

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

July 30, 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 8:01 a.m.

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

In The Matter of the Highway Department

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

Right of Way Acquisition – for property at 600 W. Segment A and 300 N. Segment G will be completed by USI Consultants.

Carbon Dioxide Detector – a quote was presented for a C.O. detector and strobe warning. Commissioner Armstrong moved to proceed with repairs in an amount not to exceed \$785.00 with Harry Sheridan from HC Systems. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Culvert on McKenzie Road – completion of the project should be by the end of today. There was an increase due to additional pavement needed in the amount of \$1,697.65. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of additional \$1,697.65. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Bridge #2 – located at 600 N. and 400 W. A quote from Indianapolis Testing lab for geotechnical services/soil borings for Bridge #2 was presented to the Commissioners. Commissioner Stevens moved to accept the quote from Indianapolis Testing Lab for geotechnical services on Bridge #2 subject to approval of the County Attorney and not to exceed \$8,149.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

In The Matter of Commissioner's Action Items

Claims – Commissioner Stevens approved claims as presented. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Minutes – Commissioner Stevens moved approval of the minutes for July 16, 2013. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Holiday Schedule for 2014 – Commissioner Stevens moved approval of the 2014 Holiday Schedule. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Commissioner's Meeting Schedule for 2014 – Commissioners decided to discontinue second and fourth Tuesday meetings due to lack of participation of the public and if Road School falls on a Tuesday move the meeting to Monday. Commissioner Stevens moved to discontinue the second and fourth Tuesday Board of Commissioners meetings and if Road School falls on a Tuesday move the meeting to Monday. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

In The Matter of Pavement Marking Bids

Bids - The following Bids were opened and given to the County Engineer for review and recommendation: Indiana Sign and Barricade, Inc. in the amount of \$43,056.90 and Gridlock Traffic Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$41,993.28.

In The Matter of Paving of Parking Lot Bids

Bids - The following Bids were opened and given to the County Engineer for review and recommendation: E & B Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$80,117.00; Globe Asphalt Paving Co., Inc. in the amount of \$68,140.00; Grady Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$79,748.00; Calumet Civic Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$85,886.00; JKES, Inc. dba Smith's Projects, Inc. in the amount of \$68,176.00; Milestone Contractors L.P. in the amount of \$74,251.60; Baumgartner and Company, Inc. Asphalt Services in the amount of \$66,131.03; and Floyd Crim & Sons in the amount of \$83,340.00.

In The Matter of the Election Office

Update – Marcia Moore appeared before the Commissioners to inform them the state has reported to her they think at this point everything looks fine on our precincts, they will let us know soon.

The ES&S contracts are still being reviewed. They are not completed to be signed as of yet.

In The Matter of the Wilkinson Police Department

Second Patrol Car – Wilkinson has requested a car be donated, sold or leased to them so there will be a second car if the first car is down. County Attorney Ray Richardson recommends an interlocal agreement to transfer title from the County to the Town of Wilkinson. The Commissioners feel this is a workable idea and will need to have the details worked out.

In The Matter of Pavement Marking Bid

Award – Engineer Joe Copeland recommended the low bid Gridlock Traffic Systems, Inc. Commissioner Stevens moved to award Gridlock Traffic Systems, Inc. the award for Pavement Marking Bids in an amount not to exceed \$41,993.28. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

In The Matter of Annex Parking Lot Bid

Award – Engineer Joe Copeland recommended Baumgartner and Company, Inc. Asphalt Services with the low bid. Commissioner Stevens moved to award Baumgartner and Company, Inc. Asphalt Services the award for the Annex Parking Lot in an amount not to exceed \$66,131.02. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

In The Matter of County Lawsuit Settlement

Beeson Property – Commissioner Stevens moved to authorize the Attorney to settle the lawsuit of Hancock County vs. Karen A. Beeson trustee pursuant to the presented memorandum. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

In The Matter of Hancock County Health Department

Purchase of Trailer - Crystal Baker (in lieu of Misty Moore) appeared before the Commissioners to request permission to purchase an 8 foot enclosed trailer for the Health Department with grant money to store preparedness supplies for an emergency that can be taken to a dispensing site. The Commissioners recommend keeping the trailer at the E-911 center. They also requested two or three quotes for purchase of a trailer to be presented.

In The Matter of Hancock County Senior Services

Quarterly Claims – Linda Hart appeared before the Commissioners to present the second quarter claims for 2013 in the amount of \$64,973. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of the second quarter claims for 2013. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

In The Matter of Hancock County Probation

Employee Rebecca Spencer– The three Judges originally requested probation officer Rebecca Spencer be put on suspension, but they have terminated her as of July 24, 2013. The letter of termination that was delivered to her was presented to the Commissioners so they would be aware of the situation.

