

Hancock County Board of Commissioners Minutes

August 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 8:34am.

The recording began at 8:34am.

In The Matter of)

County Highway)

HSIP Funds - Engineer Joe Copeland appeared before the Commissioners to inform them he missed the first round of funds and is working on the second round due September 10, 2010. Mr. Copeland plans on using the funds to replace signs. MPO cost for city/town is approximately \$80,000.00 with the County cost at ten percent plus installation. The remainder of the County will be covered by INDOT at a cost of \$69,238.00 with the County cost at ten percent plus installation.

Complaints - Engineer Joe Copeland appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the complaints due to construction at 600W and 300N. Mr. Copeland is working with Steve Fehribach with A & F Engineering and the State for solutions to the traffic back up. Suggestions discussed were no left turns off of 600N and split phase. The Commissioners recommended no left turns for traffic on 600W.

Driveway Variance - Joe Hollis appeared before the Commissioners to request a Driveway Variance approval on behalf of Rick Pierson for PDP Properties, LLC. The application was originally initiated in 2007 for property located at 600W south of US 40. Thomas A. Grant owner of property to the west is willing to donate land for this. Mr. Grant will install binder in exchange for the turn blister. Mr. Pierson will dedicate 65 foot of his property for the driveway.

The Commissioners made the following motions:

Commissioner Stevens made a motion for approval of a variance for separation between driveways. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve installation of a passing blister per road specification and with the exception of the asphalt as set out in the attachment to the variance. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Stevens made a motion to authorize Engineer Joe Copeland to acquire the right-of-way in exchange for an appraisal on property located on the west side. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the exchange of property at the railroad on the east side of PDP Properties, LLC in exchange for binder. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Driveway Variance - Joe Hollis of the County Highway Department appeared before the Commissioners to request approval of a driveway variance for property located south of 490 N and 500 E. Tyler and Kelli Eden, owners of the property, are requesting the driveway be constructed on the parcel of the site of the future home. Larry Bowmer was unable to attend the meeting but recommended approval. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the variance and class 2 driveway subject to conditions listed in the permit application. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Driveway Variance - Joe Hollis of the County Highway Department appeared before the Commissioners to request approval of a driveway variance for property located at 7581 W 300 N. Dennis L. Fry is requesting a 0 lot line for Lots 2 and 3 on 200 W and requesting separation distance for Lot 1. Both are recommended by the Highway Department with the mailbox approach on 200W. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the request for variance and permit for two driveways with conditions attached. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

County Health Insurance)

Kevin Mandrell - appeared before the Commissioners to review the reports for insurance coverage through June 30, 2010. Mr. Mandrell reviewed claims over the past six months and discussed the status of the County clinic.

In The Matter of)

Planning)

Rezoning - Mike Dale, Planning Director, appeared before the Commissioners to request approval to re-zone property located at approximately 7300 West US 40 and owned by Steven and Rita Smith. They are requesting the property be re-zoned from Commercial Neighborhood (CN) to Commercial Regional (CR). The Hancock County Area Plan Commission gave a favorable recommendation for the re-zoning. Mr. Smith and his attorney, Sarah Wolf, appeared before the Commissioners. Mrs. Pea, a resident of Glen Oakes Village, spoke to the Commissioners stating her opposition of the re-zoning. Commissioner Stevens made a motion for approval of Ordinance 2010-8A to re-zone property located at approximately 7300 West US 40 subject to recording of proposed conditions. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Rezoning - Mike Dale, Planning Director, appeared before the Commissioners to request approval to re-zone property located at 6031 West Station Way and owned by Mt. Comfort Storage LLC. The request for re-zoning is from Institutional (IN) to Industrial Light (IL). Commissioner Stevens made a motion for approval of Ordinance 2010-8B. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Proposed Ordinances - Mike Dale, Planning Director, appeared before the Commissioners to review four possible Ordinances.

-Pet Grooming Ordinance was reviewed with the Commissioners. Mr. Dale will submit the Ordinance to the Planning Commission for a vote on their recommendation.

-Improvement Location Permits Ordinance was reviewed with the Commissioners. Mr. Dale will submit the Ordinance to the Planning Commission for a vote on their recommendation.

-Adult Uses Ordinance was reviewed with the Commissioners. Mr. Dale will submit the Ordinance to the Planning Commission for a vote on their recommendation.

-Ordinance to remove accessory structure from Home Occupation Standards was reviewed with the Commissioners. Mr. Dale will submit the Ordinance to the Planning Commission for a vote on their recommendation.

In The Matter of)

IT Department)

Upgrades - Bernard Harris, IT director, appeared before the Commissioners to request approval to purchase additional storage mainly due to increased scanning. Mr. Harris requested the purchase of 1.2 Terabytes of storage in the amount of \$4,607.00.

Upgrades - Bernard Harris, IT director, appeared before the Commissioners to request approval to purchase back-up software upgrade at a cost of \$5,112.47 plus license fees. The cost is good for one year. Mr. Harris agreed to negotiate on a three year contract. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to allow Mr. Harris authority to proceed with a three year contract subject to the pricing being lower than the one year rate. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Upgrades - Bernard Harris, IT director, appeared before the Commissioners to request approval to purchase a duplication appliance to allow back up to a disk and from a disk to tape. There would be a one-time cost. However, the core switch will need to be upgraded.

In The Matter of)

Substance Abuse)

Phone Jack - Wilann Beeson appeared before the Commissioners to request replacing of a phone jack. The Commissioners instructed Ms. Beeson to have Steve Millis replace the phone jack.

Computers - Wilann Beeson appeared before the Commissioners with Bernie Harris to inform the Commissioners the computers in the Substance Abuse Department are too old to communicate with the county's server. Ms Beeson was instructed by the Commissioners to discuss with the judges how the computers could be funded.

In The Matter of)

Prosecutor's Office)

Increased Power – Bernie Harris appeared before the Commissioners to request installation of additional outlets for the Prosecutor's office. Mr. Harris provided a quote from Steve Millis for \$655.00 to add the outlets. The Commissioners requested that prosecutor Dean Dobbins review his funds to provide payment to Steve Millis for the work.

In The Matter of)

Cobra Agreement)

Contract - Commissioner Stevens made a motion to enter into the contract with Optium Health Financial Services to Administer Cobra for the County. The contract is effective as of January 1, 2010. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Commissioners' Minutes)

Approval of Commissioners' Minutes of August 2, 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)

American Legion Building)

Demolition - Commissioner Stevens reported that he spoke with Hershell Anderson regarding the cost to raze the Legion Building, including removal and backfill suitable to place a future building on the site. The Commissioners discussed if the job would be with quotes or bids since cost would be over \$50,000.00. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to request that the Council appropriate \$55,000.00 for razing the building. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Birthday/Holiday)

Birthday - The Commissioners discussed giving County employees a paid day off for their birthday, because there haven't been any raises for two years. The matter was discussed among the Commissioners. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to include in the 2011 Holiday Schedule that employees will have their birthday off. If their birthday is on a weekend, they will take the previous Friday or following Monday. If their birthday is on a holiday, they will be required to take the day prior to the holiday or the day after the holiday. This will be for a one year term only. Commissioners Armstrong and Towle voted Aye, Commissioner Stevens voted Nay.

The recording stopped at 11:35am.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35am.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Derek Towle, President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President

Commissioner Tom Stevens

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder

Hancock County Auditor