

Hancock County Board of Commissioners' Minutes

August 21, 2012

Commissioners met in regular session. Those present were Commissioner Tom Stevens, President, Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President and Commissioner Derek Towle. Auditor Robin D. Lowder was also present.

Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 8:28a.m.

Hancock County Board of Commissioners' meeting began at 8:02a.m.

In The Matter of Hancock County Highway

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

Accident – The Commissioners were informed of an accident that slightly damaged an asphalt truck. The employee was taken for drug/alcohol testing and resigned the next morning.

Federal Funds – available for right-of-way and some utility relocation for the project at 600 W. from U.S.40 to 100 S. /Denton Trace. The State sent contracts showing the total amount for the project to be \$2,920,000.00. There is a stipulation that the County Council approve a Resolution to guarantee matching funds on the project. Commissioner Towle moved to enter into the project coordination contract EDS#A249-13-320056 with LPA/MPO & INDOT for County Road 600 W. south of U.S. 40. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Arbitration – Attorney Yasmin Stump needs a representative from the County for the arbitration meetings and suggested the President of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Towle moved to appoint President of the Hancock County Board of Commissioners Tom Stevens to represent the County at the arbitration meeting with Commissioner Armstrong as an alternate. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Bridge# 145 – the offer to property owner Rypel for their right-of-way property was \$46,920.00. They have countered asking for an additional \$20,000.00 based on an appraisal they had done when they refinanced their home. The Commissioners calculated that portion of the \$20,000.00 that would be on the acreage being taken and came up with a total amount of \$49,720.00. Commissioner Armstrong moved approval of countering back on the Rypel property with an additional \$2,800.00 making a total offer of \$49,720.00. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

CEDIT Money – Commissioner Armstrong informed Joe Copeland of possible CEDIT funds that will be available as the Library CEDIT Tax will be reduced 0.05. The 0.05 could be put towards asphalt paving in 2013. Joe Copeland provided a proposal of the work that could be done with the extra funds. Commissioner Stevens supports this idea and stated it would need to be part of the CIP. Commissioner Armstrong moved the Commissioners agree to pursue funding of the 0.05 CEDIT Tax to be used for additional paving for 2013 and the Commissioners will work with the County Council to have the funds from the Library CEDIT Tax used for this purpose. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Project Cost – with the additional cost for the court appointed appraisals, additional right-of-way parcels to purchase, pavement markings, signal marks and flashers the Mt. Comfort project is about \$700,000.00 short. Anticipated start date for construction of intersection improvement is 2014 and start date for 600 W. south of U. S. 40 is 2015. Commissioner Armstrong spoke with Steve Jones of United Consulting about cutting the cost of the project. It would cost \$5,000.00 to review and possibly use a different design for the project. Commissioner Armstrong moved to proceed with pursuing the Engineering study to see what a reduction of \$800,000.00 to the cost of the 600 W. and 300 N. intersection would look like.

Commissioner Stevens stated that four of the seven right-of-way parcel purchases have been finalized and that you cannot go back and start over at this point. He does not support a review of the project.

Commissioner Towle stated that if the plan is changed at this point there would need to be new Engineering and Environmental studies and work done that will be very costly to end up where we are currently. He will not second the motion.

The motion died for lack of a second.

Bond Release – Release of Right-of-way Bond to Leonard Excavating for a commercial driveway entrance on CR 200 W. at 2033 W. U.S. 40, Greenfield, IN/RV Storage area. The work is complete. Commissioner Towle moved to release the bond to Leonard Excavating, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$18,000.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of Hancock County GIS

Release of Data – John Milburn of the GIS Department and Andrew Harrison of Schneider Engineering appeared before the Commissioners to request approval to release GIS data to Corelogic. Attorney Ray Richardson stated there would need to be a stipulation that if Corelogic resells the data they must have Commissioners approval. The information released to Corelogic would be available nationally. The Commissioners stated that one of the purposes of the GIS data is to generate growth and the betterment of the Hancock County communities. The Commissioners asked John if he was aware of any pitfalls to releasing the data and he stated that utility information would not be released so other than that he sees no problem. The data will be released through Schneider Engineering. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to authorize the release of data through standard procedures and rates to Corelogic, if Corelogic requires additional services beyond what the County would normally provide we will authorize that at their expense. This will be at the discretion of John

Milburn, sensitive data is not to be released and Corelogic is not authorized to resell any of this data. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of the Heating/Cooling Contract

PDF Mechanical LLC – Thomas Fitzwater appeared before the Commissioners to present their proposal for maintenance and repairs of the HVAC equipment and controls at the Courthouse and Annex. They will be able to work with Trane’s system and were able to access the password. They will do four inspections of the system per year and overtime cost is after eight hours or 5:00p.m. The contract amount for one year is \$24,912.00.

Johnson Controls – Tony Johnson appeared before the Commissioners to present their customized service strategy. They discussed several ways they can cut the energy cost for the County. They are able to work with Trane’s system. The contract amount for one year is \$31,177.00.