Probation Compensatory Time – Wayne Addison explained his compensatory time procedure with the Commissioners. They ask only that he complete the required forms.

Out of State Travel – Officer Mary Kay Dobbs will be attending the conference in New Orleans for the National sex offender Registry on August 12, 2013 to August 16, 2013. Commissioner Stevens moved approval for out of state travel for Mary Kay Dobbs from August 12, 2013 to August 16, 2013. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

In The Matter of Honorary Day/Former Sheriff Jim Bradbury

Former Sheriff Jim Bradbury – Commissioner Armstrong moved that whereas Jim Bradbury has devoted his life's work to protecting the citizens of Hancock County and whereas Jim Bradbury will be August 1, 2013 have completed over 38 years of service to Hancock County Sheriffs Department and eight years as Sheriff of Hancock County. Therefore it is hereby proclaimed by Hancock County Board of Commissioners that on July 30, 2013 in Hancock County be Jim Bradbury Day. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0. Commissioner Towle offered his thanks to Jim Bradbury for his years of service. Tom Cone spoke about how much Jim Bradbury has done for officers.

In The Matter of the Sheriff's Department

Fire Suppression – it is requested that the current contract with Tyco Simplex Grinnell be terminated and the new contract be with HC Systems. Commissioner Armstrong moved to approve the sprinkler inspection contract with HC Systems in an amount not to exceed \$1,600.00. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Duct Work – a discussion about the New Chiller needed to provide cooling in the jail, except the kitchen. Pat Fitzgerald of Fitzgerald and North discussed prices with the Commissioners. The Commissioners wanted to review the costs.

Inmate – the inmate that overdosed in the jail is out of the hospital and doctors have said there should be no long term issues with his health.

In The Matter of Commissioner's Action Items

Ordinance 2013-7C – Commissioner Armstrong introduced Ordinance 2013-7C, An Ordinance Limiting Part Time Hours to 29 hours per week with effective date January 1, 2014.

Resolution Of Need For Project – projects: (i) the rehabilitation and widening of CR 600 W. south of U.S. 40 including reimbursement of previous expenditures; (ii) the purchase or lease of new equipment for vote centers; (iii) reimbursement for jail locks for the Hancock County Jail paid for from the Rainy Day Fund; (iv) purchase of a Computer Aid Dispatch system for the Emergency Operations Center; and (v) Capital Improvements to the county jail. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of the Resolution of Need for Projects funding (i) the rehabilitation and widening of CR 600 W. south of U.S. 40 including reimbursement of previous expenditures; (ii) the purchase or lease of new equipment for Vote Centers; (iii) reimbursement for jail locks for the Hancock County Jail paid for from the Rainy Day Fund; (iv) purchase of a Computer Aid Dispatch system for the Emergency Operations Center; and (v) Capital Improvements to the county jail, up to and exceeding \$1,995,000.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion.

Public Comment: John Priore: stated income taxes would be better than property taxes.

George Langston: stated there is no need to bond and there are already bonds out.

Carolyn Flynn: stated the County can pay costs with existing funds.

Fred Dunlevy: stated he is concerned that the County is starting a practice of bonding every year.

Commissioner Stevens feels the Commissioners and Council are more in touch with one another now, they are trying to meet needs together and the majority of residents he represents purchase major things by deficit. Have demonstrated needs in favor of the resolution, Council has supported and Commissioners and Council are working together for a common goal. Commissioner Armstrong stated the Council has agreed to help with road maintenance funds and this is very important to the public, the jail does have two million worth of needs and this will delay the need for a new jail. This isn't popular but is the best alternative for this time and he supports the resolution. Commissioner Towle stated that it's not that he agrees with the bond, he does not want to bond and feels there are other ways to get around, other ways to pay for these things. He also is not 100% against but not 100% for bond either. Motion carries 2/1. Commissioner Towle opposes.

Proposal – Commissioner Towle accepts the proposal from Ice Miller for legal issues on the bond proceedings for an amount not to exceed \$18,600.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Proposal – Commissioner Towle moved to enter into an agreement with Greg Guerrettaz representing Financial Solution Group, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$17,500.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Proposal – Commissioner Towle moved to enter into an agreement with County Attorney Ray Richardson for his portion of the bond work in an amount not to exceed \$16,000.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Derek Towle, President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President

Commissioner Tom Stevens

Attest: _____
Robin D. Lowder, Hancock County Auditor