

Hancock County Board of Commissioners Minutes

August 3, 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 8:00am. The recording began at 7:31am.

In The Matter Of)

Hancock County Highway)

County Engineer Joseph Copeland)

and Larry Bomer)

Stimulus Project – INDOT bid the contract this week for the stimulus project. E & B Paving had the lowest bid with \$914,100, Rieth–Riley was \$1,022,245, Globe Asphalt was \$1,065,675 and Milestone was \$1,126,550. The engineer’s estimate came in at \$1,640,000. It was discussed the part of the project concerning 1050 East would leave a small section of the road without new paving. Joe will check to see if they can use the stimulus money to finish the road to State Road 109. He will also approach the town of Wilkinson and see if the town would give their approval to finish the road. The project should be done by October of this year.

Old Fire Station – Mel Branson Buck Creek Township Trustee did not get any bids in the auction for the Old Fire Station. United Consulting advised the county we need 80ft. for the right of way. The Commissioners asked Joe Copeland to find an appraiser to appraise just the portion the county needs, the building and part of the parking lot.

Liquid Asphalt Supplier – One of the suppliers de-escalated his price to the same as the low bidder was. The Commissioners advised him to stay with the original low bidder. They made the decision contingent on the low bidder keeping his commitment on providing a supply tank for the asphalt.

Driveway Variance – Larry Bowmer presented a driveway variance for two driveways for a two lot minor sub on 100 North between 300 West and 400 West. It is being presented by Mike Gibson for the owner Shirley Phelps. They are dedicating a 50 foot right of way across the front of the property. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to grant the variance and Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Weed Mowing – Alan Wicker informed the Commissioners he doesn't have enough money available for the mowing expenses. The revenue he produces goes into County General. The Commissioners instructed him to approach the County Council to see if they would fund his expenses with revenue produced by the mowing at the next Council Meeting August 12, 2009. They instructed him not to send any more letters or mow anymore until after the Council meeting the 12th.

In The Matter Of)

Sheriff Dept.)

Purchases from C.C.D. Fund – Donnie Smith ask for a recommendation from the Commissioners to take to the Council to pay for a boiler out of the C.C.D.Fund that was taken from another fund. The Commissioners gave him the recommendation and also to buy a light bar for a car, a refurbished computer and some large building repairs.

Hancock Co Sex or Violent Offender Registration System - Donnie Smith introduced this self funded program that annually charges the offender \$50. Grant Co has found this program very successful. Vail's is having a charity car show fund raiser and they can use this to help pay for the initial \$4000 cost. Sheriff Gray has committed to pay for any remaining balance out of the Commissary Fund. The Commissioners are taking under advisement the possibility of adopting this type of Ordinance in Hancock County.

In The Matter Of)

Smoke Free Workplace)

Andrew Hooten representing the American Legion Post 391 in Fortville presented the Commissioners with figures showing the business had declined since the ordinance was adopted. Commissioner Towle expressed to Mr. Hooten he thought the loss of business was more than likely due to the economy not the Ordinance. Commissioner Towle explained to him the Commissioners were only considering an amendment to ticket only the smokers not the business owners for people smoking within 25 feet of the business.

In The Matter Of)

Van Ausdall & Farrar)

Office Technologies Solutions – Jessica Feltner presented Office technology where all of the devices are purchased, serviced and supplied just by their company. This would reduce the cost for our office equipment. The Commissioners ask Bernie Harris the county I.T. Director to assist her in doing an assessment.

In The Matter Of)

Smoke Free Workplace)

Rumorz Pub)

Lori McAvene owner of Rumorz Pub expressed her concern that since the Smoke Free Workplace Ordinance took effect she felt it and the economy have both had a negative affective on their business.

In The Matter Of)

Hancock Economic Development)

Dennis Malloy of Hancock County Economic Council presented the Commissioners with the final step in confirming Resolution 2009-8-1 Regarding the Establishment of the Mt. Comfort Corridor Economic Development Area. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to pass Resolution 2009-8-1. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter Of)

Gibson Surveying Group)

Shirley Phelps Minor Sub)

Mike Gibson appeared to ask the Commissioners to accept a two lot Minor Sub called The Family Minor Sub of 28-16-6 at 3848 W 100 N. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to accept the Minor Subdivision and the dedicated right-a-way. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter Of)

Smoke Free Workplace)

American Legion Post 119 Greenfield – Darrell Blackburn Jr. appeared with financial figures showing they had lost some attendance at their charity bingo games. Customers said they wouldn't be back because of the Ordinance.

In the Matter Of)

Commissioners' Minutes July 27, 2009

Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the minutes from the Commissioners' Meeting July 27, 2009. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

VFW 2693 Greenfield – Ric Burrell presented a financial statement showing their profits are down since the Smoke Free Workplace Ordinance took effect. He felt since they were a private organization and a veterans group they should be excluded.

In The Matter Of)

Amending the Smoke Free Workplace Ordinance)

Commissioner Stevens emailed the amendment to Beth Burkhardt, with the Health Dept. There was no response to the email. Ordinance 2009-7A was introduced July 27, 2009. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2009-7A Amending The Smoke Free Workplace Ordinance. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion was carried 3-0.

The Recording stopped at 9:56a.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

Attest:_____

Robin D. Lowder

Hancock County Auditor