

Hancock County Board of Commissioners Minutes

September 14, 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 7:58AM.

The recording began at 7:30AM.

In The Matter Of)

Hancock County Highway)

600 W. and 300 N. – County Engineer Joe Copeland appeared before the Commissioners to give his recommendation for the consultants for this project. Commissioner Stevens made a motion for the County Engineer to negotiate for the contracts with the consultants for the 600 W. and 300 N. project. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Chip and Seal – Engineer Copeland informed the Commissioners the chip and seal for 2009 was almost finished. There was approximately 100 feet on 500 S. near Morristown Pike that couldn't be done because of a farmer's broken water line. The total spent was \$159,233.00. The project came in \$31,877 under the original estimate.

R&F Development – Engineer Copeland informed the Commissioners Steve Reilly, owner of R&F Development, sent a letter requesting extension of time for placing asphalt on the road surface. The Commissioners told Engineer Copeland to draft a letter giving him an extension of time. He was to inform him if there is any damage to the intermediate course he would be responsible for repairs and he would need to keep his bond current. They also instructed him to draft a letter to the Bond Company asking them to inform the County if the bond is going to lapse.

Council Request For Chip and Seal Information – Engineer Copeland informed the Commissioners the Council had requested the costs and areas for the chip and seal. The Commissioners told him to go ahead and forward the information to the Council.

Appraisal Contracts – Engineer Copeland produced the Appraisal Contract with Beam Longest and Neff for the Commissioners to sign. The Commissioners had already awarded the contract to Beam Longest and Neff. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve and sign the contracts. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

300 N. and Fortville Pike Right of Way Purchase – County Engineer Joe Copeland informed the Commissioners the right of way for this project was completed except for one. The total acquisition amount was \$44,140.00. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve and sign the acquisition contract right of way on 300 N. and Fortville Pike. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Armstrong stated a resident in the area told him they were pleased with the new signage.

In The Matter Of)

Appointment of Emergency Operation Center Director)

Police Chief John Jester appeared before the Commissioners to present the Advisory Boards recommendation for the position of the Emergency Operation Center Director. They recommended Connie Hoy. Commissioner Armstrong encouraged her to concentrate on staffing and funding in the short and long term. He also told her to be sure she maintains good communication with her Board and the Board of Commissioners'. Commissioner Towle said he was pleased with their choice because he had worked with Connie for 20 years and had always been pleased with her work. He told her to continue the discipline so the staff knows what to expect. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to approve the hiring of Connie Hoy as the new Director of the Emergency Operation Center. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter Of)

Pest Control)

Steve Vaughn appeared before the Commissioners to present the bid for the Highway Department and the E.O.C. to complete his bid on all of the buildings. The Commissioners informed him after they had gotten a completed bid from one more company they would make their decision and inform him.

In The Matter Of)

Memorial Building Tenants)

Ann Osborn from Mental Health appeared before the Commissioners to explain her program to them and the amount of room they use in the Memorial Building. Commissioner Towle explained they are trying to cut expenses so they have some decisions to make. They are meeting with all of the tenants so they can make an informed decision.

In The Matter Of)

Amendment To Hancock County Zoning Ordinance)

Introducing Ordinance No. 2009-9A)

Mike Dale of the Hancock County Planning Department appeared before the Commissioners to inform them the Hancock County Area Plan Commission gave a favorable recommendation to the Ordinance Defining and Regulating Tattooing/Body Piercing Establishments amending the Hancock County Zoning Ordinance. Commissioner Armstrong introduced Ordinance No. 2009-9A Defining and Regulating Tattooing/Body Piercing Establishments.

In The Matter Of)

Memorial Building Tenants)

Annette Craycraft of C.A.S.A. appeared before the Commissioners to explain her organization to them and to tell them the amount of room they use in the building. She told them they were advocates for children.

In The Matter Of)

Holiday Schedule For Years 2010 and 2011)

Auditor Robin Lowder presented the Commissioners with a copy of a Holiday Schedule for 2010 and 2011 for them to make a decision on Holidays for those years. The Commissioners had some questions and decided to table it until next week.

In The Matter Of)

Commissioners' Minutes September 8, 2009)

Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the Commissioners' Minutes from September 8, 2009. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion was carried 3-0.

In The Matter Of)

Transferring Funds)

Commissioner Stevens made a motion to make five budget transfers in the same line items to balance out the line items. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

The Commissioners signed Claims.

The recording stopped at 9:37A.M.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Derek Towle President

Commissioner Tom Stevens

Commissioner Brad Armstrong

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder

Hancock County Auditor