

Hancock County Board of Commissioners Minutes

October 12, 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 8:01AM. The recording began at 7:33AM.

In The Matter Of)

Hancock County Highway)

Letter of Appreciation)

Commissioner Stevens wanted to comment he had received a letter from a R. Kent Richwine. Mr. Richwine said he wanted the county to know he appreciated the good work they did on Eden road. Commissioner Stevens wanted to let Engineer Copeland know he appreciated the good job also.

Snowplowing Contracts – Commissioners Stevens made a motion to sign snowplowing contracts with CGS Services, Inc, John Kiser Jr., Leonard Excavating Inc., Fisk Excavating Plumbing & Septic Services. and V. Feeny Inc. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Hancock Co Judicial Facilities Review & Planning Proposal – Joe Copeland presented the Commissioners with the proposal from SchenkelShultz. He also provided them with a letter from Wells Fargo Bank outlining their relationship with SchenkelShultz. Commissioner Stevens made a motion that the Commissioners approve the proposal made by SchenkelShultz for the Hancock Co Judicial Facilities Review & Planning not to exceed \$17,500.00 including reimbursable expenses. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. The Commissioners gave Joe approval to take the proposal before the council to inquire about funding. Joe said he will be at FEMA training so Pat Powers, the Community Corrections Director, would be representing him.

Fence in Right of Way on 550 North – Joe Copeland met with the Lawlers, who are the owners, to try to compromise about the fence in the county right of way. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion the owner would move the fence if the county ever requests it, at the owner's expense. They would put the agreement on the deed and record the deed at the owner's expense. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. Commissioner Armstrong and Commissioner Towle voted Aye and Commissioner Stevens voted Nay. The motion carried 2-1.

Driveway Variance – Larry Bowmer presented a driveway variance for a second entrance for a semi-tractor trailer. The address is 1410 N. 400 W. Greenfield IN 46140. Stanley Hancock is the owner. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the driveway variance 20 foot wide with a 40 foot radii.

Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to rescind the motion for the driveway variance that was just approved.

Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the driveway variance subject to the owner and the county highway coming to an agreement on an acceptable approach at the location. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner’s Meeting Recessed at 8:15am.)

**The Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Hancock Co)
Regional Water and Sewer District Began at 8:15am.)**

Commissioner’s Meeting Resumed at 8:25am.)

In The Matter Of)

US Census Bureau)

Replacing Liaison)

Susan Bodkin, County Surveyor, informed the Commissioners the US Census Bureau contacted the County and informed us we needed a new liaison for the 2010 Census. Joe Copeland recommended John Milburn our GIS Technologist. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to appoint John Milburn as the county’s US Census Bureau liaison. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

US Census Bureau New Construction Program- Susan Bodkin, County Surveyor, informed the Commissioners in order to participate they just had to fill out a form about any new construction in the county. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to participate in the US Census Bureau New Construction Program. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Department of Homeland Security Grant- Susan Bodkin, County Surveyor, informed the Commissioners Schnieder Engineering is sending the Department of Homeland Security information as a part of the grant. She requested the Commissioners approve signing a contract with Schnieder Engineering. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to enter into a contract with Schnieder Engineering regarding GIS Web Development Services not to exceed \$5000.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

LiDAR Data- Susan Bodkin informed the Commissioners the Metropolitan Planning Organization has a contract for the County to enter into in order to receive the LiDAR Data. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to proceed to enter into a contract with MPO for purposes of processing LiDAR Data not to exceed \$1,700.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

County Farm Right of Way Property- Susan Bodkin informed the Commissioners she was interested in proposal #2, 500 E. to the woods, for the right of way near the County Farm to buy or possibly trade. Commissioner Stevens made a motion for Susan Bodkin to present the purchasing of proposal#2 7.369AC. not to exceed \$32,400.00 to the Hancock County Council. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Redistricting Proposal)

John Priore)

John Priore discussed his redistricting proposal with the Commissioners. They agreed to begin to recruit County Residents to serve on a committee to study the feasibility of redistricting in the County. They are to meet at a later date to form the committee.

In The Matter Of)

Sheriff Dept.)

Major Donnie Smith reported to the Commissioners they need two new cars for the Sheriff's Department. He reported they have sold seven vehicle, five were Sheriff's cars, in the last few months. He reported SRI has not sent him any reports on the sale of the vehicles. Commissioner Stevens made a motion for the purchase of the two new cars requested by the Sheriff's Department not to exceed \$45,074.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter Of)

Commissioners Minutes October 5, 2009)

Commissioners Stevens made a motion to approve the minutes of October 5, 2009. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter Of)

Commissioners Minutes September 21, 2009

Amendment)

Commissioner Stevens made a motion to amend the Commissioners Minutes of September 21, 2009. The heading approving the September 14, 2009 Minutes incorrectly stated the date as September 21, 2009. The correct date was September 14, 2009. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Called to Jury Duty)

Commissioner Towle commented he had been summoned for Jury duty on October 19, 2009. He stated he may need to leave before concluding the Commissioners meeting on October 19, 2009.

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:47am.

The recording stopped at 9:47am.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Derek Towle President

Commissioner Tom Stevens

Commissioner Brad Armstrong

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder

Hancock County Auditor