

## **Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes**

**August 20, 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.

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's meeting began at 8:00 a.m.

Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 8:24 a.m.

### **In The Matter of the Highway Department**

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

**Attorney Jasmin Stump** – the total fee for her services is anticipated to total \$60,000.00

**McCordsville Inter-Local** – for pavement markings using the County Contract. Commissioner Stevens moved to enter into an Inter-Local Agreement with the Town of McCordsville for the purpose of pavement markings in the town using our contract. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

**Bridge Inspection** – United Consulting a four year contract for Phase I and Phase II inspections at a total cost of \$162,500.00. This is a 4% increase over the last contract. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of the LPA Consulting Contract with United Consulting for doing the Hancock County Bridge inventory Phases I 2014 & Phase II 2016 subject to approval of INDOT in an amount not to exceed \$162,500.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

**Liquid Deicer Bid** – for Calcium Chloride the bid date is set for October 1, 2013 at 8:30 a.m.

**Annex Parking Lot** – Baumgartener will begin on the parking lot August 22, 2013. Auditor Robin Lowder will need to notify County employees they will not be able to park there and the area will be taped off.

**Bond Release** – Release of Permit Bond #11-2026 to Fox Contractors for repairs completed in the amount of \$75,000.00.

Release of Permit Bond #12-12-2071 to E & B Paving, Inc. for paving job completed in the amount of \$75,000.00.

Commissioner Stevens moved that upon recommendation of the Highway Department, Bond 11-2028 to Fox Contractors in the amount of \$75,000.00 be released. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Commissioner Stevens moved that upon recommendation of the Highway Department, Bond 12-12-2028 to E & B Paving in the amount of \$75,000.00 for use of 200N be released. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

**Claims and Payroll** – Commissioner Stevens moved claims be approved as presented. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

**Minutes** – Commissioner Stevens moved approval of the minutes for August 6, 2013. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

#### **In The Matter of Douglas Minor Subdivision**

**Plat** – Jerry Wiggins appeared before the Commissioners for approval of dedicated right of way for Douglas Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Armstrong moved to accept the dedicated right-of-way for the Douglas Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

#### **In The Matter of Mt Comfort Air Park**

**Plat** – Kelley Canter appeared before the Commissioners on behalf of Dan Kuester for approval of Mt Comfort Air Park plat. Commissioner Stevens moved acceptance of the dedicated right of way for the Plat. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

#### **In The Matter of the Clerk's Office**

**Flowers** – Marcia Moore appeared before the Commissioners to request funds for flowers at the courthouse, a hose and key for the water. The Clerk's Office has agreed to plant and care for the fall foliage in flower pots around the courthouse. Total cost for the flowers is \$672.00. Commissioner Armstrong moved to allow the purchase of flowers for the courthouse in an amount not to exceed \$672.00 provided the clerk's office cares for the plants for the season and to authorize Jim Scott to purchase appropriate hose using County credit card and also to authorize the use of the key for water. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

#### **In The Matter of The Commissioner's Action Items**

**Ordinance 2013-8C** – The Commissioners take no action on Ordinance 2013-8C. The Public spoke regarding the Bond Issue. Carolyn Flynn stated the responsibility of the bond issue will fall on people that have not hit the cap yet and she felt they didn't have a plan. George Langston stated LOIT and CEDIT can pay for some of these expenses without bonding. Fred Dunlavy stated they have changed the purpose of the bond three times now and he feels like the County is looking for a purpose to bond. Martha Vail stated she defended the Tea Party and lives within her means and feels the county should do the same. Commissioner Towle thinks these are needs the County has even though he is not sure we need a bond he asks Council and trusts they have done what they think is the best option.

Commissioner Stevens stated the Council is the fiscal body, they are trying to step up and are trying to provide road maintenance. He has reservations about bonding but trust they are doing what is in the best interest of the County and hopes they will consider all options.

Commissioner Towle stated at this time the issue is closed.

### **In The Matter of the IT Department**

**Sheriff's Department** – Bernie Harris appeared before the Commissioners regarding the server for the Sheriffs Department. The contract states it will be installed with only the manufacturer warranty. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of the contract subject to warranty information being approved by the County Attorney and authorizing the President of the Board of Commissioners to sign for the Board of Commissioners, if the approval of the County Attorney has taken place, in an amount not to exceed \$27,781.05. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

**Used Phones** – Bernie Harris appeared before the commissioners for approval to sell used phones. The Commissioners instructed him to have the phones declared surplus, then to advertise and received bids.

**Ordinance 2013-8E** – an Ordinance Re-establishing The Cumulative Capital Development Fund. Commissioner Stevens introduced Ordinance 2013-8E An Ordinance Re-establishing The Cumulative Capital Development Fund and to suspend the rules to allow passage on the same day as introduction. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0. Commissioner Stevens moved adoption of Ordinance 2013-8E An Ordinance Re-establishing The Cumulative Capital Development Fund. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

**Ordinance 2013-8F** – an Ordinance Establishing the Cumulative Bridge Fund. Commissioner Stevens introduced Ordinance 2013-8F An Ordinance Establishing The Cumulative Bridge Fund and to suspend the rules to allow passage on the same day as introduction. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0. Commissioner Stevens moved adoption of Ordinance 2013-8F An Ordinance Establishing The Cumulative Bridge Fund. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

**Door Repair** – Auditor Robin Lowder presented a quote from Door Equipment Co. In., Inc. for repair of the electronic card reader door in the annex. Commissioner Armstrong moved to accept the quote from Door Equipment Co. of In., Inc. in the amount of \$1,407.20 to repair electronic controls of the card reader door. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

**Insurance Deductible** – A County employee had family coverage and met the deductible. Her husband no longer has county insurance and the deductible was met by him. The employee is requesting she have her individual deductible met. Anthem will make an exception for this situation. Commissioner Stevens moved to allow the insurance company to credit her with having met the deductible for health coverage. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

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Commissioner Derek Towle, President

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Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President

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Commissioner Tom Stevens

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Robin D. Lowder  
Hancock County Auditor