

## Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

May 1, 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 Commissioner's meeting began at 8:04a.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:

**Grant** - funds are available for additions to existing projects only. Three applications of request will be sent on the following projects:

1. Bridge #145 for construction and utility relocation funds.
2. Group four project on 500 W. from U.S. 40 to Broken Arrow Dr. for construction and utility relocation for right-of-way for adding turn lanes.
3. Resubmit group four application from 2011 for right-of-way at 600 W. and 300 N.

Commissioner Towle moved to authorize signature by the President of the Board of Commissioners for grant application forms for the Highway Department. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**Supplemental Request Agreement** - with Beam, Longest and Neff, L.L.C. was presented to the Commissioners with stated pricing. Commissioner Towle moved to accept the Supplemental Agreement with Beam, Longest and Neff, L.L.C. for right-of-way engineering and services. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**Road Advisory Committee** - would like to appear before the County Council to make an appeal for more funds for the Highway Department. The Commissioners support their effort. The committee also has questions about the dust layer and is looking into what other Counties do.

**Bridge 76** - located at 600 S. and 300 W. Shelby County has been asked to contribute half of the cost for construction and inspection on the project. There are two property owners whom right-of-way will need to be purchased from, Snodgrass (Hancock County property) and Caine (Shelby County property). Joe Hollis requested approval to make an offer to purchase the right-of-way in an amount of \$1,933.00 per property. Commissioner Armstrong moved to allow Joe Hollis to make an offer to purchase right-of-way in an amount of \$1,933.00 per property for the Snodgrass and Caine property. The total is \$3,866. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**Variance Waiver** - Dave Seago appeared before the Commissioners to request a waiver for curb and under drain for property located at 200 S. and 400 W. he will be subdividing into estate lots. Roads will be completed to County Road specifications and under drains would be replaced by open swales. Stipulations will be for drainage easements and pending dedicated right-of-way. Approval to waiving curb and under drains is requested by County Engineer Joe Copeland. Commissioner Armstrong moved that the Board of Commissioners recommends allowing the variance of curb gutter and under drain for proposed subdivision for Dave Seago on 200 S. pending dedication of right-of-way and drainage easements. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. Commissioner Towle requested that drainage easements be watched to be sure they are not filled. The motion carried 3-0.

**Bids** - Heavy Duty Hopper Type Spreader Truck bids were opened at 8:30a.m. Four bids were turned in as follows:

1. Palmer Trucks in the amount of \$153,631.00.
2. Stoops in the amount of \$154,840.00.
3. Indy Truck Sales in the amount of \$127,595.00, International.
4. Indy Truck Sales in the amount of \$149,995.00, International.

Commissioner Armstrong moved the Highway Department take the bids under advisement, and be reviewed by the County Engineer until the next meeting. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

#### **In The Matter of Health Insurance**

**First Quarter Claims** - Kevin Mandrell, from Brown and Brown Insurance, appeared before the Commissioners to review the first quarter claims for 2012. Mr. Mandrell stated the claims show improvement and stabilization. He stated he is quite pleased with the amount of savings there has been for Hancock County.

#### **In The Matter of Hancock County Health Department**

**Tattoo and Body Piercing Ordinance** - Dr. Aspy appeared before the Commissioners to review the state regulation for tattoo and body piercing shops and a possible County Ordinance. There was discussion as to what the State law specifies. The Commissioners state there needs to be further research into this and instructed the Auditor to add this to the agenda action items.

