

Hancock County Board of Commissioners Minutes

November 30, 2009

Commissioners met in regular session. Those present were Commissioner Derek Towle, Commissioner Brad Armstrong and Commissioner Tom Stevens. Auditor Robin D. Lowder and Chief Deputy Auditor Rosemary Melvin were also present. Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 7:55am.

The recording began at 7:31am.

In The Matter Of) Hancock County Highway)

Indot - Joe Copeland of the County Highway presented the Commissioners with his concerns of the approaches to bridge at 700 W and I-70. State Plan showed concrete. State used asphalt, Mr. Copeland felt it could be a problem. Mr. Copeland was instructed to find out who authorized the decision. State is investigating at Mr. Copeland's request. The Commissioners and Mr. Copeland are asking the state to correct the problem.

DRIVEWAY VARIANCE - Todd and Kandace Heller appeared before the Commissioners requesting a Driveway Variance at their property, 2197 W 200 N Greenfield, IN. The County Highway Department recommends variance. Commissioner Stevens makes a motion to approve the Driveway Variance subject to replacing culvert pipe and adding flare ends to the driveway pipe. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

RELOCATION OF SIGN – Commissioners discussed relocation of church sign at 600 W and 300 S.

In The Matter of) Mt. Comfort TIF Bond Resolution)

Dennis Maloy of Hancock County Economic Development Council, Lisa Lee of Ice Miller LLC and Loren Matthes of H J Umbaugh & Associates - appeared before the Commissioners to present details on Bond Issue Options.

Bryan Burney - appeared before the commissioners to voice his disagreement on the Bond issue.

Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve Board of Commissioners of Hancock County, Indiana, Resolution No. 2009-11-2 authorizing the bonds to benefit the Mt Comfort Corridor Economic Development Area. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the Motion. Motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)
Community Correction Grant)

Pat Powers – director of Community Corrections appeared before the Commissioners to present Amendment #1 providing additional funds in the amount of \$92,781.00 for Operational Expenses of the Community Correction facility. Commissioner Stevens makes a motion to approve the grant amendment to Community Corrections. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carries 3-0.

In The Matter of)
Commissioners' Minutes)

Approval of Commissioners' Minutes of November 23, 2009 – Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to approve the Commissioners' Minutes from November 23, 2009. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)
Capital Improvement Board Representative)

Commissioner Stevens made a motion to appoint Commissioner Armstrong representative for Hancock County on the Capital Improvement Board. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carries 3-0.

In The Matter of)
Hancock County Senior Services)

Linda Hart - appeared before the Commissioners presenting the Purchase Order for Small Bus. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to execute the purchase order, not to exceed \$47,222.00. Commission Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)
DHS Grant)

John Milburn – GIS Coordinator appeared before the Commissioners to request signatures on duplicate DHS Grant previously signed and approved by the Commissioners.

In The Matter of)
Lawsuit Filed)

Attorney Ray Richardson informed Commissioners they are named in lawsuit 'Earle vs. Hancock County Board of Commissioners'. Attorney Richardson recommends Attorney Gregg Morelock to represent Commissioners. Commissioner Stevens made a motion for Gregg Morelock to represent the Commissioners. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

In the Matter of)
Redistricting Ordinance 2009-11A)

Commissioner Stevens introduces Ordinance 2009-11A, redistricting the County Council. Voting on adoption of the Ordinance at Commissioners meeting on December 21, 2009.

The meeting recessed at 9:15 am.

The meeting resumed at 10:15 am.

In The Matter of)
Court Room Acoustics)

Commissioners Towle, Stevens and Armstrong, Auditor Robin Lowder and Judge Culver met with Don LaRoche of Interior Specialties to determine best choice for coverage of walls in Judge Culver's courtroom. Full six foot six inch panels around courtroom with no gap between panels determined to produce the most effective acoustics for the courtroom. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to approve acoustical changes. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 11:13 am.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Derek Towle, President

Commissioner Tom Stevens

Commissioner Brad Armstrong

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor