

**January 12, 2009**

The Commissioners met in regular session. Present was Derek Towle, Tom Stevens, and Brad Armstrong. Auditor Linda Grass was also present. Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 8:00 a.m.

**In the Matter of     )**  
**Bridge Conference    )**

Commissioner Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Stevens to allow Highway Engineer Joe Copeland to attend County Bridge Conference and overnight accommodations. Actual vote 3-0

**In the Matter of     )**  
**Covered Bridges     )**

Commissioner Stevens made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Armstrong to certify the amount of Covered Bridges in the county as being 0. Actual vote 3-0

**In the Matter of             )**  
**Building Inspector Vacation)**

Commissioner Stevens made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Armstrong to allow the Building Inspector to use 3 vacation days for the year 2009 to be applied in 2008. Actual vote 3-0

**In the Matter of     )**  
**Minutes                )**

Commissioner Stevens made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Armstrong to accept the minutes of the January 5, 2009 minutes with changes to the last motion. After changes were made, motion carried 3-0 to accept the minutes.

**In the Matter of     )**  
**Hiring of Attorney    )**

Commissioner Stevens made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Armstrong to hire the law firm of Stephenson, Morow & Semeler, in the case of Gardin and Dove vs. Hancock County at the rate of \$155.00/hr. Actual vote 3-0

**In the Matter of                     )**  
**Joe Carroll – Veterans Service Officer    )**

Joe Carroll, Veterans Service Office appeared before the Commissioners to distribute the Veterans Service Office Activity Report for the year 2008.

**In the Matter of** )  
**Prosecutor – Full Time Employee** )

Prosecutor Dean Dobbins appeared before the Commissioners to ask if one of his full-time employees work 35 hours a week in a 4 day work week. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Stevens to permit the one person in the Prosecutor’s Office to work an alternate work week. Actual vote 3-0

**In the Matter of** )  
**Accident Reports** )

Donnie Smith from the Sheriff’s Department turned into the Commissioners accident reports involving Sheriff’s Department vehicles.

**In the Matter of** )  
**Sheriff’s Department Vehicles** )

Commissioner Stevens made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Armstrong to proceed with the bid process for a minimum of 6 new vehicles. Actual vote 3-0

**In the Matter of** )  
**E-911 Center New Hire** )

Commissioner Towle made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Armstrong to approve the hiring of Lacey Ogden as a new employee at the E-911 center.

**In the Matter of** )  
**E-911 Center Employees** )  
**Vacation Carry-over** )

Ty Wooten, E-911 center administrator distributed a list of EOC employees who have carry over vacation and personal time from the year 2008. Commissioner Stevens made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Armstrong to allow the following persons to use their accumulated hours. Actual vote 3-0

Ronda Bryant	8 vacation hours	
Kelley Cummins	32 vacation hours	
Teresa Helton	40 vacation hours	
Connie Hoy	25 vacation hours	16 personal hours
Diane Jackson		4 personal hours.

**In the Matter of** )  
**Amendment to the Ordinance** )  
**Prohibiting Smoking in Public Places** )

Public comment on the amendment was taken from the following persons:

- Rochelle Turner – Ro’s bar and grill
- Lorie McAvene – Bubbaz’s Pub
- Rick Skinner – Ben’s Bar
- Wilhelmina Bundy – Bubbaz’s Pub
- Ian Ferguson – Ian’s Pub
- Jason Cox – Hand Bones
- Roberta Asher – Joe’s Grill
- Dr. Klinstiver
- Laura First – American Cancer Society
- Sam Denton – American Heart Association
- Tim Feller

No further discussion was held and no motion came before the board.

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Linda J. Grass, Auditor