

Hancock County Board of Commissioners Minutes

October 26, 2009

Commissioners met in regular session. Those present were Commissioner President Derek Towle, Commissioner Brad Armstrong and Commissioner Tom Stevens. Auditor Robin D. Lowder was also present. Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 7:59am. The recording began at 7:32am.

In The Matter of)

Hancock County Highway)

Fortville Pike and 300 North Project – Joseph Copeland County Engineer presented to the Commissioners the Right of Way Acquisition Approval to purchase the right of way for parcels 2, 3, and 6 for the Fortville Pike and 300 N Project. The city will reimburse the county for parcels 2, 3, and half of 6. The city has approved the appraisals. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to proceed with the acquisition of the right of way of parcel 2, not to exceed \$2,450.00, Parcel 3, not to exceed \$7030.00 and Parcel 6 not to exceed \$12,800.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Purchase of Buck Creek Township Office and Property on 600 W North of 300 N. – The Commissioners discussed what to with the building. They decided to table the discussion until a later date. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to submit an offer to purchase the Buck Creek Township Office and property on 600 W. The offer is not to exceed the appraisal price of \$124,600.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Calcium Chloride and Sand Mixing- Joe Copeland County Engineer recommended the Commissioners accept C.G.S. quote to mix the Calcium Chloride and sand. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to accept the quote from C.G.S. to mix the Calcium Chloride and sand not to exceed \$25,000. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Annual Bids To Carry Over and Bid for 2010- Companies on Chart highlighted in orange are carryovers, companies highlighted in blue are to have bids prepared and companies highlighted in yellow are accepted.

**Recommend to Carry Over for 2010
ANNUAL BIDS FOR 2009**

List of Bidders per category:

Bid A1 Aggregates

IMI - Disqualified
CGS Services, Inc.
Meshberger Stone, Inc.
New Point Stone Co., Inc. (St. Paul Quarry)
Shelby Materials
Rush County Stone Company

Bid A2 Liquid Asphalt

Asphalt Materials, Inc.
Marathon Petroleum LLC

A3 Asphalt Pavement Materials

Carry over Section 1 – Patching Mix
Meshberger Stone, Inc.
Milestone
CGS Services, Inc.

REBID-over eng est.

E & B

Carry over Section 2 – Plant Mix (HMA) – FOB Plant.

CGS Services, Inc.
Milestone
E & B

Carry over Section 3 – Plant Mix (HMA) – Furnished and Delivered to job site.

CGS Services, Inc.

Carry over Section 4 – Plant Mix (HMA) – Furn., Del., and Placed.

CGS Services, Inc.
Milestone
E & B

No Action Section 5 – Cold Mix Asphalt – FOB Plant.

CGS Services, Inc.
Meshberger Stone, Inc.

Bid B1 Gasoline, Diesel Fuel

Section 1 – Lead Free Gasoline
A – Firm Price for 2008
Harvest Land Co-op
B – Base Price subject to escalation or de-escalation
Harvest Land Co-op
Gas America Services, Inc.

Section 2 – Diesel Fuel
A – Firm Price for 2008
Harvest Land Co-op
B – Base Price subject to escalation or de-escalation
Harvest Land Co-op

Carry over B2 Large Equipment Rental

A.K. Shannon Excavating, Inc.

Hoosier Pride Excavating
Barger Contracting

Carry over B3 Small Equipment Rental

Fisk Excavating
Barger Contracting
Leonard Excavating
V. Feeney Inc.
Chuck Johnson Inc.
Hoosier Pride Excavating
J & S Contractors

Carry over B4 Grading & Seeding Equipment Rental

Fisk Excavating
Leonard Exc.
Barger Contracting
Chuck Johnson Inc.
Hoosier Pride Excavating
J & S Contractors
V. Feeney Inc.

