

## **Hancock County Board of Commissioners Minutes**

**April 12, 2010**

Commissioners met in regular session. Those present were 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 8:02am.

The recording began at 7:32am.

**In The Matter of** )

**Hancock County Highway** )

**Driveway Variance** - Larry Bowmer of the Highway Department appeared before the Commissioners to request a second driveway for Mark Reeves located at 9744 N 1000 E. The driveway will give Mr. Reeves access to a pole barn. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the Driveway Variance for the second driveway at said location. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

**Commercial Variance** - Larry Bowmer of the Highway Department appeared before the Commissioners to request an entrance to vacant property located at 600W north of US 52 owned by McGee Corner LLC. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the Commercial Variance with the stipulation that there are less than 20 left turns during peak hours and any change in the proposed driveway use must be approved and all cost will be at the owner's expense. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

**Accidents** - Engineer Joe Copeland appeared before the Commissioners to provide copies of two accident reports. Only one of the accidents caused any damage.

**Bridge Inspection** - Engineer Joe Copeland and Commissioner Towle reviewed the Consultants for bridge inspectors and ranked them first through fourth. First being United Consulting Engineers; Second, Stephen J. Christian; Third, USI; Fourth, Butler Furman & Structure Point. Fourth place being a tie. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to allow Engineer Joe Copeland to negotiate for a contract with United Consulting Engineers to do bridge inspection for the next four years. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

**Bridge 91** - Engineer Joe Copeland requested approval to work with Stephen J. Christian to design bridge number 91 located at 300S East of State Road 9. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve Mr. Copeland to negotiate an agreement with Stephen J. Christian for plans to design replacement of bridge #91. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

**Hourly Employees** - Engineer Joe Copeland requested approval to add one additional hourly employee to accommodate the new patching machine. The Commissioner recommended that Mr. Copeland not hire at this time and consider using community corrections for summer help. The Commissioners also suggest that Mr. Copeland prepare to approach the County Council later in the year for hiring an additional hourly employee.

**Five Year Estimated Highway Expense - Engineer Joe Copeland** appeared before the Commissioners to present the Highway Departments Capital Improvement Plan through 2015. Included in the estimate is a breakdown for equipment, road and street federal aid expenditures and detailed bridge projections. Mr. Copeland will present this report to the County Council on April 14, 2010.

The meeting is recessed at 8:17am.

Hancock County Regional Water and Sewer District Meeting began at 8:17 am.

Hancock County Regional Water and Sewer District Meeting Adjourned at 8:32 am.

The Hancock County Commissioner’s meeting resumed at 8:32am.

**In The Matter of** )

**County Library** )

**2009 Annual Report** - Senator Beverly Gard and Dianne Osborne, Director, of the Hancock County Library Board appeared before the Commissioners to present the 2009 annual report for the Hancock County Library. Also discussed was the library in Sugar Creek Township that is being leased. The owner of the property, Geodetic Equities, requested the Library Boards input on designing the plans for the addition to the building.

**In The Matter of** )

**E911 Center** )

**Request for new hire** - Connie Hoy, E911 director, appeared before the Commissioners to request approval to replace an employee that resigned. The Commissioners approved Ms. Hoy to proceed with replacing the employee. The Commissioners informed Ms. Hoy that she will need County Council's approval for the hire.

**In the Matter of** )

**Grant** )

**Emergency Management Performance Grant** - Larry Ervin appeared before the Commissioners for execution of the Emergency Management Performance Grant by the Commissioners and Auditor. The grant will refund the County fifty percent of the department's salaries. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve execution of the Emergency Management Performance Grant. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

**In The Matter of** )

**Snow Emergency Procedures** )

**Ordinance 1999-3A** - Larry Ervin appeared before the Commissioners to review the old ordinance vs. the new ordinance for establishing Snow Emergency Procedures. The Commissioners requested that Ray Richardson, attorney, prepare a new ordinance to be introduced next week.

**In The Matter of** )

**Commissioners' Minutes** )

**Approval of Commissioners' Minutes of April 5, 2010** – Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the Commissioners' minutes. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

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

**In The Matter of** )

**Bond Release** )

**Cash Bond** - The Commissioners received a request for release of a cash bond to Michael Barton for an eight inch drainage tile. The cash bond is in the amount of \$2,145.00. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to release the cash bond to Michael M. Barton for installation of the eight inch drainage tile in the amount of \$2,145.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

**In The Matter Of** )

**Circuit Courtroom Acoustics Invoice**

The Commissioners gave their approval for the Auditor, Robin Lowder, to pay for the work done on the acoustics in the Circuit Courtroom from the Commissioner's Cumulative Capital Development Fund.

The meeting adjourned at 9:52am.

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