

Hancock County Board of Commissioners Minutes

September 28, 2009

Commissioners met in regular session. Those present were Commissioner Derek Towle, Commissioner Brad Armstrong and Commissioner Tom Stevens. Auditor Robin D. Lowder was also present. Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 7:58AM.

The recording began at 7:31AM

In The Matter Of)

Hancock County Highway)

Bridge Over Potts Ditch)

County Engineer Joe Copeland appeared before the Commissioners to inform them there is a bridge on Greenfield Central High School's property that is only rated for pedestrians, not for vehicles. Commissioner Towle has notified the School officials verbally of the situation and he will verbally notify them a second time. Commissioner Towle stated he would give them a written notification the third time.

Snow Removal Contracts - County Engineer Joe Copeland inquired of the Commissioners what they wanted him to do about the snow removal contracts for this new year. They instructed him to approach the contractors and see if they will hold the cost the same as last year. If the contractors do not then they instructed him to bid out the jobs.

INDOT Construction Change Order No. 004 for Project 600 E- Engineer Copeland advised the Commissioners the INDOT Construction Change Order No. 004 for the 600 E Project cost was \$59,488.14. The county's share is \$11,897.63. This was for some asphalt that was put down over the original asphalt south of the Blue River Bridge. The asphalt was falling apart badly. So they milled it up and replaced it. Engineer Copeland recommended this change order. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the INDOT Change Order No. 004 for Project 600 E. and Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Liquid Deicing Chemical - County Engineer Joseph Copeland stated the county would receive bids for Liquid Deicing Chemical until October 26, 2009, 8:30 A.M. at the Hancock County Auditor's Office, 111 American Legion Place Suite 217, Greenfield Indiana 46140

Miscellaneous Guardrail Bolts Quotes - Engineer Copeland informed the Commissioners the County received two quotes on miscellaneous guardrail bolts. These are needed for our bridge and culvert replacements. Engineer Copeland recommended C Tech the lowest quote for \$2,100.00. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the quote from C Tech for miscellaneous guardrail bolts at \$2,100.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Highway Door Replacement Quotes – Engineer Copeland informed the Commissioners the Highway badly needed new doors and he had put it in the budget this year. He had gotten two quotes and recommended the lowest quote from Commercial Doors of Indiana at \$1,800.00. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the purchase of the new doors from Commercial Doors of Indiana at \$1,800.00. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. Commissioner Armstrong abstained. The motion was carried 2-0 with 1 abstention.

Release of Unofficial Detour For Road U.S. 52 – Engineer Joe Copeland asked for approval of the release of the unofficial detour for Road U.S. 52. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to sign the release of the unofficial detour for road U.S. 52. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Deterioration of The Road at 900 E. & 600 S. – Commissioner Armstrong informed Engineer Copeland he had a home owner at 900 E. & 600 S. concerned because the road on a hill was deteriorating and washing out in his drive. Engineer Copeland said he would check the condition of the road.

In The Matter Of)

Alternatives Inc.)

Kelly Buzan, of Alternatives Inc, appeared before the Commissioners to receive their permission to put white crosses on the courthouse lawn in the month of October. This is to raise awareness about domestic violence. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to allow Alternatives Inc. to place white crosses on the courthouse lawn in the month of October. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter Of)

Hancock Co Surveyor)

Appraisal Railroad R/W@CR 500 E.)

Susan Bodkin, Hancock Co Surveyor, presented Commissioners with three appraisals for the railroad r/w at county road 500E. The Commissioners took the appraisals under advisement.

In The Matter Of)

U.S. Census Bureau)

Commissioner Derek Towle, President of the Hancock County Commissioners, states that in this public forum He recommends all residents of Hancock County should participate in the U.S. Census.

In The Matter Of)

Nameless Creek Building Permit Exception of Permit Fee)

Rusty Burgess appeared before the Commissioners to inquire if Nameless Creek could receive their permit with an exception to paying the permit fee. The Commissioners decided to approve the exception from the permit fee, but check on the original ordinance to see if it allows for any exceptions from paying the permit fee.

In The Matter Of)

Commissioners Minutes September 21, 2009)

Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the Commissioners Minutes from September 21, 2009. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the minutes. The minutes carried 3-0.

In The Matter Of)

Hancock Co Recorder)

State Copying Records)

Hancock Co Recorder Sharon Shambaugh wanted to inform the Commissioners people from the State of Indiana would be copying some of our records. Sharon is bringing the records up from the basement and they will use her conference room so she can oversee their use of the old records.

In The Matter Of)

IT Department New Copiers)

Hancock Co IT Department director Bernard Harris requested approval from the Commissioners for the contract of a RICOH MP 4000 Digital Copier/ Printer/Color Scanner/ Network Fax. There would be several savings in using this new equipment. Three offices would need this equipment, Auditor's Office, Planning Department and Treasurer's Office. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the contract for the new copier. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the contract for the copiers for the Auditor's, Planning and Treasurer. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. The Commissioners instructed him to go before the Council so it could be taken out of the C.C.D. FUND.

In The Matter Of)

John Priore's Proposed County EMS Plan)

John Priore gave a presentation on his proposed County EMS Plan. John felt his plan would provide the county with a formal plan for insuring that the EMS needs of the county are fully met and funded in a fair and equal manner.

In The Matter Of)

Acoustical Study)

Judge Richard Culver presented the Commissioners with an Acoustical report for the Hancock County Circuit Court by Acoustical Inc. They had three different options to chose from. The Commissioners stated they would like for Acoustical Inc. to come in and give them a presentation so they could make an informed choice.

In The Matter Of)

Insurance Assumption)

Jim Binge presented to the Commissioners the Assumptions for our 5 year Insurance Benefit Plan. He gave the Commissioners an opportunity to ask questions.

In The Matter Of)

Hancock Co Government Wellness Screening Oct. 2009)

Lois Griggs presented the Hancock County Government Wellness Screening Results October 2009 by United Group Services to the Commissioners. They informed the Commissioners that 82 county employees participated in the program. They were going to continue to offer the program free to the county employees.

In The Matter Of)

John Priore's Proposed Redistricting of Hancock County)

John Priore presented his redistricting plan that he believes ensures that all areas, communities and citizens within the County would be guaranteed fair and equal representation far better and more so than the current boundaries. The Commissioners state they would take his plan under advisement and meet with him again in the next few weeks.

Recording stopped at 10:38AM.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Derek Towle President

Commissioner Tom Stevens

Commissioner Brad Armstrong

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor