

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

March 5, 2013

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.

Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 8:26 a.m.

In The Matter of the Highway Department

Engineer Joe Copeland appeared before the Hancock County Board of Commissioners to discuss the following:

IOSHA – the IOSHA report was provided to the Commissioners on a reported work hazard for the rack where the spreaders hang. The report gives recommendation for portable ladders, more access and collapsible ladders on trucks. No fine was assessed.

Auction Agreement – request for approval of an agreement with Don Smock Auction Co. Inc to sell a 1999 Volvo material spreader dump truck VIN#4V5J32HE2YN869527 and 1999 Broce Broom. Commissioner Stevens moved to enter into an agreement with Don Smock Auction Co. Inc for the sale of two pieces of equipment being a 1999 Volvo material spreader dump truck VIN#4V5J32HE2YN869527 and 1999 Broce Broom. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Settlement Agreement – with Thomas A. Grant, Inc. states the property will be vacated by August 1, 2013. The Commissioners were asked if they want the house vacant. Commissioner Armstrong requested someone provide the information on possibly keeping the property as a rental property. Commissioner Stevens felt paragraph #3 of the agreement should be amended to say unless another plan is agreed upon. The matter was tabled until the County Attorney arrived.

Credit Application – for OverHead Doors. They came to inspect the door to access what was wrong and charged \$47.00 for the call. The Commissioners agreed to pay the invoice, the credit application had to be signed in order to pay the invoice. It was suggested not to use them again.

Hancock County Equipment Advisory Committee – three recommendations were presented to the Commissioners. 1. They have not found a mechanic for the Highway Department as of yet. Approval is requested to advertise for the position with pay up to \$25.00 per hour. Commissioner Armstrong moved to advertise for up to \$25.00 per hour for a qualified Highway Department mechanic. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0. 2. Purchase of a used Asphalt Patching Machine with 132.4 hours is available. Recommended to offer \$25,000.00 with maximum of \$30,000.00 Commissioner Stevens moved to allow the Highway Department to make an offer on a used Asphalt Patching Machine as requested. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion.

The motion carried 3/0. 3. A separate section to the Personnel Handbook for the Highway Department to involve the review process and tier pay system. The Commissioners indicated this will need to go through the Personnel Policy Handbook process in order to be added.

Bridge# 59 – at 600 W. and 200 N. will need trees removed. Two quotes were presented to the Commissioners. V. Feeney Inc. in an amount of \$14,900.00 leaving wood chips and \$17,900.00 hauling off wood chips. Arbor Tree Co. quote in an amount of \$29,600.00. The Highway Engineer recommends V. Feeney, Inc. Commissioner Stevens moved to award removal of trees for Bridge# 59 to V. Feeney, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$17,900.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Bridge# 114 – proposal from Indianapolis Testing Laboratory for the geotechnical (soils) investigation in the amount of \$10,849.00 was presented to the Commissioners for approval. Commissioner Armstrong moved approval to enter into a contract with Indianapolis Testing Laboratory in the amount not to exceed \$10,849.00 for soil testing for Bridge# 114. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Bridge Projects Schedule to 2019 – This year the projects are Bridges# 59, 145 and 23 (currently working on) and Culverts SC30, Meridian N. of 100 S. Morristown Pike north of 400 S. and 600 S. east of 200 E. Bridge# 2 for 2014 will need to start the design process; road relocation will be a problem with this project. To make these projects happen an additional \$584,800.00 will need to be appropriated. Engineer Copeland requested Approval to go to the County Council to request the \$584,800.00 additional appropriation. Commissioner Steven moved to allow the Highway Department to go to County Council for the requested \$584,800.00 for additional appropriations for bridges and culverts. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Sell Used Culvert – Phil Scott requested to purchase used culvert for \$160.00. Commissioner Armstrong moved to approve the sale of used culvert for \$160.00. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

School Flashers – a proposal from Signal Construction Incorporated for solar powered school flashers was presented to the Commissioners. The County would need 10 for a cost of \$8,880.00 each. The Commissioners felt this would be a good five year capital improvement plan but did not want to take action at this time.

Ordinance No. 2013-3A – An Ordinance Changing Road Schedules, for the following; Schedule I Bridge Loan Limits, Schedule II Road Weight Limits, Schedule III Speed Limits, and Schedule VIII Intersections with Traffic Control Signals. Commissioner Stevens introduced Ordinance 2013-3A An Ordinance Changing Road Schedules including Schedules I, II, III and VIII.

Updates – Potholes are being patched as fast as possible.

In The Matter of Settlement Agreement

Thomas A. Grant, Inc. – Commissioner Stevens moved to approve the proposed settlement agreement with Thomas A. Grant, Inc the draft as amended. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

In The Matter of Energy Systems Groups

Energy Audit – Mark Falahee from Energy Systems Group appeared before the Commissioners to present what their company has to offer the County to lower the County Energy cost. The Commissioners would like to hear from another company coming on the same matter and are not prepared to make a commitment at this time.

In The Matter of Hancock County Clerk

ATM – a proposal to install ATM machines on the second floor at the courthouse and on the second floor of the annex was presented to the Commissioners. The Commissioners support the idea.

Network Cable – the Commissioners were presented with an invoice for the cost of running a new cable to their copier at a cost of \$500.00 from Steve Millis Electric, Inc. This would be in place of a new printer for the office. Commissioner Stevens moved to accept the proposal from Steve Millis Electric, Inc. for running CAT6 cable in an amount not to exceed \$500.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Vote Centers – The Commissioners were presented with potential vote center sites. The sites need to be ADA compliant.

In The Matter of the Sheriff's Department

Jail Locks – The performance Bond for jail locks was presented to the Commissioners. Commissioner Stevens moved to accept the performance bond from AIA on behalf of Crowder Detention in the amount of \$345,000.00 for bonding the installation of locks at the jail and that Crowder Detention is authorized to proceed with the contract. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/1. Commissioner Armstrong opposed.

Surplus – a proposal to sell two shotgun racks to the Knightstown Police Department at \$50.00 each for a total of \$100.00 was presented to the Commissioners. Commissioner Armstrong moved to declare surplus two shotgun racks for sale for the total amount of \$100.00. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Payment Request – were presented for monthly copier expense of \$377.00 and siren and switch boxes for reserve equipment. The Commissioners have already approved funds for vehicle equipment and the cost for the siren and switch boxes would come out of that. The copier expense was not approved from C.C.D. so it will need to be paid from the same fund presently used and put into the budget for next year out of the C.C.D.

In The Matter of Commissioners Action Items

Claims & Payroll- Commissioner Stevens moved to approve the claims as presented. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Email - Dick Simon requested a County email. Commissioner Armstrong moved for Dick Simon to have an email account with the County. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0

Weed Liens & Releases - when Weeds are mowed the County needs to put on and release weed liens. Commissioner Armstrong moved to change the title for line item 1001.22402.000.0068 from Weed Chemicals to Weed Liens & Releases to allow funding to be used to place Weed Liens & Release Weed Liens. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Trails Project in Cumberland - There was discussion among the Commissioners about extending the trail from Cumberland to 500 W. The Tourism Commission will help with funds. A consultant for funding (grant writer) will need to be recommended for the project.

ALS Funding - Brown Township requested funding for ALS service in the amount of \$6,600.00. Commissioner Stevens moved to initiate an interlocal agreement similar to the one for Blue River and Jackson Township in the amount of \$6,600.00, subject to County Council Appropriation. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Derek Towle, President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President

Commissioner Tom Stevens

Attest: _____
Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor