

Hancock County Board of Commissioners Minutes

July 6, 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 Rosemary Melvin, Chief Deputy Auditor was also present.

Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 7:57am.

The recording began at 7:30 am.

In The Matter of)

Hancock County Highway)

Grader - Engineer Joe Copeland appeared before the Commissioners to present estimates on trade in of the Volvo G946 grader and price of a new John Deere 672G grader. The necessity of the purchase of a new grader was discussed. Mr. Copeland will look for a higher trade in price and keep track of the repairs and cost.

Steel Pipe - Engineer Joe Copeland requested approval to sell a steel pipe to the surveyors office for \$130.00. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to approve the sale of the used pipe to the surveyor's office in an amount of \$130.00. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Change Order - Engineer Joe Copeland appeared before the Commissioners to update them on the stimulus funding resurfacing projects at 600 West from 500 North to 650 North and 300 North from 700 West to 800 West. Mr. Copeland expressed his concern with the change that E & B Paving wants to make and is aware of problems they have had in other counties. He is holding the change order until concerns are addressed.

Bridge and Road Plans - Engineer Joe Copeland presented to the Commissioners a plan to realign 1000 North by turning the bridge 7 degrees. The initial cost for bridge and right-of-way would be \$32,000.00 and this would allow for future realignment to straighten the road. The Commissioners are in favor of proceeding with this plan.

Schildmeier Woods - Larry Bowmer of the County Highway appeared before the Commissioners to present the specifics for the signs in Schildmeier Woods. Each sign and post would cost \$72.84 and there would be a \$15.00 fee to replace knocked down signs. Schildmeier Woods H.O.A. has agreed to the maintenance and installation agreement which allows either party to terminate the agreement at any time. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to approve the agreement with Schildmeier Woods H.O.A. for custom signs. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Shelton Oakes)

Concerns - Mr. Oakes appeared before the Commissioners to voice his concerns about the following:

Mr. Oakes feels that the round-about at 300 North and Mt. Comfort Road will be too small. Mr. Oakes has the same concerns for the round-about at 600 East.

Mr. Oakes voiced his concern regarding the TIF district abatements. He feels the abatements already in place should be left alone. Changes could have a negative effect on the schools.

Mr. Oakes voiced his opinion that an Adult Education Building is not needed at this time since there are many other programs available.

Commissioner Towle recommended Mr. Oakes speak with Mr. Copeland about his questions on the round-abouts.

In The Matter of)

Historical Society)

Budget - Greg Roland, Vice President of the Historical Society appeared before the Commissioners to present the Historical Society's 2010 budget.

In The Matter of)

E-911)

New Hire - Connie Hoy, E-911 director, appeared before the Commissioners to request approval for a new hire, Sara Crabtree. Ms. Hoy informed the Commissioners that the E-911 board has approved the hire of Sara Crabtree. Commissioner Stevens made a motion based on the recommendation of the E-911 board to approve the hire of Sara Crabtree subject to council approval. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Legal Representation)

Hancock Co. vs Community Hospitals of IN d/b/a Gallahue Mental Health Serv.)

Attorneys - Commissioner Towle and attorney Ray Richardson, attorney, reported that they had met with Daniel L. Taylor and Darren C. Chad of the law firm Kirtley, Taylor, Sims, Chadd & Minnette, P.C. Commissioner Towle and Ray Richardson recommended, they hire the attorneys to represent the County in a lawsuit with Community Hospitals of Indiana d/b/a Gallahue Mental Health Services. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to enter into the employment contract with Kirtley, Taylor, Sims, Chadd & Minnette, P.C. to defend Hancock County in the lawsuit, Community Hospitals of Indiana dba Gallahue Mental Health Services vs Hancock County. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Trane)

Renewal of Maintenance Contract - Trane provided the Maintenance Service Agreement contract for the Courthouse and the Courthouse Annex. The contract for the Courthouse is \$ 15,057.00 and is in effect until August 31, 2011. The contract for the Courthouse Annex is \$20,365.00 and is in effect until July 31, 2011. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to re-enter into the one year renewal with Trane for contractual maintenance services of the main heating and cooling systems not to exceed \$15,057.00 for the Courthouse and \$20,365.00 for the Courthouse Annex. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Hancock Economic Development Council)

Contract - Attorney Ray Richardson presented to the Commissioners a Contract for Hancock County and Hancock Economic Development Council. The Contract is not to exceed \$40,000.00. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to enter into the agreement with Hancock Economic Development Council in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Equilon Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Shell Oil Products US (Shell))

Hold Harmless – Attorney Ray Richardson presented to the Commissioners a Hold Harmless agreement with Equilon Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Shell Oil Products US (Shell). The agreement allows for a manifold box for horizontal system piping within the right-of-way. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to execute the Hold Harmless Agreement with Equilon Enterprises, LLC dba Shell Oil Products US (Shell). Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Commissioners' Minutes)

Approval of Commissioners' Minutes and Executive Minutes of June 21, 2010 – Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the Commissioners' Minutes and Executive Minutes from June 21, 2010. 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)

Kids Play)

Memorial Building- The City of Greenfield informed Robin Lowder, Auditor, the rent paid goes to an after hours supervisor. The Commissioners instructed that there is no need for a supervisor and the rent should be paid to the County.

The meeting adjourned and the recording stopped at 9:38am.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Derek Towle, President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President

Commissioner Tom Stevens

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder

Hancock County Auditor