Fitzgerald & North Service Co. and Conserv Building Automation – Jim Williams and Pat Fitzgerald appeared before the Commissioners to present their proposal to service the HVAC for the Courthouse and Annex. The two Companies will be working together to provide complete service required by the Counties current system. They are currently doing work with the jail. Quarterly inspections are included in the contract amount. The contract amount for one year is \$21,076.00 and includes water conditioning and service from both companies.

Trane – previously appeared before the Commissioners to present their proposal for maintenance and repairs. The contract amount for one year is \$32,574.00.

In The Matter of Computer Access

Councilman John Jessup – appeared before the Commissioners to discuss why the Clerk was given remote access to the computer system when he was denied access. Commissioner Stevens had discussed this with the director of the IT Dept. and he had explained to Commissioner Stevens that the Clerk had remote access to her office computer and not to the central server. Commissioner Armstrong stated that the Commissioners fully support Councilman Jessup working with the IT Director to find a way that the County Council can pull financial reports from their homes. Commissioner Towle and Commissioner Stevens support this.

In The Matter of the Hancock County Sheriff’s Department

Trade in Vehicles – The Sheriff provided the Commissioners a list of six vehicles they would like to use as trade in for vehicles being purchased using the State Bid Company. The list of vehicles is:
2006 Ford Crown Vic, VIN#2FAFP71W66X144072
2006 Ford Crown Vic, VIN#2FAFP71W46X144071
2008 Ford Crown Vic, VIN#2FAHP71VX8X168927
2008 Ford Crown Vic, VIN#2FAHP71VX8X168930
2008 Ford Crown Vic, VIN#2FAHP71V38X168929
2008 Ford Crown Vic, VIN#2FAHP71V18X168931

Commissioner Towle moved approval to use the six vehicles as presented, for trade in. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Reserve Vehicle Lease Program – The six month trial period is coming to an end. Sheriff Shepherd feels the program is a success and would like to continue through the end of 2012 and expand by two more reserve officers' cars. Commissioner Towle moved to approve the Reserve Vehicle Lease Program to the end of 2012 and adding an additional two reserve officers' cars to the program. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

The Matter of Hancock County Commissioners' Action Items

August 7, 2012 Minutes– Commissioner Armstrong moved to approve the minutes for August 7, 2012 as submitted. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Claims and Payroll - Commissioner Armstrong moved to approve the claims and payroll as presented. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Jail Flood – Auditor Robin Lowder informed the Commissioners that she has received additional bills for the jail flood. Also, the carpet installed after the flood is not holding up and the company that installed it will do an upgrade for the difference between the cost of the old and new carpet being between \$2,000.00 and \$3,000.00. There will be no cost for installation. With these new items the total cost is approximately \$58,000.00. Attorney Ray Richardson stated he contacted an attorney to handle the case and he is interested but has not gotten back with him yet.

In The Matter of Performance Bonds

Gateway Crossing Section 2 – Commissioner Armstrong moved to release the performance bond for erosion control on Gateway Crossing Section 2 to Gateway Crossing LLC in an amount not to exceed \$30,760.00. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Gateway Crossing Section 4 – Commissioner Armstrong moved to release the performance bond for storm sewers on Gateway Crossing Section 4 to Gateway Crossing LLC in an amount not to exceed \$22,250.00. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of Hancock County Farm

Bids – for the County farm were opened as follows:

Rodney L. Sparks in the amount of \$46,315.00

Sparks & Beeker Farms in the amount of \$34,697.00

Mike S. Lewis in the amount of \$35,775.00. The bid was not on form 95.

Todd Heller, David Lark and Cynthia Noel Partnership in the amount of \$58,247.00

Arthurs, Inc. in the amount of \$49,062.50

Crossroads Family Farms LLC in the amount of \$47,885.00

The Commissioners asked Attorney Ray Richardson to review the bids subject to requirements as published in the advertisement. Attorney Ray Richardson stated that was not necessary.

Commissioner Towle moved to accept the high bid from Todd Heller, David Lark and Cynthia Noel Partnership for \$58,247.00 per year for farm ground subject to the advertised terms of posting bond and proof of insurance liability. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of Hancock County Emergency Operations Center

Unpaid Leave – Robin Lowder requested approval for unpaid leave from July 27, 2012 to August 21, 2012 for Alissa Miller an employee of the E-911 center. Commissioner Armstrong moved to authorize the unpaid leave for the employee of the E-911 Center from July 27, 2012 to August 21, 2012. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Animal Control – Commissioners asked that this item be removed from the action items.

EMS Townships – Commissioners asked that this item be removed from the action items and that when the required paperwork is returned they will act.

Kids Play – Commissioners were presented with an annual reporting of the activities of the Kids Play Group.

CIP – The Commissioners will meet Tuesday at 8:30a.m. August 28, 2012 to discuss the Capital Improvement Plan

The meeting adjourned at 10:20a.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Tom Stevens, President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President

Commissioner Derek Towle

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor