

## **Hancock County Board of Commissioners Minutes**

**November 9, 2009**

Commissioners met in regular session. Those present were Commissioner Derek Towle, Commissioner Brad Armstrong and Commissioner Tom Stevens. Auditor Robin D. Lowder and Deputy Auditor Rosemary Melvin were also present. Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 8:00am. The recording began at 7:33am.

**In The Matter of )**

**Hancock County Highway )**

**Annual Bids )**

**Annual Bids-**Joseph Copeland appeared before the Commissioners to request a date for the annual bids. Monday December 7, 2009 at 8:30am was chosen as the date for annual bids.

**INDOT Report-**Joseph Copeland presented the Commissioners with an INDOT Report of Contract Final Inspection and Recommendation for Acceptance. Commissioner Stevens made a motion for final acceptance of Contract: R-28278 with INDOT. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**Sale of Used Culvert Pipe-**Joseph Copeland requested the Commissioners approval to sell used culvert pipe to Paul Weir for \$60.00 and Tom Waymire for \$90.00. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to sell the two used pipes. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**Pipe Quotes-**Joe Copeland requested Monday December 14, 2009 at 8:30 am to be the date for the Pipe Quotes. The Commissioners agreed with the date.

**Culvert G-32 1000 N. East of Meridian Road-**Joseph Copeland stated USI was working on a design for culvert G-32 1000 N. East of Meridian Road the cost will be approximately \$133,500.00. Joe asked the Commissioners if they had a preference of a wooden bridge or a steel beam bridge. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to use wooden structure material. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. Commissioner Stevens voted Aye. Commissioner Towle voted Aye and Commissioner Armstrong voted Nay. The motion carried 2-1.

**Driveway Variance 300 S West of 700 West-Larry Bowmer** appeared before the Commissioners requesting a driveway variance for Russ Whetsel on 300S West of 700 West. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the driveway variance subject to a 50 foot dedicated 1/2 right of way. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**In The Matter Of )**

**ARSEE Engineers )**

Fritz Herget and Victoria A. Emery of ARSEE Engineers appeared before the Commissioners to introduce their company and explain their expertise in the analysis, design and repair of building facades, particularly masonry associated with Historic Facilities.

**In The Matter Of )**

**Accura Surveying )**

**Land not on Tax Rolls )**

Phil Going of Accura Surveying and Rick Rowe future owner of Rick Rowe Minor Sub appeared before the Commissioners to inform them during surveying property for the Minor Sub he discovered there was a parcel of land approximately one half acre that is not on the county tax rolls. Mr. Going researched the property in county records and from physical evidence of bricks on site he concluded this property was School 11 at one time. County Attorney Ray Richardson concluded at this point legally we can't be sure who owns the property. Attorney Richardson thought possible the school was owned by the township or possibly because of a law passed in the 1960's Greenfield – Central Schools. He suggested Mr. Going call a couple of local Historians to see if he could find any information.

**In The Matter Of )**

**Jail Repairs )**

Major Donnie Smith appeared before the Commissioners to request money for replacing a hot water pump. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to replace the hot water pump from the Commissioners Cumulative Capital Development Fund not to exceed \$2,250.00. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**Jail Repairs –** Major Donnie Smith appeared before the Commissioners in reference to various repair bills in the jail. The Commissioners agreed they would continue to work with Major Smith to come up with funding for the bills for Jail Repairs.

**Vests for The Reserve Deputies-** Major Smith requested seven vests for the seven new Reserves Deputies. The cost is \$499.00 per vest. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to authorize the purchase of seven vests for the seven new Reserve Deputies. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**In The Matter Of )**

**County Council Redistricting )**

John Priore appeared before the Commissioners to report to them the results of the study committee. Those on the Committee were John Priore, John Jester, Bill Bolander, Steve Gipson and Walt Waitt. The committee voted 3-2 to wait until after the new census to do any redistricting in the county. Mr. Bolander, Mr. Gipson and Mr. Waitt voted to wait until after the census to consider redistricting and Mr. Priore and Mr. Jessup voted to consider redistricting now.

**In The Matter Of )**

**E-911 )**

**Connie Hoy )**

Connie Hoy the Director of the Emergency Operation Center appeared before the Commissioners for their approval of the new hire. Connie recommended Alissa Miller as the new hire for the E-911 Center. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the hiring of Alissa Miller for the E-911 Center. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Connie Hoy Director of the E-911 Center requested she be allowed to pay for the carpet from the E-911 construction fund. Permission was granted from the Commissioners.

**In The Matter Of )**

**NASA )**

Kevin Minnick Vice President and Becky Spencer of the NASA Board of Directors appeared before the Commissioners. They delivered a letter from the NASA Board of Directors stating that by a majority vote of nine to one, they were requesting that NASA Director, Joseph Thayer, be terminated from employment as the NASA Director, effective immediately. Commissioner Stevens made a motion where as we received a letter dated November 9, 2009 signed by Kevin Minnick, Vice President of NASA Board of Directors, stating an irreparable breakdown in relationship has occurred between the NASA Director and several members of the NASA Board. We terminate Joseph Thayer from employment with Hancock County, effective immediately. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**In The Matter Of )**

**Commissioner Minutes of November 2, 2009 )**

Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the November 2, 2009 Commissioners Minutes. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**Update for Beacon Site )**

**Schneider Engineering )**

**Gis- Beacon Web Site Update )**

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. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to allow Schneider Engineering to update the software on the Beacon web site not to exceed \$3000.00. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**Hancock County Board Of Commissioners vs. Parsley-**

Attorney Richardson presented to the Commissioners an indemnity agreement and release of property damage claim. Commissioner Stevens made a motion in the matter of Hancock County Board of Commissioners et al vs. Parsley to enter into an indemnity agreement and release of all property damage claims with Rachell Parsley and her insurance company, Mid-Century Insurance Company, of Texas. Wherein Hancock County will be paid the sum of \$11,423.50 for damage to a Sheriff's automobile. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**In The Matter Of )**

**Memorial Building Heating Boiler )**

Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to pay for the boiler repairs for the Memorial Building from the Commissioners Cumulative Capital Development Fund from October 13, 2009 for \$7,176.87. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

The meeting adjourned and the recording stopped at 10:34 am.

Hancock County Commissioners

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Commissioner Derek Towle President

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Commissioner Tom Stevens

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Commissioner Brad Armstrong

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Robin D. Lowder

Hancock County Auditor