

Hancock County Board of Commissioners Minutes

August 10, 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 7:56am.

The recording began at 7:33am.

In The Matter Of)

Hancock County Highway)

Mt Vernon School – County Engineer Joe Copeland informed the Commissioners that the entrance to the school will not be ready for the start of school. It would not be safe to use, but it is through no fault of the county.

INDOT Award Recommendation Letter – Joe Copeland informed the Commissioners INDOT needed one Commissioner to sign the Award Recommendation Letter for the stimulus package on 1050 East and 600 East. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to accept the award contract Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Towle signed the letter. Town of Wilkinson Clerk-Treasurer did want the county to use some of the stimulus package to complete the paving to State Road 109.

Recommendation for Administrative Settlement – Joseph Copeland appeared before the Commissioners for their approval of the Administrative Settlement for the Sugar Creek Fire Station property. United Consulting made a Recommendation for an Administrative Settlement for \$25,134 for the Sugar Creek Fire Station property. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the Administrative Settlement for \$25,134 and Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Clarification of Employee Policy – Joe Copeland appeared before the Commissioners to inform them his assistant office manager is leaving his employment. He also needed to clarify if he hired a mother-in-law, in a salaried position, and the son-in-law, who is an hourly employee, would it be a violation of the employee policy. The policy says two hourly employees cannot work together. The Commissioners did not feel this was a violation of the policy. They gave him their recommendation to go to the Council to replace his employee.

Bond Release for Grandview Estates Subdivision – Joe Copeland appeared before the Commissioners to have the Bond released for Gary L. Pope and Jeffrey V. Pope for grading and seeding of a right of way in Grandview Estates Subdivision. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to release the Bond for Grandview Estates Subdivision for \$5000 and Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Purchasing Right of Way – Joe Copeland informed the Commissioners he recommends we use a local surveyor Philip Going to write our legal descriptions and do our plat drawings for our local projects because it would be more of a cost savings. Philip Going is less expensive than United Consulting. He still wants to use United Consulting to do the Federal projects. The Commissioners agreed.

Culvert Replacement and Ditch Relocation – Joe Copeland informed the Commissioners he is replacing a culvert and relocating a ditch on 200 South between Morristown Pike and 400 East. Joe has negotiated with the owners of the property for them to donate the right of way and give a temporary easement to the county; in exchange the county will relocate the ditch. Commissioner Stevens made a motion for the county to negotiate with the owner to donate the right a way in exchange for moving the ditch. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Utility Depth Locator – Joe Copeland ask permission from the Commissioners to use L & S Underground at \$125 an hour to locate utilities. The Commissioners agreed for him to use L & S.

Mowing Expenses – Alan Wicker appeared before the Commissioners to explain he wasn't able to wait for Council to possibly set up a fund for him it would take to many weeks. The time constraint on him was too great. He had sent out letters and people were expecting him to enforce the new ordinance. The Commissioners agreed with him. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to transfer \$1000 from Auction Expense Account and \$500 from Dues and Subscriptions Account into Contractual Mowing Account. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. It was decided he will approach Council about Budgeting his own fund in the future.

In The Matter Of)

Greenfield Fire Department

Ambulance Funding for Townships)

Greenfield Fire Chief Jim Roberts appeared before the Commissioners to ask them to reconsider terminating the ambulance funds from a two year phase out plan to a three year plan. The Commissioners took it under advisement. It was decided Commissioner Stevens would draft a letter for the Commissioners to send to the Greenfield Fire Territory.

In The Matter Of)

Planning Department)

Zoning Clarification)

Mike Dale from the Planning Dept. had a request from a property owner that wanted to have a barbeque in the front of their property and people stop and buy their barbecue. He wanted to know if they needed a permit. The Commissioners thought this came under temporary use.

In The Matter Of)

Architura)

Michael Conly from Architura an architecture company introduced himself and his firm. He wanted to offer their services to the county if they ever needed an architecture company in any building projects. Commissioner Stevens informed him the county is only developing a master plan for a Judicial expansion and did not need an architect. He said his firm has already filed the registration forms with the county engineer.

In The Matter Of)

Commissioners' Minutes August 3, 2009)

Commissioners Stevens made a motion to approve the August 3, 2009 Commissioners' minutes. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter Of)

Ordinance Licensing Itinerant Merchants)

Commissioner Stevens introduced Ordinance 2009 8-B Licensing Itinerant Merchants. The Commissioners will vote on adopting the ordinance next Commissioners meeting.

The Recording stopped at 9:36am.

Hancock County Commissioners

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder

Hancock County Auditor