

Hancock County Board of Commissioners' Minutes

August 7, 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.

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

Commissioner Brad Armstrong arrived at 8:06a.m.

Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 8:25a.m.

In The Matter of Hancock County Highway

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

Bridge# 76 – on 600 S. west of 300 W. A letter was sent to Shelby County about six weeks ago with no response asking them to share the cost for Bridge# 76. There will be property in Shelby County needed for right-of-way which can be obtained either through deed or grant easement. Commissioner Stevens stated he will make contact with the Shelby County Commissioners regarding the situation. The Commissioners will delay any decision on this matter.

Bid Date – the date set for the HISP Sign Project needs to be changed. Information is still being sent to INDOT for approval. The Bid date is moved to September 18, 2012 at 8:15am.

Ordinance 2012-8A – An Ordinance Establishing A Four-Way Stop. This is for the intersection located at 200 N. and 400 W. Commissioner Stevens introduced Ordinance 2012-8A. Commissioner Towle moved to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2012-8A, An Ordinance Establishing A Four-Way Stop, to allow passage on the date of introduction. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Towle moved approval of Ordinance 2012-8A, An Ordinance Establishing A Four-Way Stop at 200 N. and 400 W. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Contractor Damage – Larry Bowmer of the highway presented to the Commissioners ElectriCom, which is a contractor for Nine Star Connect, caused damage to the road on 400 W. from 700 N. & S.R. 234 for a distance of 435 feet and a width of 3 feet. The cost for the County to repair the damage is \$1,575.28. ElectriCom was aware they were damaging the road but continued the work. The Commissioners were asked if a fine can be charged because this is the third time damage has been done in the last three years. The Commissioners state there needs to be an Ordinance allowing the fine. However, a charge for mobilization can be charged for the work being done. The charge would be 15% to 20%.

Update – Engineer Joe Copeland reported to the Commissioners that all chip and seal work is done and the project on 100 S. from Meridian Road to 100 E. was started today.

In The Matter of the Hancock County Burn Ban

Burn Ban – Fire Chief Jim Robertson appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the current Burn Ban. He reported the County Fire Chiefs are split on lifting the ban as opposed to waiting another two weeks. Commissioner Towle moved to approve lifting the burn ban. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. Commissioner Armstrong stated he would like people to use extreme caution. Commissioner Stevens stated fires should be monitored and people should use common sense when burning. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of Greater Greenfield Conservatives

Use of Commissioners' Court – Joe Skvarenina appeared before the Commissioners representing Greater Greenfield Conservatives to request use of the Commissioners' Court once a month in the evening. Commissioner Towle stated they will need to check the current schedule for the Commissioners' courtroom for any conflicting dates. Commissioner Towle moved approval for use of the Commissioners' Court for Greater Greenfield Conservatives for a period ending at the end of 2012. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of Hancock County Trane Contract

Trane – Mark Sundstrom appeared before the Commissioners to present the revised contract from Trane for annual maintenance. The cost of the Maintenance Contract is \$32,574.00. The Commissioners state that they are very unhappy with the service provided at the cost paid by the County. They expressed the lack of proactive action and stated the repairs are for items already broken causing additional bills above the annual maintenance contract. The current contract expires at the end of August, 2012. The Commissioners would like time to review the contract.

In The Matter of the Hancock County Farm

Bids – the bid date for the County Farm was advertised for August 14th. Since that is not a full meeting for the Commissioners the bids will be held and opened at the meeting on August 21st.

In The Matter of the Hancock County Emergency Operations Center

New Hire – Ashley Hamilton appeared before the Commissioners seeking approval for Jason Rainbolt to be hired for the dispatcher position at the Emergency Operation Center. Commissioner Armstrong moved to recommend the hiring of Jason Rainbolt for the dispatcher replacement position at the Emergency Operation Center. Commissioners Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of the Hancock County Senior Services

Resolution 2012-8-1 – a resolution stating the County will continue to be the pass-through agent for the Hancock County Senior Services grant. Commissioner Towle moved approval of Resolution 2012-8-1. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of The Hancock County Commissioners' Action Items

July 31, 2012 Minutes– Commissioner Towle moved to accept the minutes for July 31, 2012 as submitted. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Holiday Schedule – the 2013 Holiday Schedule was presented to the Commissioners, Hancock County Council Meetings for 2013, Hancock County Board of Commissioners' Meetings for 2013, Drainage Board Meetings and Sewer District Meetings for 2013. Commissioner Stevens stated since there are only twelve holidays in 2013, no election days, he proposed adding December 23 to the schedule for a total of thirteen days. Commissioner Towle moved approval of the 2013 Sewer District Meetings, 2013 Board of Commissioners Meetings and 2013 Holiday schedule as presented with the amendment of adding December 23rd to the 2013 Holiday Schedule. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. The Commissioners stated County Council Meetings and Drainage Board Meetings should be approved by each Council and Board.

Jail Flood – Attorney Ray Richardson stated the County will need to enter into a lawsuit for reimbursement of damages. By consensus the Commissioners instruct Attorney Ray Richardson to approach an attorney to assist in collection of damages caused by the flood at the jail.

Retreat – a joint retreat with the Hancock County Council and the Hancock County Board of Commissioners will be on August 23rd and will be an open and public meeting.

Kids Play – Kid's Play has requested for their area in the Memorial Building an air conditioner and seeking approval of the purchase and installation, by Bullman Heating and Cooling, of an 18,000BTU window air conditioner at a cost of \$1,025.00. Commissioner Armstrong moved approval of the purchase and installation, by Bullman Heating and Cooling, of an 18,000BTU window air conditioner for the memorial building in an amount not to exceed \$1,025.00. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Land Acquisition – 300 N. and 600 W. for the Duane E. and Helen V. Bullock property. Commissioner Towle moved approval to enter into the Land Acquisition Agreement between Hancock County and Duane E. Bullock and Helen V. Bullock, husband and wife. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Towle moved to authorize Yasmin L. Stump to enter into the Agreed Finding And Judgment once the correct legal descriptions are attached. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 am.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Tom Stevens, President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President

Commissioner Derek Towle

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor