

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

September 2, 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 8:20 a.m.

Highway Department

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

Equipment – Authorization was requested to purchase, from MVH Equipment Fund, a used Street Zipper for under \$35,000.00. This could save possibly up to a million dollars. Commissioner Stevens moved to authorize moving forward with the purchase of a Street Zipper in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

USI – Bridge 145 will be completed. USI's inspection fee is 12.5% of the construction fee and they are requesting the full payment of the counties share. The project came in \$30,000.00 under Budget. No action required, just notifying the Commissioners of the request.

Winter Equipment – The current salt spreader needs to be replaced and a plow blade will be needed before winter. The V box spreader cost is approximately \$15,000.00 and the front mounted plow blade is approximately \$10,000.00. Commissioner Stevens moved to authorize the expenditure not to exceed \$25,000.00 for purchase of the V box spreader and snow blade. This will be expended from the MVH Equipment Fund. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Plow Racks – Approval is requested to purchase racking for plow blades to keep them protected from the weather. The cost would be under \$1,500.00. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of plow blade racks. This will be expended from the MVH Equipment Fund. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Fortville Pike – will not be able to be completed this week due to weather.

600 W Project – Right-of-way property should be secured by the year end. There is 45 days to appeal, then make the deposit to the courts and then we will have access to the properties.

Segment G on 300 N – INDOT may want to cut back on the award for this project and return to the half built scenario. There is nothing official yet. If they do we will need to request the grants again at a later. It will just slow down the development.

Complaint – Ron Snyder spoke with Gary Pool and stated his concern about the intersection of 400 N and 400 W, which he felt should be a four way stop. The speed limit, no outlet sign, lighting on the road and reflectors on power poles were also his concerns. He may be contacting the Commissioners and was assured another traffic study would be done since he was very concerned.

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 the August 19, 2014 meeting of the Hancock County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Stop Work Letter – Commissioner Stevens moved approval of the Pike Residence Stop Work Order Letter. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Domestic Violence

Crosses on Courthouse Lawn – Kelly Buzan of Alternatives Inc, appeared before the Commissioners to request approval to place crosses on the courthouse lawn to represent domestic violence homicides. The crosses will be placed on the lawn with a sign of explanation. It will be the Friday after the Riley Festival and removed the first of November, 2014. Commissioner Stevens moved to allow crosses to be placed on the Courthouse lawn for the purpose stated beginning Friday after Riley Days through the first of November. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Action Items

Scott Williams – Auditor Robin Lowder requested clarification from the Commissioners if Scott Williams', of the Building Department, position is exempt or non-exempt. Per the Commissioners the position is non-exempt.

Sheriff's Department

Out Of State Travel – Major Brad Burkhart appeared before the Commissioners requesting approval for out of state travel for Benford Kessinger on September 9, 2014 through September 12, 2014 going to Arlington Heights, Illinois. There is no cost for the Advanced Criminal Street Gang Identification and Interdiction training or the hotel. The only cost is for transportation and meals. Commissioner Stevens moved approval for out of state travel for Benford Kessinger for the trip to Illinois, September 9th through 12th. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Derek Towle, President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President

Commissioner Tom Stevens

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor