

Hancock County Board of Commissioners Minutes

January 11, 2010

Commissioners met in regular session. Those present were Commissioner Derek Towle, President, Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President and Commissioner Tom Stevens was not present. Auditor Robin D. Lowder and Deputy Auditor Kathy Bledsoe-Rucker were also present.

Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 7:50 am.

Sheriff Gray called the meeting to order at 7:30am.

In The Matter of)

Hancock County Highway)

Commissioners informed Engineer Copeland his appointment would continue until they informed him differently.

Lease Agreement - for property located at 3288 N. 600 W. Greenfield, IN 46140. Engineer Joe Copeland of the Hancock County Highway Department appeared before the Commissioners to recommend Century 21 Wilson & Associates to be the management company. It was decided to put a notice in the paper and advertise the bid. The Auditor was instructed to advertise the notice for the Bid.

Annual Conference - Mr. Copeland requested approval to attend the Annual County Bridge Conference scheduled for January 20th and 21st. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion approving Mr. Copeland to attend the conference. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Hold Harmless Agreement with CGS - to pull out County vehicles that get stuck on CGS property. Mr. Copeland requested Commissioners signature on the agreement. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to sign Hold Harmless Agreement. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

600 W & 300 N Project - Mr. Copeland presented three agreements for survey fees to the Commissioners for signatures only. The three agreements are from United Consulting, USI Consultants and American Structurepoint. Funds for this project come from Economic Redevelopment Funds. Mr. Copeland is still negotiating on remaining design fee companies. Commissioner Towle made a motion to approve the three Companies. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Oil Changes - Mr. Copeland requested authorization for the County Surveyor to use the Highway garage for changing oil on Surveyor vehicles. All materials will be provided at surveyors' expense. Commissioners gave approval for this arrangement.

Roundabout's - Estimates for roundabouts' at Franklin Street and New Road, Franklin Street and McKenzie Road, Meridian Road and McKenzie Road and New Road and Apple Street. The County expense for the Apple Street and New Road project not to exceed \$50,000.00. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to accept the four estimates with cost not to exceed \$50,000.00 for Apple Street and New Road. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. The roundabouts will also need to be approved by the Hancock County Council and the Greenfield City Council.

In The Matter of)

IT)

Bernie Harris, IT Director - appeared before the Commissioners to present the Telecommunications Agreement with Hancock Telecom. Rex from Hancock Telecom reviewed the specifics of the contract. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to approve the agreement as amended. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

In The Matter of)

Veterans)

Joe Carroll the Hancock County Veterans Service Officer- appeared before the Commissioner to present the Veterans Activity Report for 2009.

In The Matter of)

Health Department)

Contracts - for JCH Marketing & Consultation and Local Public Health Coordinator were presented for the Commissioners to review the contracts.

In The Matter of)

Commissioners' Minutes)

Approval of Commissioners' Minutes of December 28, 2009 –

Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to approve the Commissioners minutes. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

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

In The Matter of)

Sheriff)

Major Donnie Smith - appeared before the Commissioners to follow up on the Sheriff vehicle incidents as requested. In 2009 there were a total of fourteen accidents by deputies on patrol. Four accidents were total losses of which two were beyond the drivers' control. The other two involved partial fault of the deputy. Ten accidents were not total losses of which two accidents involved deer, two non fault accidents were patrol cars struck by non yielding vehicles and four fault accidents, two of which no claim was filed. Major Smith stated there will be additional drive training this year for the Deputies. Two of the accidents involved reserve deputies. Major Smith stated that for deputies on patrol the accidents amounted to one for every 81,000 miles driven in 2009 and for Reserves accidents were one for every 72,000 miles driven.

Accident Review Board - assembled for 2010 by the Sheriff's department. The Review Board consists of Colonel Donnie Munden, Lt. Tom Harrison, Sergeant Jeff Rasche, Deputy Robert Harris and Deputy Jody Burgin. An agreement has been made with Chief Jester that Greenfield City Police will respond to all Sheriff vehicle accidents both property damage and personal injury in Hancock County, to take the report. Outside of Hancock County the appropriate local department will respond. Commissioner Towle and Commissioner Armstrong both commended Major Smith on his presentation of the information he gathered.

Sheriff Gray - invited the Commissioners to schedule the annual visit and tour of the Sheriff's facility.

The meeting adjourned at 10:23 am.

The recording stopped at 10:23 am.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Derek Towle President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong Vice President

Commissioners Tom Stevens

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder

Hancock County Auditor