

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

May 7, 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 8:03 a.m.

Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 8:20 a.m.

In The Matter of the Highway Department

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

Indianapolis MPO – a letter was requested designating the members who are representatives for voting on the Technical and Policy Committees and are their proxies. Commissioner Stevens moved to execute the May 7, 2013 letter naming the proxy voters for the voting members. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Asphalt Quote – A quote for asphalt work for the McKenzie Road culvert from Floyd Crim & Sons Paving, Inc. for \$5,150.00. Commissioner Stevens moved to accept the quote from Floyd Crim & Sons Paving, Inc. for a total amount not to exceed \$5,150.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Utility Agreement – the City/County Utility Reimbursement Agreement by and between The Department of Public Utilities of the City of Indianapolis, d/b/a Citizens Water and the Hancock County Board of Commissioners for Bridge# 145, to move the water lines was presented to the Commissioners. The total cost is \$222,381.00 and the County's portion will be \$44,476.20. (The Commissioner's took action later in the meeting.)

Cumulative Capital Development – for the County Highway Department are as follows: Furnace \$6,000.00; Garage Doors \$3,000.00; Lights in old shop \$8,000.00; Computer Purchases \$6,000.00; IT updates \$3,000.00; Filing Cabinets \$1,000.00; Equipment, Hotsy \$8,000.00, Other New Equipment \$128,000.00, Misc tools, chain saws, etc \$5,000.00; Total for 2014 \$168,000.00. Resurface & Chip/Seal \$990,000.00. Res./Chip & Seal/Maint. \$60,000.00; Federal Aid Projects/Bonds \$1,150,000.00; Bridge Fund \$2,040,130.00.

Road & Intersection improvements for 2013 through 2018-totals for the years are with Local Funding and TIF Funding. The Highway Engineer Joe Copeland stated the Project is an aggressive plan. There was discussion about funds for the Mt. Comfort Corridor project. Commissioner Towle would like to have assurance the funds will be available to finance the plan. Commissioner Stevens felt it is important to have a workable plan in place. Commissioner Armstrong was very concerned about having the funds before applying for Federal Aid; he wanted to be sure the county would have funds available for the 20% match. The Highway Department is asking for a recommendation from the Board of Commissioners as to how to submit on section "G". Commissioner Towle moved that Engineer Copeland discuss funding with the Redevelopment Commission. He felt if the money is available then we keep moving forward if the money is not available then we should move the project back another year. 2014 is Local Funding \$1,150,000.00 and TIF Funding \$2,920,500.00.

Bridge & Culvert Fund – Replacing Bridges# 2, 59, 62, 114 and 145. Large and small culverts and Bridge Inspection.

Full Time Position – request for the current part-time Assistant Office Manager to now be full time because of the new Health Insurance Reform. The Commissioners support the change, but will know more where they stand after they hear from our Group Health Insurance Agent Kevin Mandrell later in the meeting today.

Local Road & Street – the budget was presented to the Commissioners both with and without the County Council picking up the 20% matching federal aid funds. With Council the proposed budget amount is \$1,155,000.00. Without Council the proposed budget amount is \$1,210,000.00. Commissioner Armstrong supports a budget with priority on maintenance.

Motor Vehicle Highway- Salaries, Benefits, Insurance, Supplies, contracts, equipment, all of the operating expenses \$4,340,241.00

Utility Agreement – Commissioner Stevens moved to enter into a reimbursable agreement between the City/County Utility Reimbursement Agreement by and between The Department of Public Utilities of the City of Indianapolis, d/b/a Citizens Water and the Hancock County Board of Commissioners for an amount of \$222,381.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

In The Matter of the Planning Department

Hendryx Sub/Limited Development LLC – Dr. Trevor Lloyd Jones appeared before the Commissioners to speak regarding his request for access to property located at U.S. 52 and 700 W. Jack Kimerly, district permit manager in Greenfield appeared as a representative for INDOT to answer questions. Commissioners asked where he feels the access should be and he responded they did not want it on U.S. 52 and that it may be difficult to give access. It was questioned as to if it's limited access. Mr. Kimerly will verify if it is limited access. If able to give access there would need to be an agreement as to the type of business volume/traffic volume that would be allowed. INDOT would draft a document that would limit the type of business that could be on that property and it would be recorded an attached to the property.

Ordinance 2013-5A – An Ordinance Amending the Hancock County, Indiana Zoning Ordinance for property owned by Circle City Insulation & Construction and located at 101 Jaycie Phelps Road requesting a change from Commercial Neighborhood (CN) to Industrial Light (IL). The Planning Committee gave a favorable recommendation. Commissioner Armstrong introduced and then made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-5A An Ordinance Amending the Hancock County, Indiana Zoning Ordinance with amendments. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

In The Matter of County Group Health Insurance

Insurance Changes – Kevin Mandrell appeared before the Commissioners to discuss modifications with the Health Insurance Reform. Determination on full and part-time employees and the need for an insurance committee was discussed. It has been determined one of the major changes coming is part-time employees that work over 29 hours a week are entitled to full time benefits. There are still many changes that have not been unveiled as of yet. Claims are lower than this time in 2012. The County is in a good position to deal with the new changes.

In The Matter of Cumulative Capital Development Budgets

Clerk – Marcia Moore appeared before the County Commissioners to present the Clerk’s proposed C.C.D. Budget for 2014. Furniture -\$1,000.00, copier lease-\$2,650.00 for a total of \$3,650.00.

Election Board C.C.D. Budget for 2014, copier lease \$865.00 and PCMA scanner cards \$5,000.00 for a total of \$5,865.00.

Vote Center-C.C.D. Budget for 2014, Electronic poll books \$73,000.00, Voting System/Printer \$500,000.00 for a total of \$573,000.00.

Auditor – Robin Lowder appeared before the Commissioners to present the Auditor’s proposed C.C.D. Budget for 2014. Copier Lease \$1,700.00.

Treasurer – Janice Silvey appeared before the Commissioners to present the Treasurer’s proposed C.C.D. Budget for 2014. Copier lease with Fax Machine \$1,800.00.

Recorder – Debra Carnes appeared before the Commissioners to present the Recorder’s proposed C.C.D. Budget for 2014. Copier lease \$1,272.00.

Surveyor – Susan Bodkin appeared before the Commissioners to present the Surveyor’s and GIS proposed C.C.D. Budget for 2014. Surveyor Budget; Motor Vehicle \$50,000.00. GIS Budget, Printer \$10,000.00, Plotter \$20,000.00 for a total of \$30,000.00.

Prosecutor – Michael Griffin appeared before the Commissioners to present the Prosecutor’s proposed C.C.D. Budget for 2014. 2 tablets - \$2,600.00; 2 portable printers \$1,000.00; 5 stationary printers-\$1,500.00; 1 desk-\$2,000.00; 3 Filing Cabinets-\$1,500.00; Computers \$7,500.00; Fax Machine \$500.00 for a total of \$16,600.00.

County Extension - Roy Ballard appeared before the Commissioners to present the County Extension proposed C.C.D. Budget for 2014. Copier \$9,500.00 and Computer \$6,768.00 for a total of \$16,268.00.

IT Department – Bernie Harris appeared before the Commissioners to present the IT proposed C.C.D. Budget for 2014. Computer Equipment \$188,500.00; Phone Maintenance \$14,000.00; Judicial Computer Equipment \$15,000.00; Document Image Maintenance \$3,500.00; Web site maintenance \$2,400.00; Contractual Software \$244,000.00 for a total of \$467,400.00.

Prosecutor – the Prosecutor’s Budget is amended by the Commissioners they moved 2 tablets - \$2,600.00, 7 printers-\$2,500.00, 1 Fax Machine-\$500.00 and 5 Computers-\$7,500.00 for a total of \$13,100.00 to the IT Department’s C.C.D. Budget.

Assessor – Mary Noe appeared before the Commissioners to present the Assessor’s proposed C.C.D. Budget for 2014. Nexus \$120,000.00.

Weights and Measures – Dick Simon appeared before the Commissioners to present the Weights and Measures proposed C.C.D. Budget for 2014. No funds are needed in the C.C.D.

Sheriff/Jail – Sheriff Shepherd appeared before the Commissioners to present the proposed Sheriff/Jail C.C.D. Budget for 2014. Sheriff Budget - Furniture & Office Equipment \$2,000.00; Vehicle Equipment \$65,000.00; Camera & Video Equipment \$2,000.00; SWAT & SCUBA \$3,000.00; Weapons & Vests \$7,000.00; Auxiliary Police Expense \$25,000.00; Radio Equipment \$5,000.00; 800 Mhz Public Safety Amplifier \$16,000.00 for a total of \$125,000.00. Jail Budget – Kitchen Equipment \$2,000.00; Camera & Video \$2,000.00; Radio Equipment \$5,000.00; Copier Lease \$6,000.00 for a total of \$15,000.00.

Emergency Operations Center – Connie Hoy appeared before the Commissioners to present the proposed budget for 2014. Operating Fund \$383,350.00 and E-911 Fund (1222) \$1,110,977.00.

Commissioners reviewed their own C.C.D. Budget.

In The Matter of Commissioner’s Action Items

Minutes – Commissioner Armstrong moved approval of the minutes for April 30, 2013. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

In The Matter of Vote Centers

Resolution 2013-4-7 – A Resolution Approving the Designation of Hancock County As A Vote Center County. Commissioner Stevens moved to approve Resolution 2013-4-7 A Resolution Approving the Designation of Hancock County As A Vote Center County. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Resolution 2013-4-6 – A Resolution Certifying Vote Centers and Satellite Vote Centers As Accessible Under I.C. 3-11-8. Citizen Michael Thompson appeared before the Commissioners to speak and present literature against vote centers. Mr. Thompson felt there is too much of an opportunity for fraud and he thought there is a lack of security due to being online and he had concerns the system could be hacked. Citizen John Priore objected to the resolution. Commissioner Towle stated that he has received information from numerous individuals across the county via email and has reviewed the questions and plan. He has received the answers needed as this is not to be taken lightly.

In The Matter of Cumulative Capital Development Budget

Courts – Judge Snow from Superior Court I, Judge Marshall from Superior Court II and Judge Culver of Circuit Court appeared before the Commissioners to present the proposed C.C.D. Budget for 2014. Superior Court I, copier lease \$900.00; additional employee’s equipment \$3,500.00; dictation equipment \$3,500.00 for a total of \$7,900.00. Superior Court II, copier lease \$900.00. Circuit Court, copier lease \$900.00.

In The Matter of Vote Centers – Commissioner Stevens moved approval of Resolution 2013-4-6 A Resolution Certifying Vote Centers and Satellite Vote Centers As Accessible Under I.C. 3-11-8. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The Election Board initiates the change on locations and then would go to the Commissioners for approval. The Commissioners would have no power to change the locations on their own. Commissioner Towle and Commissioner Armstrong feel the changes should be made before the resolution is voted on. Commissioner Stevens moved that Resolution 2013-4-6 A Resolution Certifying Vote Centers and Satellite Vote Centers As Accessible Under I.C. 3-11-8 be tabled. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

In The Matter of The Stabilization for Bridge# 23

Engineer Copeland presented the Commissioners with a quote from Specialties Company LLC for the stabilization of Bridge# 23 for \$7,500.00. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to approve Specialties Company LLC to do the stabilization of Bridge# 23. Commissioner Stevens second the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

The Hancock County Commissioner’s Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Derek Towle, President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President

Commissioner Tom Stevens

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder, Hancock County Auditor