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

**Disciplinary Action** – There has been disciplinary action against Deputy Jacob K. Smith, he was dismissed. There has been an appeal filed against the Merit Board decision. Greg Morelock appeared before the Commissioners to discuss who will defend the County in this appeal and informed the Commissioners that the County has ten days to deposit with the court a complete transcript of all proceedings pertaining to the disciplinary action. Auditor Robin Lowder ran the recording and will need to be the person to certify them. Mr. Morelock has requested an extension of time for the transcripts to be presented to the court. Attorney Ray Richardson instructed that Greg Morelock will represent the County Sheriff with the Sheriff's Department to cover the cost and someone will be hired to transcribe the minutes of the disciplinary action. Commissioner Towle moved to have Greg Morelock represent the County in the matter of the appeal of Jake K. Smith from decision of the Sheriff's merit board. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Armstrong moved to allow Commissioner Towle to employ a transcriber for the best value to the County. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

### **In The Matter of Storm Ready Weather Certificate Award**

**Award** - for meeting the required criteria, Hancock County was presented the Storm Ready Weather Certificate Award. There will be some signs posted regarding this certification.

### **In The Matter of the County Extension Office**

**Out of State Travel** - permission was requested for Sarah Burke to travel to Orlando Florida August 21<sup>st</sup> through August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012 for a conference. Commissioner Towle authorized Sarah Burke to attend the out of state conference as stated. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**Maintenance** - The extension office is in need of refinishing the floor in the meeting room and the parking lot needs parking stripes. The Commissioners requested quotes for both items.

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

**Consolettes** - the contract with Emergency Radio Services in the amount of \$24,562.50 for purchase of consolettes for the E-911 center was presented to the Commissioners. The bid was over by \$2,000.00 and Connie Hoy stated she will find the money in her budget. Commissioner Towle moved acceptance of the agreement from Emergency Radio Service for consolettes for the Emergency Operation center in the amount of \$24,562.50. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

The Purchase Order for the consolette equipment was presented to the commissioners for signature.

### **In The Matter of Garage Variance**

**Variance** - Larry Beaver who resides in Philadelphia appeared before the Commissioners to request a variance for his garage. He removed the structure of his old garage leaving the foundation and now wants to construct a new garage, but is not able to get the permit, as there is an eighteen inch encroachment into the alley. After much discussion it was determined that Mr. Beaver will need to do a vacation of alley, then present a site plan to the Planning Department.

### **In The Matter of Courthouse Lawn**

**Yard Sale** - Sarah Wolf appeared before the Commissioners to request use of the courthouse lawn, with clean up, on June 2, 2012 from 5a.m. to 6p.m. for the National Road yard sale. Commissioner Towle moved approval for Main Street Inc. to have use of the courthouse lawn with clean up on June 2, 2012 from 5a.m. to 6p.m. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

### **In The Matter of Senior Services**

**Quarterly Claims** - Linda Hart from Senior Services appeared before the Commissioners to request signatures on the presented claims. Commissioner Towle moved authorization to sign the voucher for service date of January 1, 2012 to March 31, 2012. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

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

**Judge Snow** - Jim Scott requested a special mirror for the courtroom for better visibility of the courtroom. The cost for the mirror is \$125.00. Commissioner Armstrong moved to allow the mirror for Judge Snow's court in an amount not to exceed \$125.00. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**Jail Flood** - The contractor responsible for blockage of storm drainage resulting in the flood of the jail is Milestone and they are represented by Travelers Insurance. Attorney Ray Richardson will speak with them about the claim.

**Repair of Railing** - at Courthouse from accident. Advance Insurance covered the driver and has not responded to the Counties request for repair of the railing. Advance Welding and Engineering will repair the railing at a cost of \$1,167.00. For safety, the County will repair the railing and seek reimbursement from Advance Insurance. Commissioner Towle moved approval to use Advance Welding and Engineering to repair the railing at the courthouse for a price not to exceed \$1,167.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**Flood Maps** - Susan Bodkin appeared before the Commissioners to inform them of the official meeting with the DNR on May 10, 2012 at 2:00 for the new flood maps.

**WorkOne Appointment** - Laura Nichols requested approval for renewing her appointment on the WorkOne Board of Directors. Commissioner Towle motioned to appoint Laura Nichols to WorkOne Board for a two year term ending June 30, 2014. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**April 17, 2012 Minutes**– Commissioner Towle moved to accept the minutes for April 17, 2012 as submitted. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**Claims and Payroll** - Commissioner Towle moved to approve the claims and payroll as presented. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15a.m.

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