Carrie over Treated Lumber

Bid Tri Axle Dump Trucks

Commissioner Stevens made a motion that Engineer Copeland prepares bids for Aggregates, Liquid Asphalt and Tri Axle Dump Trucks. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

As-Built Data for Hancock Co Bridges 133 and 134 (Meridian Road and 200 South)- Joe Copeland informed the Commissioners IDEM has requested updated drawings for as-built data for Hancock Co Bridges 133 and 134(Meridian Road and 200 South.) Commissioner Stevens made a motion to accept the quote from Accura Land Surveying to provide the as-built data for the county bridges 133 and 134 not to exceed \$750.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**In The Matter Of)
Fastenal)**

Jeff Hicks from Fastenal appeared before the Commissioners to inform them they now have a Quantity Purchase Agreement with the State of Indiana. He has the QPA on everything except paper products. He stated he just wanted the Commissioners to be aware when the County made purchases he is a part of the QPA# 11179 with the State of Indiana. The web site is fastenal.com.

**In The Matter Of)
Insurance Broker)
Jim Benge)**

Jim Benge gave his presentation on his experience as an Insurance broker, his trust in his staff and his confidence in the Sagamore Insurance Company.

**In The Matter Of)
Ordinance)
Wind Turbine Towers)**

Mike Dale Director of the Planning Commission appeared before the Commissioners to introduce the Ordinance about Wind Turbine Towers. He explained to the Commissioners they were still discussing the Ordinance, but he wanted the Commissioners to review the Ordinance and possibly participate in some of the dialogue.

**In The Matter Of)
Electronic Purchases)
IT Department)**

Bernard Harris the IT Dept. Director appeared before the Commissioners to request the approval of the purchase of 15 Desktop Computers. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to purchase 15 desktop computers not to exceed \$17,281.50 with a maintenance agreement for 4 years. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Signing of Contracts for Copiers for Auditor & Planning Dept.-

Engineer Harris also requested the Commissioners sign the contract for the copiers for the Auditor's and Planning Dept. they had already agreed to purchase. The Commissioners agreed to sign the contract subject to the approval of the County Attorney.

Update for Beacon Site)

Schneider Engineering)

Gis- Beacon Web Site Udate)

John Milburn requested an upgrade for the GIS Beacon web site, due to the Assessor now using a new software program.

Schneider Engineering requested \$3000.00 to update the software on the Beacon web site. The contract is subject to the approval of the County Attorney Ray Richardson.

In The Opening of the Bids)

Bids for Liquid Deicing Chemical)

The Commissioners opened the Bids at 9:00am on October 26, 2009. There was one Bid. It was from Great Lakes Chloride for \$65,450.00, 70,000 gallons with a unit price of .935.

Commissioner Armstrong made a motion that the bid from Great Lakes Chloride for \$65,450.00, 70,000 gallons with a unit price of .935 be accepted. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter Of)

Insurance Broker)

Rob Young)

Rob Young appeared before the Commissioners to give them a presentation about his experience as an Insurance agent. He also said he had been very pleased working with National Insurance. He also has local representatives with his company.

In The Matter Of)

Christmas Festival)

Sharon DeReamer)

Sharon DeReamer appeared before the Commissioners to request putting up two tents on the south side of the courthouse lawn during the Christmas Festival from December 10th to the 14th. The purpose is for shelter and some booths. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to allow the Christmas Festival to use the south lawn of the courthouse to put up two tents and booths December 10th thru December 14th. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**In The Matter Of)
LEPC & Fire Fighters)
H1N1 Immunizations)**

Dave Sutherlin Chairman of the Local Emergency Planning Committee appeared before the Commissioners to express his concerns and the concerns of the First Responders in Hancock County. Fire Chief David Sutherlin, Buck Creek Township, Fire Chief James Roberts, Greenfield Fire Territory and Fire Chief Gerald O. Morganthall Jr., Sugar Creek Township also were present. Chief Sutherlin stated on September 25, 2009 the Health Department held County H1N1 Planning Summit. Many of the First Responders in the County feel the Health Department has deviated from their own immunization plan. Fire Chief Sutherlin thought the lack of communication has been a very large part of the difficulty. He presented a letter from the LEPC and also combined Statement from Fire Chief David Sutherlin, Buck Creek Township, Fire Chief James Roberts, Greenfield Fire Territory and Fire Chief Gerald O. Morganthall Jr., Sugar Creek Township. Fire Chief Sutherlin also stated they offered to have their paramedics administer the immunizations to save the Health Dept. man hours. The Health Dept. didn't think they should be administering immunizations. The Commissioners stated they had invited the Health Dept. To the Commissioners Meeting, but they declined due to the short notice. The Commissioners requested the Auditor place all of the Letters in the record of the minutes. They also requested the Auditor write a letter requesting Dr. Haas and a representative from the Health Department to attend next week's Commissioners Meeting.

HANCOCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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October 23, 2009

Robin Lowder, Auditor of Hancock
Courthouse Annex
Greenfield, IN 46140

RE: Commissioners Meeting, Monday, October 26, 2009

Dear Robin:

Due to the short notice we regret that there is no one available to attend the Commissioner's meeting on Monday, October 26, 2009. If you have further questions, please call our office at 317/477-1125. Thank you.

Respectfully,



Pam Baker, Office Manager
Hancock County Health Department

cc: Ray A. Haas, M.D., Health Officer

**Hancock County
Local Emergency Planning Committee**

To: Hancock County Commissioners Court

From: Dave Sutherlin, LEPC Chairman

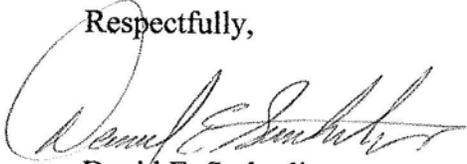
Reference: Concern over H1N1 Serum Distribution

Gentlemen,

Over the past several days, I have spoken with several LEPC members with concerns and frustration over the distribution of the first delivery of the H1N1 vaccine. The discussions that have happened have mainly come from Law Enforcement, EMS Providers and Fire Departments, however, I have had one discussion with the State board of Health. At this time it is apparent that the Hancock County Health Department has chosen a different path of distribution that has clearly deviated from the original plan that was set forth at the H1N1 Summit Meeting on Friday, September 25th, at the Hancock County Public Library.

I would like for the commissioners to know that by the time this letter is delivered, every county surrounding Hancock County will have begun to give vaccinations to there High Risk Groups which include Law Enforcement, EMS Providers and Fire Personnel. I don't know why the first shipment of government purchased serum went to CVS or Kroger for distribution from our county health department, but this clearly was the wrong choice based on all the complaints I have taken. Though this is the first mass pandemic vaccination that our county has had to deal with, it will clearly not be the last. I strongly believe that your attention to this matter will be held in high regards to all agencies that are at risk and have not yet received the vaccine.

Respectfully,



David E. Sutherlin
Chairman
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**COMBINED STATEMENT
To
HANCOCK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**Regarding the Hancock County Health Department and the
Novel H1N1 Influenza**

**Fire Chief David Sutherlin, Buck Creek Township
Fire Chief James Roberts, Greenfield Fire Territory
Fire Chief Gerald O. Morganthall, Jr., Sugar Creek Township**

I. Purpose.

This purpose for this Combined Statement and our appearance here today, is to inform you about how our three Fire Departments view the current process; or lack thereof, established by the Hancock County Health Department to provide Novel H1N1 Influenza immunizations to the First Responders in Hancock County.

II. Objectives.

1. To provide information to the Hancock County Commissioners.
2. To request the Hancock County Commissioners investigate why the Health Department did not have a plan in place to immunize the First Responders as soon as the first shipments arrived in Hancock County; and why no arrangements have yet been made to provide immunizations to the First Responders at a central location (the Emergency Operations Center) as promised by the Health Department.
3. To determine why the Health Department has failed to communicate directly with the First Responders as was promised.
4. Determine overall accountability for the apparent mishandling of this activity vis a vis the First Responders of Hancock County.

III. Background.

Beginning on September 1, 2009, Misty Moore, Local Public Health Coordinator, Hancock County Health Department, began sending emails to a wide audience of officials and stakeholders across the county announcing the County H1N1 Planning Summit to be held at the Public Library in Greenfield on Friday, September 25, 2009. She sent additional reminders on

9/8 and 9/15/2009. Among other attendees were Chief Fire Officers and EMS Directors from Buck Creek Township, Greenfield Fire Territory, and Sugar Creek Township – all of which have Firefighter/EMT/Paramedics on duty 24/7/365.

