

Hancock County Board of Commissioners Minutes

August 31, 2009

Commissioners met in regular session. Those present were Commissioner Derek Towle and Commissioner Brad Armstrong. Auditor Robin D. Lowder was also present. Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 7:59AM.

The recording began at 7:33AM.

In The Matter of)

Hancock County Highway)

Project Right of Way On Fortville Pike and 300 North)

Joe Copeland County Engineer appeared before the Commissioners to receive their authorization to buy the right of way for the project at Fortville Pike and 300 North. Joe's recommendation was to split the cost of the right of way in half with the city of Greenfield. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to share one half of the cost of the right of way with the city of Greenfield. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Cumulative Bridge Fund – Joe Copeland wanted to inform the Commissioners the first distribution of the Cumulative Bridge Fund was considerably lower than the last few years. It was also much lower than what was anticipated.

Culvert Replacement On 500 West South Of US 40 – The culvert on 500 West south of US 40, just south of the entrance to Meadow Lake Estates, is failing. There is a hole in the southbound lane. He informed them it is a legal drain and he is scheduled for the Drainage Board Thursday. He proposed to install a slip line pipe so 500 West won't be cut open. The price for just the pipe is \$180.70 a foot with a total of \$10,842. They only need the 42" pipe not the 48" because this pipe is smooth on the inside. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to repair the culvert on 500 West using a slip line pipe. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Culvert Replacement On 600 South. – Joe Copeland informed the Commissioners he needs to replace the culvert on 600 South west of 400 West. It is two pipes right now. Joe recommended they use an Aluminum Box instead of a Concrete Box. The Aluminum box will only take about a week to complete, closing the road for only one week. The Concrete Box will take about four weeks. The Concrete box cost is \$54,050 and the Aluminum Box is \$51,297. The estimates do not include costs for the backfill. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to replace culvert SC-17 440 West 600 South and to use the aluminum box. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Bridge in New Palestine - Commissioner Armstrong questioned about the settling on the north side of the bridge in New Palestine. Joe Copeland said they would patch it and then keep a watch on it.

Culvert On 300 South – Commissioner Armstrong questioned about the replacement of the culvert on 300 South just East of 600 West. Joe Copeland said they would replace the box about the middle of September.

Variance For Irrigation System In A Right of Way – Larry Bowmer appeared before the commissioners to inform them Browning Investments applied for a variance to put an irrigation system in the right of way on 300 North and Distribution Way. There is a hold harmless clause. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to grant Browning Investments a variance to install an irrigation system/sprinkling system in the right of way at 300 North and Distribution Way. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

M.P.O. Stimulus Projects – County Engineer Joe Copeland stated the projects should start anytime, because they have a completion date of October 30, 2009.

In The Matter Of)

Interlocal Agreement For Emergency Medical Services)

Greenfield Fire Territory Chief Jim Roberts appeared before the Commissioners to present them with an interlocal agreement between the County and the Greenfield Fire Territory for Emergency Medical Services. The Commissioners requested the dates for the payments due be changed to coincide with the dates of settlement. The Fire Chief agreed to make the requested changes.

In The Matter Of)

Planning Commission)

Mike Dale Director)

B.Z.A. Application Fee Refund – Planning Director Mike Dale appeared before the Commissioners asking for their recommendation on returning an application fee, paid to be on the agenda for the B.Z.A., to Dr. Trevor Lloyd Jones. The application says the fee is non-refundable. The fee is not usually refunded and there are administrative costs associated with this application. Mike Dale recommended the \$300 not be refunded. Commissioner Towle made a motion to deny the refund. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Public Complaints On Properties - Commissioner Armstrong reported he has had several Public complaints about two properties. He would like for Mike Dale to check these properties. The property at 6278 West 400 North has had trees in the drive way for some time. The other property is at the Southeast corner of Gem Road and US 40. Mike Dale the Planning Director agreed to check on these properties.

Court Date Cease And Desist Order Dr. Trevor Lloyd Jones - September 3, 2003 Circuit Court Dr. Trevor Lloyd Jones is to appear in court and the county will ask that he be ordered to follow his cease and desist order in regard to his waste treatment. The Engineer has told him as a less expensive alternative, than to remove everything, he can fill the tanks with sand and stub the pipes closed.

Commissioners Minutes August 24, 2009)

Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to approve the August 24, 2009 Commissioners' Minutes. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Interlocal Agreement For Emergency Medical Services)

Fire Chief Jim Roberts returned with the corrections on the date of payments in the Interlocal Agreement. Commissioner Armstrong introduced the Interlocal Agreement with the Greenfield Fire Territory and Hancock County Commissioners to be adopted. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to adopt the Interlocal Agreement with the Greenfield Fire Territory and Hancock County Commissioners for Emergency Medical Services to the residents outside of Center Township. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Planning Director Mike Dale B.Z.A Variances)

Variance for Wesley Frady - Mike Dale informed the Commissioners that Wesley Frady on the South side of US 40 applied for a variance with the B.Z.A. He submitted his landscaping for the permit, but did not follow through. He applied to the B.Z.A for a second hearing.

Variance for Rick Harrison - Mike Dale informed the Commissioners the B.Z.A. gave Rick Harrison, on the south side of US 40, sixty days to file for his rezoning. The deadline has past; the B.Z.A. is sending him a letter.

In The Matter OF)

AFLAC Insurance)

Amie Puente and Sean Bannon appeared before the Commissioners to present their AFLAC Insurance Plan. The Commissioners referred them to Mary Bowmer who is in charge of the County Insurance Plans.

In The Matter Of)

Riley Festival)

Sara Kesterson appeared before the Commissioners to request the use of the Courthouse lawn, trim the trees on the lawn and use part of the Memorial Building. Commissioner Towle made a motion for the Riley Festival to have use of the Courthouse lawn, trim the trees on the lawn, and use part of the Memorial Building if there are no conflicts with parties already using the building. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

In The Matter Of)

Hancock County Jail and Judicial Long Range Planning)

Schenkel Shultz Architecture)

Schenkel Shultz Architecture presented their Jail and Judicial long range plan for Hancock County. Various County Officials were in attendance. They have designed Justice Construction nationwide. They also designed Guantanamo Bay detention camp.

The recording stopped at 12:14 PM.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Derek Towle President

Commissioner Tom Stevens

Commissioner Brad Armstrong

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder

Hancock County Auditor