

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

**July 2, 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 8:30 a.m.

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

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

**Pavement Marking Bids** – McCordsville would like to tag onto our bid for 600 W. from 650 N. to 1000 N. The Commissioners agreed to the plan.

**Annex Parking Lot** – County Engineer Joe Copeland presented the proposal and specifications for the preparation of sub grade and asphalt surfacing for the parking lot at the Annex. The cost will be from \$75,000.00 to \$79,000.00 depending on the base grade of the lot. This does include pavement markings. The bid will need to be advertised. The bid date is July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 8:30 a.m.

**Signs** – request to apply for Federal funds for regulatory and warning signs at 90% reimbursement was requested from the Commissioners. There are over five hundred signs that need replaced. Commissioner Stevens moved to make application for HSID funds through MPO to replace regulatory and warning signs in MPA district. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

**Bridge# 114** – on Morristown Pike is 50% planned and will include a cul de sac. The Browns will be building a new house and are asking that the cul de sac be moved twenty feet south. The change of plan will cost \$1,500.00. The Commissioners direct Joe Copeland to negotiate the cost to change the plan into the sale of the property.

**Leasing Highway Equipment** – Rick Lawrence requested leasing equipment from the Highway Department. The Commissioners request Joe Copeland consult with Attorney Ray Richardson on liability and insurance issues.

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

**Claims** – Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve claims & payroll as presented. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

**Minutes** – Commissioner Stevens moved approval of the minutes for June 18, 2013, Executive Session, Commissioner Meeting, Hancock Regional Hospital and Redevelopment Commission. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

#### **In The Matter of Property Exchange**

**Notice of Exchange of Real Estate** – between Hancock County and Duane E. and Helen B. Bullock.

8:31 a.m. - Public Hearing now open for exchange of property between Hancock County and the Bullocks. John Priore supports the action.

8:32a.m. – Public Hearing is closed.

#### **In The Matter of Emergency Operations Center**

**Out of State Travel** – Connie Hoy appeared before the Commissioners to request approval for out of state travel for Jason Bonham for one week of NIMS training from August 11, 2013 to August 17, 2013 at no cost. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of out of state travel as requested and if rescheduled, approval stands. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

**New Hire** – Connie Hoy requested approval to go to County Council to hire Jordan Jester. Commissioner Armstrong stated his concern with hiring the Chief of Police's son and people hesitating to complain. Commissioner Stevens supports the recommendation of the E-911 Board. Commissioner Stevens moved to authorize Connie Hoy to approach the County Council to replace the open position with recommended candidate. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/1. Commissioner Armstrong opposed and feels this is not a good policy for the County.

#### **In The Matter of the Sheriff's Department**

**Surplus Cars** – A list of surplus cars was presented to the Commissioners. Commissioner Stevens moved the five vehicles, 2009 Dodge Charger VIN#2B3KA43TX9H637183, 2009 Ford Crown Vic VIN#2FAHP71V29X140721, 2007 Dodge Charger VIN#2B3KA43G37H781545, 2009 Dodge Charger VIN#2B3KA43T89H637179 and 2009 Dodge Charger VIN#2B3LA43T99H632870 be declared surplus. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

#### **In The Matter of Veteran Service Officer**

**Law 169** – Bob Workman appeared before the Commissioners to inform them of requirements of law 169. All service officers will require certification, work a minimum of 1000 hours per year and beginning in 2015 he feels they will require full time coverage of the office. There are other pending changes.

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

**University Loft** - the attorney for University Loft presented the Commissioners with a spread sheet of local county requirements on refresh time. The city of Greenfield is five minutes and Hancock County is 60 seconds. Commissioner Stevens recommends Plan Committee review the ordinance on time period for electronic signs more in the twelve to fifteen second range. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/1. Commissioner Towle opposed.

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

**Salary Ordinance** - the Ordinance was presented to the Commissioners to review. The Commissioners will need to approve by July 16, 2013. Commissioner Stevens moved to acknowledge receipt of the Hancock County Salary Ordinance Form 144. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

**Bond Issue** - Public Comments from Fred Dunlavy stating there is enough money to pay for the County needs without the bonds and Carolyn Flynn providing a spread sheet of the County and surrounding counties bond debt.

**Tax Sale** - Contract between SRI, Incorporated and Hancock County, Indiana was presented to the Commissioners. Commissioner Armstrong moved approval of Tax Sale Support Services Addendum with SRI, Incorporated. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

**Maximus Contract** - A corrected contract was presented to the Commissioners. Commissioner Stevens moved to amend the limitation of liability portion of the contract previously entered into with Maximus per Attorney Richardson's amendments. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

**Ordinance 2013-6D** - Commissioner Stevens moved passage of Ordinance 2013-6D which is an Ordinance Authorizing LOIT Public Safety Funds to Be Transferred to The Rainy Day Fund. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

**Elevator at Courthouse Annex** - the need to resolve what type of access can be used for the Annex elevator providing security. Commissioner Armstrong moved to allow Bernie Harris to work with Mid America Elevator to provide card access to our elevator and bring proposals to the Commissioners. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

**Pensy Trail** - Commissioner Armstrong obtained the proposed cost to finish the Pensy Trail for \$29,175.00 and moved he go to the Tourism Committee and propose they provide funding. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 10:15 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