

**Hancock County Board of Commissioners Minutes**

**July 27, 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 8:00a.m. The recording began at 7:47a.m.

**In The Matter Of )**

**Hancock County Highway )**

**Council Reduction Of Highway Funds )**

Joseph Copeland appeared before the Commissioners about the reduction the County Council made in the LOHUT/WheelTax fund at the April 8, 2009 County Council meeting. Commissioner Towle informed Engineer Copeland Tuesday July 28, 2009 the Council will provide the funds back to the Highway.

**In The Matter Of )**

**Hancock County Highway )**

**Repair Of Road 250 East )**

Joe Copeland appeared before the Commissioners and introduced Ben Spurlock who developed the subdivision called Every Meadows. Commissioners' minutes December 27, 2006 Chad McKnight of McKnight Excavating said he made approximately 1200 trips with trucks loaded with dirt. The trucks broke down the side of the pavement. Mr. Ben Spurlock and Every Meadows LLC. agreed to pay for the damage of \$3500 and an inspection fee of \$2580 by the end of the year of 2006. He is in litigation with the Trucking Company's insurance company and stated he would like an extension and a reduction on price. Commissioner Towle granted him an extension to pay for the repairs until the end of 2009 at the original price he agreed upon. Mr. Spurlock agreed to the arrangement.

**In The Matter Of )**

**Hancock County Highway )**

**Pavement Traffic Marking Bids )**

Engineer Joseph Copeland appeared before the Commissioners to recommend a company to award the bid to for the Pavement Traffic Markings. He recommended the lowest bidder Indiana Sign and Barricade Inc. for \$84,336.80. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to accept Engineer Copeland's recommendation and award the contract to Indiana Sign and Barricade Inc. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**In The Matter Of )**

**Hancock County Highway )**

**Stimulus Package )**

Joe Copeland appeared before the Commissioners to inform them about the Stimulus Package. The Stimulus Federal money is paying 100 % for the projects on 600 East and 1050 East except for the design that the County pays for. In order for this to happen the County must sign a contract with INDOT and United Consulting. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to sign a contract with INDOT Commissioner Armstrong seconded. The motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to sign a contract with United Consulting. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**In The Matter Of )**

**Hancock County Highway )**

**Replacing A Bridge On Madison County Line )**

Engineer Joe Copeland appeared before the Commissioners to inform them a bridge is being replaced on the Madison and Hancock County line west of 1200 East. The cost is usually shared according to assessed valuation. Madison County has asked us to agree to split the cost of the bridge according to the assessed valuation.

**In The Matter Of )**

**Hancock County Highway )**

**Driveway Variance )**

Larry Bowmer from the highway introduces Jeff Wheeler who is seeking a driveway variance on his driveway permit. He presently has a joint driveway and is seeking two single driveways. He went ahead and began to build his house without obtaining the permit. Joe Copeland turned down his permit for two separate drives because of this reason. He is now appealing that decision to the Commissioners. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion that Jeff Wheeler be allowed to have a variance with two separate driveway entrances. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**In the Matter Of )**

**Prosecutor )**

**Vehicle Surplus )**

The Commissioners agreed to declare as surplus the car the Prosecutor discussed with them in the July 20, 2009 Commissioner's Meeting. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to declare the 1998 Ford with the last four VIN numbers of 7036 be declared as surplus. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**In The Matter Of )**

**Hancock County Commissioners' July 20, 2009 Meeting )**

**Minutes )**

Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the minutes from July 20, 2009 Meeting. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**In The Matter Of )**

**County Ordinance Amendment )**

**Non Smoking )**

Attorney Ray Richardson presented the Commissioners with an amendment on the Non Smoking Ordinance. Commissioner Armstrong introduced the Ordinance Amending The Non Smoking Ordinance 2009-7A. Commissioners decided to wait until Beth Burkhardt of the Health Dept. reviews the Ordinance and vote next week on authorizing the adoption of the Ordinance.

**In The Matter Of )**

**Planning And Building Commission )**

**Computer Services )**

Mike Dale appeared before the Commissioners about a bill that was not approved by the Commissioners for computer services due to the dividing of the Building and the Planning Departments. The Commissioners asked him to be sure he didn't miss the step of having expenses approved by the Commissioners first. Mike Dale apologized for the miscommunication. Mr. Dale stated Bernard Harris the county I. T. person recommended this company and their wasn't a local company that could provide this type of service. The cost was split between Building and Planning. There will be a small additional cost later.

**In The Matter Of )**

**Emergency Operation Center )**

**Director )**

Commissioners had a discussion about increasing the salary of Connie Hoy interim director of the E.O.C. They decided to table the decision until they receive a salary recommendation from the Emergency Operation Advisory Board.

**In The Matter Of )**

**Hancock County Weed Board )**

**Ordinance )**

Attorney Ray Richardson presented the Commissioners with an amendment to the Weed Ordinance. Commissioner Armstrong introduced Ordinance 2009-7B amending The Weed Ordinance. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2009-7B the same day it was introduced. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion was carried 3-0. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to approve the adoption of an Ordinance Amending The Weed Ordinance 2009-7B. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The Motion carried 3-0.

The recording stopped at 9:32a.m.

**Hancock County Commissioners**

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**Robin D. Lowder  
Hancock County Auditor**