A number of topics were presented by various speakers, including Ms. Beth Burkhardt, Public Health Nurse for the Health Department. Among the many topics she presented was the assurance she would communicate The Plan and immunization schedule directly to the First Responder community. In response to a question regarding location for First Responder immunization, it was determined by Ms. Burkhardt and Mr. Larry Ervin (Hancock County Emergency Manager) that the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) would be an ideal, centrally located facility for the First Responders to gather for their immunizations.

As H1N1 doses arrived at the Health Department, they were distributed to provider offices, retail pharmacy outlets, among others. Still no contact with the First Responders. An inquiry was made to Ms. Burkhardt asking why distribution was made to the community for the top priority, at risk group, and still no schedule for the First Responders. She replied that the First Responders could go to one of the locations and wait with other members of the top priority, at risk group. These inoculations are supposed to be at no cost, and yet many of our First Responders have already gone to retail (for profit) locations and used their insurance to get the immunization.

Several offers were made to the Health Department for the Advanced Life Support (ALS) personnel (Paramedics) from the previously mentioned Fire Departments, for them to administer the H1N1 vaccinations to the First Responders. Ms. Burkhardt said that was not possible since the Paramedics were not qualified. NOTE: Fire Department Paramedics in all counties contiguous to Hancock County are now administering the H1N1 vaccinations to their First Responders.

IV. Scope.

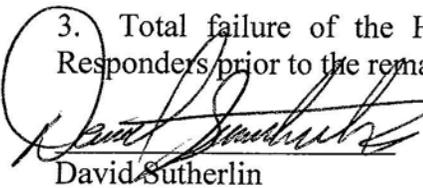
Hancock County First Responders (Fire, Rescue, and EMS).

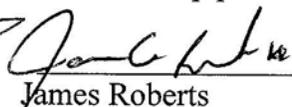
V. Issues.

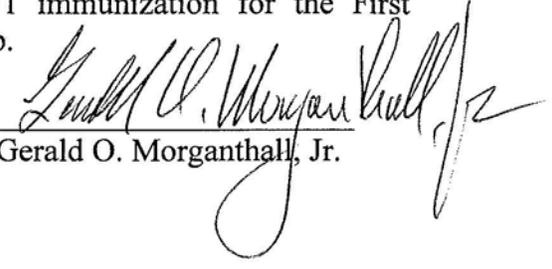
1. We are now several weeks into the public availability of the H1N1 immunizations, and there still has been no central location arranged for the First Responders. Only after several calls were made to the County Health Department and State Health Department, did Ms. Burkhardt send an email to EMA asking for a list of names from the First Responders, who desire the immunization. This was provided on 10/23, and there still is no plan.

2. Lack of communication from the Health Department directly to the First Responders as promised.

3. Total failure of the Health Department to provide H1N1 immunization for the First Responders prior to the remainder of the top priority, at risk group.


David Sutherland


James Roberts


Gerald O. Morganthall, Jr.

**In the Matter Of)
Insurance Broker)
Kevin Mandrell)**

Kevin Mandrell appeared before the Commissioners to give them a presentation about his experience has an Insurance Broker. He also brought letters of recommendation He lives in the town of New Palestine. He feels Brown & Brown has been a good company to work with.

**In The Matter Of)
Ordinance No. 2009-10A)
Amending Retiree Insurance Benefits)**

Commissioner Stevens made a motion to adopt Ordinance No.-10A amending retiree insurance benefits. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**In The Matter Of)
Commissioners Minutes October 19, 2009)**

Commissioners Stevens made a motion to approve the Commissioners Minutes of October 19, 2009. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**In The Matter Of)
Old Pictures of Soldiers from Memorial Building)**

The Commissioners discussed the pictures of the soldiers being displayed at the American Legion where people could see them. They will finish the discussion at a later date.

**In The Matter Of)
SchenkelShultz)
Judicial and Jail Study)**

Pat Powers and a Representative from SchenkelShultz gave a progress report on the Judicial and Jail Report.

The Meeting Adjourned and the recording stopped at 12:10pm.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Derek Towle President

Commissioner Tom Stevens

Commissioner Brad Armstrong

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor