

Hancock County Board of Commissioners Minutes

September 21, 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 7:50AM.

The recording began at 7:30AM.

In The Matter Of)

Hancock County Highway)

Fence and Right of Way on Road 500 North – County Engineer Joe Copeland reported to the Commissioners the post were up the fencing were not. The Commissioners Attorney, Ray Richardson, advised them to have Coor Consulting verify the posts are definitely in the right of way before the county goes into court.

Unofficial Detour for Road U.S. 52 – Engineer Joe Copeland informed the Commissioners INDOT had made the necessary repairs to the roads used in the detour. Engineer Copeland recommended they sign the release for INDOT. Commissioner Armstrong stated he had some complaints, so he would prefer to verify for himself INDOT had returned the roads back to the previous condition. They tabled the decision to sign the release.

Ground Water Problem at 600 East Project – County Engineer Joe Copeland recommended the Commissioners have Bernardin Lochmueller & Associates to investigate both the roadway construction and drainage improvements along 575 E. They will monitor the ponds, the wetlands and analyze the results of the project. Engineer Copeland pointed out BLA is not connected to the project in any way. Engineer Copeland felt that should protect us from IDEM. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to accept the proposal from Bernardin Lochmueller & Associates. Commissioners Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Stevens made a motion the fee was not to exceed \$10,200.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Culvert on Broadway – Engineer Copeland wanted to inform the Commissioners that he had been trying to make the City of Greenfield aware they needed to make a repair on a sidewalk. We had worked on the culvert several years ago. According to a consulting firm they have added too much weight. We told them we are willing to inspect it after they finish repairing the sidewalk. We are waiting for a response.

In the Matter Of)

Mt. Comfort Corridor Economic Development Area)

Mt. Comfort North Allocation Area No. 1)

Dennis Maloy, the Executive Director of the Hancock Economic Development Council, Lisa Lee, of Ice Miller, and Loren Mattes, of H.J.Umbaugh & Associates, appeared before the Commissioners. They did a presentation informing the Commissioners about the Mt. Comfort North Allocation Area No.1 Proposed Tax Increment Bond Options.

In The Matter Of Jail And Judicial Long Range Planning)

A List Of Architects)

Pat Powers, Director of Hancock County Community Corrections, appeared before the Commissioners to give them the recommendation of the Committee for the Master Plan Study. Five firms forwarded proposals, three of those firms were invited to give presentations. The committee ranked Schenkel/Shultz as the top firm with RQAW second and DLZ third. Commissioner Stevens was concerned because he had heard rumors Schenkel/Shultz had closed down their Indiana office. They assured the Commissioners they had no intention of closing their Indiana office. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to have County Engineer Joe Copeland to negotiate with Schenkel/Shultz on behalf of the County. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter Of)

Planning Department)

Piersalls LLC Change Of Use Permit)

Mike Dale appeared before the Commissioners to present a change of use permit for Piersalls LLC 3542 W US 40 Greenfield IN 46140. Donald Piersall the owner wants to have limited use of the building but still do the cooking outside. He wants to use the capital he earns to bring the building up to new codes and standards. Mike Dale recommended the Commissioners allow him to do this because ultimately everyone's goal is to improve the property. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to grant Piersalls LLC a Change of Use Permit. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter Of)

**Ordinance No. 2009-9A Defining and Regulating)
Tattooing/Body Piercing Establishments)**

Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2009-9A Defining and Regulating Tattooing/Body Piercing Establishments. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter Of)

County Ambulance Service)

Commissioner Stevens addressed the interlocal with the Greenfield Fire Territory the Commissioners had signed for the countywide ambulance service. He was concerned about some of the issues and thought they may want to re-open the discussion on the interlocal with the Greenfield Fire Territory. John Priore from the east side of the county expressed his concerns to the Commissioners also. He was to be on the Commissioners Agenda the following Monday. The Commissioners decided to do more research on the subject and table it until next week.

In The Matter Of)

Concerned Citizen)

Mr. Bob Mench appeared before the Commissioners to let them know he had several concerns about the countywide ambulance service issue. He also wanted them to know he also thought there was a lot of misinformation out. The Commissioners agreed there was a lot of wrong information and they were trying to correct the information.

**In The Matter Of 2010 Holiday Schedule For County)
Employees)**

Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the Holiday Schedule for the Year 2010. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion was carried 3-0.

In The Matter Of)

The Memorial Building)

Annette Craycraft from C.A.S.A., one of the tenants at the Memorial Building, had informed Commissioner Towle she thought there was mold growing in the basement. Commissioner Armstrong stated he knew of a company that did this kind of work named MSA Restoration, owned by Mike Adams. Commissioner Armstrong said he would have this company look at the building.

In The Matter Of Commissioners' Minutes)

Commissioners' Minutes September 21, 2009)

Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the Commissioners Minutes from September 14, 2009. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

The recording stopped 10:33AM.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Derek Towle President

Commissioner Tom Stevens

Commissioner Brad Armstrong

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor