

Hancock County Board of Commissioners Minutes

November 15, 2010

Commissioners met in regular session. Those present were Commissioner Derek Towle, President, Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President, and Commissioner Tom Stevens. Auditor Robin D. Lowder was also present.

Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 8:00am.

The recording and meeting began at 7:32 am.

In The Matter of)

Hancock County Highway)

Snow Removal - Engineer Joe Copeland appeared before the Commissioners to present for signatures the Contract Renewal's with CGS Services, Inc., Leonard Excavation, Inc., V. Feeney, Inc., Fisk Excavating, Plumbing & Septic Services, Inc., John Kiser, Jr. The price, terms and conditions as the 2008-2009 bid remain the same. Commissioner Stevens made a motion for contract renewal for the same terms, conditions and price as the 2009 bid for; CGS Services, Inc., Leonard Excavation, Inc., V. Feeney, Inc., Fisk Excavating, Plumbing & Septic Services, Inc., John Kiser, Jr. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Pipe Quote - Engineer Copeland appeared before the Commissioners to request to send out letters for pipe quote request. The Quotes will be opened on December 6, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. The Commissioners approved the request.

Right-of-way offer - Joe Copeland has put together proposals with the assistance of the County Assessor for proposed purchase of right of way on 1000 N for bridge project 138. The Callias property, Treadway property and Vansickle property are all residential. The Inbody property and Beesley property are agricultural. Total amount to be paid would be \$4,014.00 saving \$20,251.00 under budget. The Commissioners authorize the Highway department to move forward and offer \$28,000.00 per acre on residential ground and \$7,200.00 per acre on agricultural ground.

Revised Plat - Surveyor Phillip Going of Accura Land Surveying appeared before the Commissioners to request signatures on a plat approving the dedicated right-of-way of 70 feet. Commissioner Stevens moved to approve the plat with the additional five feet of dedicated right-of-way. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Paver - Joe Copeland informed the Commissioners they are having problems with the paver. McCalister will be coming to look at it. Mr. Copeland feels it could be a result of the bus incident.

In The Matter of)

Surveyor)

Truck Quotes - Susan Bodkin, surveyor, appeared before the Commissioners with a signed quote for the truck she has chosen. Commissioner Stevens moved to approve the purchase of the 2010 F-150 from Capitol City Ford for use by the surveyor in the amount of \$19,716.76. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Commissioners Court)

Scheduled Meetings - Janet Smith requested from Robin Lowder, Auditor, permission to schedule six months in advance for use of the Commissioners court and to have a thirty day notice if the County would need to change her meeting time. The Commissioner's approved setting meetings six months in advance. However, the Commissioners will not guarantee a thirty day notice of rescheduling. The County will always have first priority access to the Commissioners court.

In The Matter of)

Minutes)

November 1, 2010 minutes - Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 1, 2010 meeting. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Claims – Commissioner Towle, Commissioner Armstrong and Commissioner Stevens signed claims presented to them.

In The Matter of)

Greenfield Electric Department)

Electric Line Repairs - The City of Greenfield Electric Department has requested permission to repair an underground electric line south of the Courthouse. Commissioner Stevens moved to allow the work on the Courthouse lawn including trenching/boring under the sidewalk and rehabbing the lawn back to the original condition. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Comcast Cable)

Installation of cable - The Extension Office has requested the Commissioner's signature for owners consent to run cable and other equipment into, over, under across and along the property located at 820 N. Apple Street. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to execute the agreement allowing Comcast to install their equipment on the mentioned property. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Zoning Issue)

Charlyn Nigh - appeared before the Commissioners to express her concern that because her property had been changed from agriculture/residential to commercial she is unable to refinance and/or sell her home. Ms. Nigh's options are to file a petition with the Zoning Board at her expense or have the Commissioners to assist her. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to draft a letter from the Board of Commissioner to the Planning Commission asking them to consider re-zoning Ms. Nigh's property back to residential. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Armstrong expressed concern that this kind of zoning situation does not happen to other residents.

In The Matter of)

Highway Department)

Bids - for Culvert Replacement and Ditch Improvement at County Road 600 W were opened at 8:30am and the following were read:

1. TRAMCO, Inc. in the amount of \$248,546.00 with addendum #1;
2. Central Engineering & Construction Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$268,257.00 without addendum #1;
3. B.L. Brown Construction & Excavation, Inc. in the amount of \$247,421.17 with Addendum #1;
4. Calumet Civil Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$296,700.00 with addendum #1;
5. Hunt Paving Co, Inc. in the amount of \$223,875.00 with addendum #1;
6. Hoosier Pride Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$256,618.02 with addendum #1;
7. Milestone in the amount of \$254,254.00 with addendum #1;
8. Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc. in the amount of \$244,700.00 with addendum #1.

Commissioner Stevens made a motion to turn bids over to County Engineer Joe Copeland for review and for Mr. Copeland to return with his recommendation. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Mt. Comfort Road Project)

Jeff Ratliff - Mr. Ratliff appeared before the Commissioners to discuss his opinions and concerns on the cost of the Mt. Comfort Road Thoroughfare Plan.

In The Matter of)

Planning Department)

County Thoroughfare Plan - Mike Dale of the Planning Department appeared before the Commissioners regarding the proposed McCordsville realignment prepared by United Consulting. The Planning Committee voted on the three options. Option 1 had a vote of 8 to 1, unfavorable. Option 2 had a vote of 5 to 4, unfavorable. Option 3/No recommendation received an unfavorable vote. The public spoke unfavorably and requested more information on the plan. Mr. Dale spoke about preserving area for future widening of roads and that future building plans would allow for the future changes. The Commissioners have sixty days to act on the resolution, A Resolution of the Hancock County, Indiana, Board of County Commissioners Amending the 2005 Hancock County Comprehensive Plan, or amend the resolution and send back to the planning committee. Commissioner Stevens informed the Commissioners and Mike Dale that the Town of McCordsville would like a combined meeting with the McCordsville Town Council and the Hancock County Commissioners on December 14, 2010 from 6:00 to 7:00p.m., before their scheduled meeting at 7:00p.m. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to set the meeting to see where we go from here. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Highway Department)

Bids - Engineer Joe Copeland appeared before the Commissioners to offer his recommendation for the bid on Culvert Replacement and Ditch Improvement at County Road 600 W. Mr. Copeland recommended the low bid from Hunt Paving Co, Inc. in the amount of \$223,875.00. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to accept the bid from Hunt Paving Co, Inc. in the amount of \$223,875.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Legion Building)

Asbestos - Joe Copeland requested approval from the Commissioners to get proposals for asbestos inspection on the American Legion building now owned by the County. The Commissioners agreed to Mr. Copeland requesting the proposals.

In The Matter of)

Sheriff's Department)

Vehicle Funds - Major, Donnie Smith appeared before the Commissioners to request permission to use the remaining funds to purchase a detective replacement car or a pool car. Mr. Smith has contacted the Sheriff taking office as of January 1, 2011 as to his preference on which car he would prefer and has not heard back at this point. Commissioner Stevens moved to allow the Sheriff's Department to spend the remaining fund for purchase of a vehicle that they determine most needed for their department and with that purchase a vehicle will be declared surplus as to not increase the fleet. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Transferring Funds)

Group Insurance - Auditor Robin Lowder requested approval from the Commissioners to move \$10,000.00 from the unemployment line item to Group Insurance to cover the November 2010 bill. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the transfer of \$10,000.00 into the group insurance line item for November bill. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

The recording stopped and the meeting was adjourned at 10:13am.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Derek Towle, President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President

Commissioner Tom Stevens

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor