

**Hancock County Board of Commissioners Minutes**

**May 3, 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 7:46am.

The recording began at 7:30am.

**In The Matter of** )

**Hancock County Highway** )

**INDOT Award** – INDOT awarded their bridge program dollar to us for \$515,480.00 to finish bridge 145 on 600 West just south of 200 South.

**Annual Report** - Engineer Joe Copeland appeared before the Commissioners to present the 2009 Annual Report for the Highway Department for review.

**Surveyors** - A property owner located on Mt. Comfort Road, South of Fortville will not allow the surveyors on his property to do work for the Highway. Attorney Ray Richardson has prepared a letter to all property owners that United Consulting and their subcontractors are legally allowed to be on their property. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to authorize the President of the Commissioners to execute and sign the letter to authorize entering all property for the purpose of surveying. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**Highway signs** -Engineer Joe Copeland presented to the Commissioners the option to use powder coating on sign post for subdivisions. The powder coating can be done by a company located in McCordsville and would be at a cost of \$15.00 per post. The Homeowners Associations would be responsible for the additional cost and upkeep of the post. The Commissioners support use of the powder coating with no additional cost to the County and as long as the post meet the required standards.

**Bridge 91** - Engineer Joe Copeland appeared before the Commissioners to review the proposal for Bridge 91. The proposal consists of both Federal funding and local funding. The proposal includes relocation of wetlands. Engineer Copeland recommended acceptance of the Federal funding. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the recommendation of Mr. Copeland and for him to proceed with developing an agreement for Federal funding of Bridge 91. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**Condemnation** – The property located at 300N owned by the Godfrey’s has an issue with the finger system being at least ten feet away from the work being done. Engineer Joe Copeland is having the engineers revise the plans to meet the ten foot requirement. Ray Richardson, attorney, requested approval to prepare paperwork for settlement with the Godfrey’s assuming they will agree with the additional funds.

**In The Matter of** )

**Buck Creek Township Property)**

**Appraisal** - Buck Creek Township Trustee Mel Branson appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the possible sale of the right of way property of the old Buck Creek Township Fire Department. The Commissioners decided to contact the original appraiser of the property to get an appraisal on the right-of-way piece.

**In The Matter of** )

**Ordinance 2010-2F** )

**Ordinance 2010-2F** - an Ordinance amending lodging, mileage and meal expenses. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve Ordinance 2010-2F as amended. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**In The Matter of** )

**Senior Services** )

**Lease Agreement** - Linda Hart, Senior Services director appeared before the Commissioners to request execution of the Motor Vehicle Lease Agreement for the 2010 Ford E350 Van with VIN 1FDEE3D4ADA55624. The lease is between Hancock County and Hancock County Senior Services, Inc. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to execute the motor vehicle lease agreement with Hancock County Senior Services for the Ford Van. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**Grant Funds** - Linda Hart, Senior Services director appeared before the Commissioners to authorize return of \$9,836.00 of unused grant money to the State of Indiana. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to authorize the refund of \$9,836.00 for unused grant money. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**In The Matter of** )

**Precedent Residential Development, LLC)**

**Agreement** - Doug Wagner appeared as representative of Precedent Residential Development, LLC (PRD) to present to the Commissioners the Agreement for the Road Impact Fee money and the check to the Hancock County Treasurer in the amount of \$53,000.00. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the Agreement with Precedent Residential Development, LLC in that the County will no longer enforce against PRD, owner of lots in Woodhaven, the continued escrow of money for possible impact fees. This agreement is in consideration of a check in the amount of \$53,000.00 received this May 3, 2010 payable to Hancock County Treasurer. Check #135228. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The Motion carried 3-0.

**In The Matter of** )

**Courthouse Repair** )

**Light on Courthouse Clock** - Steve Ellis provided to the Commissioners a proposal to repair the Courthouse clock light and install a timer for the clock light. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the repair to the clock light and installation of the timer in an amount not to exceed \$1,050.00. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The Commissioners discussed holding off on the work until later in the year to have a better perspective on available funds. The motion did not pass with a vote of 0-3.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02am

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

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Robin D. Lowder

Hancock County Auditor