaniel’s attorney explaining it does not apply to disciplinary action.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Derek Towle, President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President

Commissioner Tom Stevens

Attest: _____
Robin D. Lowder, Hancock Co Auditor