

Hancock County Board of Commissioners Minutes

November 2, 2009

Commissioners met in regular session. Those present were Commissioner Derek Towle, Commissioner Brad Armstrong and Commissioner Tom Stevens. Auditor Robin D. Lowder and Rosemary Melvin Chief Deputy Auditor were also present. Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 7:43am. The recording began at 7:43am.

In The Matter Of)

Hancock County Highway)

Indiana Public Employers' Plan Safety Award)

Joseph Copeland county engineer informed the Commissioners Hancock County employees have earned for this government entity the Indiana Public Employers' Plan safety award for calendar year 2008.

INDOT change order on stimulus package-Joe Copeland informed the Commissioners INDOT had issued a change order on the stimulus package contract No.SRS-32137. The total value for the change order is -\$24.00. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve INDOT Construction Change Order No.SRS-32137. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

LPA- Consulting Contract with USI Consulting For The Design Of Bridge #145- Joseph Copeland presented to the Commissioners a contract with USI Consulting for the design of bridge #145. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the LPA Consulting Contract with USI Consulting replacement of bridge #145 not to exceed \$107,700. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Right of Way Acquisition Approval for the Fortville Pike & 300 N Project- Joseph Copeland recommended parcel 8 be acquired by perpetual easement because the Health Department has stated the finger system was installed improperly. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to authorize the Highway to purchase the Right of Way Acquisition subject to a letter from the Health Department stating the finger system was inadequate and improperly installed, not to exceed \$19,500. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Removal of Bridges From Sour Critical List-Joseph Copeland informed the Commissioners Stephen Christian of Stephen J. Christian & Associates has inspected bridge 30 CR 100 North over Nameless Creek and bridge 59 CR 200 North over Buck Creek and believes the maintenance done was adequate to remove them from INDOT's scour critical list.

Driveway Variance Application 3709 E 400 S- Larry Bowmar appeared before the Commissioners about a driveway variance. Dr. Jeff Stiller the property owner made the temporary driveway into a permanent driveway. There is a site distance problem with this driveway and also a problem with the culvert pipe. Mr. Bowmar said he would not recommend the variance because of the safety factor. The Commissioners stated the owners could not be present and they would rather wait until someone representing Dr. Stiller could be present.

In The Matter Of Hancock County Health Dept.)

Immunization Schedule for The First Responders)

Dr. Haas and Misty Moore appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the LAPC, Firefighters and Health Dept.'s lack of communication. Dr. Haas explained part of the problem they changed how many doses the Health Dept. received. The Health Dept. and Commissioners agreed both sides were going to strive to have better communication.

In The Matter Of Commissioners Minutes Oct. 26, 2009)

Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the Commissioners Minutes of October 26, 2009. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter Of)

Hancock County Solid Waste Management District)

Hancock County Solid Waste Program Coordinator)

The Commissioners received a letter on November 2, 2009 from Roy Ballard, Solid Waste Management Director, Purdue CES Educator, and Sarah Burke, Purdue CES Educator, recommending Katherine Wampler, the Hancock County Solid Waste Management District Program Coordinator be dismissed from her current position. They stated the reason was below standard job performance. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to terminate Katherine Wampler's employment with Hancock County, to be effective by the end of the day. Citing below standard job performance. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter Of)

2010 NASA Grant Applications)

Joe Thayer appeared before the Commissioners to have the NASA Grants accepted. Commissioner Towle requested him to not always fund the same programs. He requested him to look for new programs to fund. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to accept the 2010 NASA Grant Applications. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter Of)

Performance Bond Release)

Commissioner Stevens made a motion to release a performance bond for erosion control for Village Green Section 2 Beattey Construction Company for the amount of \$3,923.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Stevens made a motion to release a performance bond for erosion control for Briarwood Trace Section 6 R & F Development for the amount of \$10,900.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter Of)

Resolution No. 2009 11-1)

Preservation Of Indiana Jobs)

Commissioner Armstrong introduced Resolution No.2009 11-1. The Hancock County Commissioners on behalf of all residents of Hancock County is supportive of responsible actions by the Congress which will recognize appropriate cost saving measures while protecting valuable jobs for Hoosier families. Sallie Mae has 8,500 employees across the country including 2,300 in Indiana and 94 Hancock County Residents with jobs at risk. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter Of Insurance Broker)

Commissioners Vote On Agent Of Record)

Jeff Fox gave a Consulting/Broker Fee of \$7.95 per employee per month. Kevin Mandrell gave a Agent/Broker Fee of a flat fee of \$1500 a month. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to accept Brown & Brown with Kevin Mandrell as the Broker for 2010. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. Commissioner Armstrong voted Aye, Commissioner Stevens voted Aye and Commissioner Towle vote nay. The motion carried 2 Aye and 1 Nay.

In The Matter Of The American Legion Building)

Commissioners Taking Possession of Property)

Commissioner Stevens made a motion to terminate the Property and Building Lease with the American Legion Post 119 effective immediately. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion the motion carried 3-0.

Meeting in Recess For Tour of Building)

The Meeting went into Recess so a tour could be taken of the American Legion Building and Property.

No further business was discussed.

Meeting was adjourned and recording stopped at 10:23am.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Derek Towle President

Commissioner Tom Stevens

Commissioner Brad Armstrong

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder

Hancock County Auditor