

## Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

March 20, 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 8:20a.m.

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's meeting began at 8:00a.m.

### In The Matter of Hancock County Highway

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

**Access Road** - located at 600 W. and 300 N., owned by Mr. Bullock, who has presented a proposal to the County for \$0.50 per square foot with 33,421 square feet. This is an increase from the original amount, offered by the County, of \$30,000.00. The size of the pond is a factor in the square footage. The Commissioners agree to stand by the original offer and the County needs to move forward. If Mr. Bullock agrees to the County's offer, then Joe Copeland is given approval to move forward with acquisition of the right-of-way, for the access road. The Commissioners concur with this.

**Round-a-bout** - at 600 W. and 300 N. INDOT pavement design committee came back with a ruling that we are required to obtain an alternate bid for concrete; which Engineer Copeland feels will require a total redesign of that area of the round-a-bout. The additional bid will cost approximately \$18,400 and the expense will not be covered. Engineer Copeland sent a letter to INDOT and received a response that the additional bid will be required. Commissioner Towle moved to approve a supplement for County Road 600 W. and 300 N. intersection improvements for an amount not to exceed \$18,400.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The matter was discussed among the Commissioners and Engineer Copeland, it was decided Engineer Copeland should meet with his contactors, and we should have time to research options. We want to be sure we know where we stand and what options we might have available to us. Commissioner Stevens requested the motion be tabled and submitted a letter entitled 'Alternate Pavement Bid Package'. The letter stated he objects to the alternate bid for concrete and felt Hancock County was being singled out. Commissioner Stevens asked that the letter be a permanent part of the Commissioner's Notes. Both Commissioner Armstrong and Commissioner Towle agree and are not pleased with the mandate, they believe it is wrong. Commissioner Towle moved to table this agenda item. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**Injury** - A Highway Department employee injured himself during work hours. He suffered a broken leg, has had surgery and is still in the Hospital. The Highway Department has made changes with overhead cutting procedures, based on this accident.

**Four Way Stop** - Franklin Street and New Road will have flashing yellow lights on the warning signs and flashing red lights on the stop signs. Commissioner Armstrong moved to approve the four way red flashing lights on the stop signs at New Road and Franklin Street and have them remain up for a minimum of thirty days. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**Bridge #34** - located at 1000 E. north of 900 N. **Change order number 1** is for removal of stone abutment (old substructure for prior bridge). The amount of change order #1 is \$2,343.45. **Change order number 2** is for piling. They ran out of piling and asked to use .250 in place of the .375. The amount of change order #2 is a deduction of (\$1,021.63). Commissioner Armstrong moved to approve Change order #1 and Change order #2 for Bridge 34 adding \$1,321.82 to the project. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**Bridge #76** - located at 600 S. and 300 W. over Little Sugar Creek, which is currently in the design phase. A proposal was presented for Indianapolis Testing Laboratory, to do two borings for the bridge, at a cost of \$8,631.00. Commissioner Towle moved approval of the borings by Indianapolis Testing Laboratory, in an amount not to exceed \$8,631.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**Highway Radio proposal** – Highway Radio's must be changed to narrow banding, per mandate by the FCC. A proposal was submitted by Lightning Two Way Radio, Inc., for an amount of \$9,895.00. Commissioner Towle moved approval of proposal from Lightning Two Way Radio, Inc., for amount not to exceed \$9,895.00. Commissioner Armstrong asked if all 31 are being used currently. Engineer Copeland informed him all were being used. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**Weed Tech** - Richard Simon, who held the position last year, is interested in the position this year. Commissioner Towle moved approval to use Mr. Simon for weed specialist for the year 2012. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**Bid Date Set** - for heavy duty hopper-type no-hoist dump spreader truck set for May 1<sup>st</sup> 2012 at 8:30a.m.

**Bid Date Set**- for E-911 Radio Control Console and trunking control stations set for April 17<sup>th</sup> 2012 at 8:30a.m. The bid requires a performance and payment bond.

