

Hancock County Board of Commissioners Minutes

March 1, 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 8:00 am.

The recording began at 7:30 am.

In The Matter of)

Hancock County Highway)

Resurfacing - Engineer Joe Copeland appeared before the Commissioners to present the proposed use of stimulus money for resurfacing Fortville Pike North of State Road 234 to 900N. Approximately one half mile of this is annexed into the Town of Fortville requiring an inter-local agreement between Fortville and Hancock County. Mr. Copeland will acquire a letter from Joe Renner stating that Fortville agrees to start the process and they will participate in the inter-local agreement when everything goes through.

Asphalt Cost - Engineer Joe Copeland appeared before the Commissioners to present the Asphalt Unit cost for 2009. Cost averaged out to \$12.91 per ton and varies with the amount of asphalt used.

Snow Plows - Engineer Joe Copeland appeared before the Commissioners to inform them that three of the snow plows purchased last year have cracks. The cracks are in the same place on all three plows. Mr. Copeland has repaired the plows and contacted the Company the plows were purchased from to inform them of the problem and find out what they can do.

In The Matter of)

Bond Release)

Performance Bond - Larry Bowmer of the Highway Department appeared before the Commissioners to request the release of performance bonds to R & F Development, Inc. for asphalt surface in Briarwood Trace, Section 4 and 5.

Commissioner Stevens made a motion to release the performance bond to R & F Development, Inc., for Briarwood Trace, Section 4 in the amount of \$27,300.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Stevens made a motion to release the performance bond to R & F Development, Inc., for Briarwood Trace, Section 5 in the amount of \$16,000.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Smith Dairy Barn)

Well Installation - Earl Smith appeared before the Commissioners to present the estimate and plans for installation of a new well by Wallace Well Drilling, Inc.

In The Matter of)

Ordinance 2010-2C)

Revision - Mike Dale, Planning Director appeared before the Commissioners to review the revisions made to Ordinance 2010-2C. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to accept the revisions of Ordinance 2010-2C and send it back to planning for further review. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Commissioners request the Planning Commission hold a public hearing to recommend and report back the Commissioners. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to repeal the existing ordinance. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Fee Schedule - Mike Dale, Planning Director appeared before the Commissioners for approval of the revised fee schedule. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve Resolution 2010-3-1 Hancock County Area Plan Commission 2010 Fee Schedule in accordance with the proposed 2010 improvement location permit (ILP) fees. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Senate Bill 240 and House Bill 1181)

Concerns - John Priore appeared before the Commissioners to voice his concerns of the current Bills and how the change to Township Government will affect County Government.

In The Matter of)

Greenfield Main Street, Inc.)

National Road Garage Sale - Sarah Wolf appeared as representative of Greenfield Main Street, Inc., to request permission from the Commissioners to use the Courthouse lawn on June 5th and 6th from 8am to 4 pm to participate in the National Road Garage Sale. Greenfield Main Street, Inc. will be responsible for all pick-up of litter and debris resulting. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to permit Greenfield Main Street, Inc. to use the Courthouse lawn June 5th and 6th from 8am to 4pm and take responsibility for all damage and clean-up. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Surveyor)

Petition For Regulated Drain - Susan Bodkin, Surveyor appeared to request the Commissioners' signatures on a Petition to change the Railroad Arm of the Andrew Briney from a mutual drain to a regulated drain. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to accept the petition to the Hancock County Drainage Board to create the Railroad Arm of the Andrew Briney Regulated Drain. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Release of Bond - Susan Bodkin, Surveyor appeared before the Commissioners to request the release of a Cash Bond to Michael Smith. The Bond was held for a Regulated drain on the property. However, the improvement was not built on the property and the requirements for property are met. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to release the Cash Bond in the amount of \$2,400.00 to Michael Smith. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Commissioners' Minutes)

Approval of Commissioners' Minutes of February 22, 2010 – Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the Commissioners' minutes. 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)

Condemnation)

Letter of Engagement - Ray Richardson, County Attorney presented a Letter of Engagement for Condemnation Lawsuits to the Commissioners. The Letter of Engagement sets out cost and extent of representation covered. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the Letter of Engagement dated March 1, 2010 to file condemnation suits against the following parties;

1. Raymond D. Godfrey and Brenda L. Cheney,
2. Brian K. Pratt and Hollie S. Pratt,
3. William M Graham and Jean N Graham.

Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-1. Commissioner Armstrong voted nay.

The meeting recessed and the recording stopped at 9:21 am.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Derek Towle, President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President

Commissioner Tom Stevens

Attest: _____
Robin D. Lowder , Hancock County Auditor