

**Hancock County Board of Commissioners Minutes**

**February 16, 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 and Chief Deputy Auditor Rosemary Melvin were also present.

Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 8:02 am.

The recording began at 7:33 am.

**In The Matter of** )

**Hancock County Highway** )

**Road School** - Engineer Joe Copeland of the Highway Department requested approval from the Commissioners to stay overnight while attending road school. Commissioners advised Mr. Copeland to stay overnight and not travel back and forth.

**Snow Removal** - Engineer Joe Copeland appeared before the Commissioners to apprise them as to where the County stands on snow removal cost to date (February 10th). Total cost is \$32,209.63.

**Condemnations** - Engineer Joe Copeland appeared before the Commissioners to inform them of three properties he would like to file suit against. Two of the properties are located on Fortville Pike at 300N; and the third property is located at 600W and 300S. The property at 600W and 300S is being filed only because of difficulty with Mortgage Company and not because of the owner of the real estate.

**Listing Contract, Limited Agency Agreement and Lead-Based Paint Certification and Acknowledgment** - all forms were presented to Commissioners regarding leasing of property located at 3288 N. 600 W. Greenfield, IN 46140. County Attorney Ray Richardson approved the contracts for Commissioners signature.

**In The Matter of** )

**Letter of Recognition** )

**Austin Gregory Scott Gible** - is recognized for his work installing a driveway, parking area and welcome center for the Jacob Schramm Nature Preserve. A letter has been prepared by the Commissioners in recognition of his effort and achievement.

**In The Matter of** )

**Animal Control** )

**Animal Control** - Mayor Brad DeReamer and Wayne Guinn appeared before the Commissioners to present the 2009 Year End Report. The yearend report contained improvements made in 2009 and goals and improvements planned for 2010. Work on a county ordinance for animal control will be a priority.

**In The Matter of** )

**Emergency 911 Hire** )

**Approval Hiring of Dispatcher** - Connie Hoy appeared before the Commissioners to request approval to hire Andrew Martin. Commissioners informed Ms. Hoy that the Law Enforcement Board would need to approve his hire also. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the hire of Mr. Andrew Martin subject to approval of the Law Enforcement Board. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-1. Commissioner Armstrong opposed.

**In The Matter of** )

**Dunlap HR Consulting Group** )

**Dennis Dunlap** - appeared before the Commissioners to present his action plan to revise the Employee Handbook and cost of the revision. Commissioners reviewed the information provided and acknowledge an interest on behalf of the County. Mr. Dunlap requested the Commissioners contact his references. Commissioners will continue to review and consider Mr. Dunlap's proposal.

**In The Matter of** )

**Appointment to Planning Commission** )

**Nominees** - Dan Cameron and Rodney Sanford were both considered for the appointment. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to appoint Rodney Sanford to the balance of the term ending January 31, 2011. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**In The Matter of** )

**County Surveyor & GIS** )

**U.S. Census Bureau** - John Milburn, GIS Coordinator received a letter requesting verification that the legal boundaries for the Townships in Hancock County have not changed. The signature of the Commissioners is required on the document.

**Town of Cumberland** - requested a large amount of data from the Surveyor's office. Surveyor Susan Bodkin requested approval from the Commissioners before providing the information to the Town of Cumberland. Commissioners agree that the requested information should be sent to the Town of Cumberland.

**In The Matter of** )

**Insurance Renewal** )

Doug Walker of Walker Insurance Agency appeared before the Commissioners to review renewal coverage for 2010/2011. Increase deductible on the Sheriff vehicles to \$2,500.00. All other coverage will remain the same as last year. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to accept the renewal with Alliance through Walker & Associates. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**In the Matter of** )

**Commissioners' Minutes** )

**Approval of Commissioners' Minutes of February 8, 2010** - Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the Commissioners' minutes. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. Commissioner Armstrong abstained. The motion carried 2-0.

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

**In The Matter of** )

**It Department** )

**Maintenance agreement** – with ESRI for software maintenance as set out in the Quotation #25402238. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to enter into the maintenance agreement with ESRI for an amount not to exceed \$7,200.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:44 am

The Recording stopped 9:44 am.

Hancock County Commissioners

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Commissioner Derek Towle, President

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Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President

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Commissioner Tom Stevens

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Robin D. Lowder

Hancock County Auditor