**Bridge 114** - starting design. It will have 2,310 feet of road design and off site tree mitigation. Bridge LPA - Consulting contract to be with Bernardin, Lochmueller and Associates, Inc. Commissioner Armstrong moved to enter into a contract with Bernardin, Lochmueller and Associates, Inc., for bridge design of bridge #114 in an amount not to exceed \$230,830.00. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**ADA Self Evaluation** - Joe Hollis appeared before the Commissioners to update them on RFP's. After gathering information, he has found there won't be as much work needed to be done by consultants, as originally thought, He would like to re-issue the RFP's. Commissioner Armstrong moved to allow for revised scope of work for ADA Compliance. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**Driveway Variance** - property located at 7051 N. Fortville Pike owned by Ben Kiphart. He would like a permanent drive. However, the trees obstruct visibility and will need to be cut back for right-of-way and visibility. Mr. Kiphart will work with the Highway Department on the visibility issue and revisit the issue with the Commissioners.

**Driveway Variance** - property located at 300 S. and State Road 9 would like to add an auxiliary drive off of 300 S. The drive would be 190 feet from State Road 9 due to future bridge construction on 300 S. Commissioner Towle moved approval of the driveway variance for the distance to the intersection, for the second drive. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

#### **In The Matter of Hancock County E-911**

**AT&T/E-911 Update** - Connie Hoy appeared with Greg Bennett from AT&T to update the Commissioners on the status of the contract and the grant. The grant money was approved and Hamilton County will be the fiscal agent for the grant. The grant money will be based on call taking positions, our portion should be approximately \$150,000.00. Hamilton County will be preparing inter-local agreements for the participating counties. Commissioner Armstrong requested that Mr. Bennett confirm there will be no additional cost to the County. Mr. Bennett stated that was true, there would be no additional cost to the County.

#### **In The Matter of Minor Subdivisions**

**Bravard Woods MS** - located at 800 W. south of US 40. Right-of-way dedicated to the County to clean up right-of-way gaps. Commissioner Towle moved acceptance of the dedicated right-of-way from Bravard Woods Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**David Lester MS** - Dedication of a 65 ½ right-of-way . Commissioner Towle moved acceptance of the dedicated right-of-way for David Lester Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

#### **In The Matter of Hancock County Planning**

**Eastern Highland Private Drive** - Mike Dale of the Planning Department appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the Commissioner's request to make this a public road and the complications this request would bring about. The original request was for approval of dedication of right-of-way, per Attorney Ray Richardson. Commissioner Towle stated they have met their requirement based on what is in the Board of Commissioners Minutes and therefore no action on our part is needed at this time. The drive is a single parcel responsibility. The Commissioners ask that the Commissioner's Minutes reflect that the road being public is not in the public's best interest.

Commissioner Stevens instructed Attorney Richardson to prepare a code requiring any access to more than two or three parcels, be a public road and have the planning commission hold hearings on the code.

### **In The Matter of F.U.S.E.**

**F.U.S.E.** - Families United for Support and Encouragement. Amy Borgmann, Development Director for F.U.S.E., appeared before the Commissioners, to request use of the Courthouse south lawn, for the Taste of Hancock County, being held September 15, 2012 from 4p.m. to 10p.m. They would like to have picnic tables on the lawn. There will be alcohol, which will be confined to tents. Commissioner Towle moved to allow use of the Courthouse lawn, with provision it is in the same condition afterwards, with any damage repaired and all alcoholic beverage confined to the tents. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**Parking** - The request was also presented to the Commissioners to use the parking on the south side of the Prosecutor's Office, to be restricted to food vendors for the event. Commissioner Towle stated until he sees how the traffic will move etc., he is not willing to restrict parking on the south side of the Prosecutor's Office.

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

**March 6, 2012 Minutes**— Commissioner Towle moved to approve the minutes for March 6, 2012 as submitted. Commissioner Armstrong 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.

**CGS** - Commissioner Towle moved to continue service with CGS by taking no action. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**Personnel Policy** - funds for the personnel policy contract are to be transferred from Council Expense CB to Contractual in the amount of \$14,000.00. Commissioner Towle moved to approve the transfer of \$14,000.00 from Council Expense CB to Contractual in the County Commissioner's Budget. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Towle moved to enter into a contract with Waggoner, Irwin, Scheele and Associates, Inc. For an amount not to exceed \$14,000.00, for professional consulting services, regarding the County personnel policy. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**SRI Termination** - Commissioner Armstrong moved to authorize signing of the letter of termination with SRI for liquidation of County property. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**Mid-America Elevator** - provided an estimate for converting the Annex elevator with ten keys for under \$500.00. They are still working on the details.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45am.

Hancock County Commissioners

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Commissioner Tom Stevens, President

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Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President

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Commissioner Derek Towle

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Robin D. Lowder  
Hancock County Auditor