

Hancock County Board of Commissioners Minutes

September 20, 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, were also present.

Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 7:53 am.

The recording began at 7:31 am.

In The Matter of)
Hancock County Highway)

Ground Water - Engineer Joe Copeland appeared before the Commissioners to update them on the progress of sealing the joints of the storm mainline and four manholes at 575 East. At this point 60 joints have been sealed and there are still leaks. The remaining joints will need to be sealed. The Commissioners agreed with Mr. Copeland to proceed with sealing the remaining joints.

Revised Quote - Engineer Joe Copeland appeared before the Commissioners for execution of a revised quote for Hancock County Small Structure G-32 on County Road 1000 North. The original amount was \$60,531.31 and has changed to \$73,744.32 due to widening of the road. Commissioner Stevens made a motion for acceptance of the revised quote from American Timber Bridge in the amount of \$73,744.32. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Change Order #2 - on contract number SRS-32672 for work located at 600 West from 500 to 650 North and 300 North from 700 to 800 West. The contract was modified from \$270,997.44 to the lower contract amount of \$266,793.20. Commissioner Stevens made a motion for approval of Change Order #2, Contract #SRS-32672 in the change order amount of \$-1,905.20. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Chemical Deicing - Hancock County Highway Department received a quote from CGS Services, Inc. for mixing materials for deicing with sand at a price of \$299.00 per ton. This price is an increase of .09 from last year. The cost is not to exceed \$25,000.00. Commissioner Stevens made a motion for acceptance of the quote. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Bridge #34 - Engineer Joe Copeland appeared before the Commissioners to present the recommendation from United Consulting that Bridge #34 will need replaced. Engineer Copeland stated he could fix the bridge but it is not in good enough condition for repairs. Engineer Copeland requested permission to start the design to replace Bridge #34 using Bernardin Lochmueller. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve Engineer Copeland to develop with Bernardin Lochmueller a replacement plan for bridge #34. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Bridge #23 - Engineer Joe Copeland appeared before the Commissioners for approval to start negotiation with DLZ for bridge replacement of Bridge #32. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve Engineer Copeland to begin negotiation with DLZ for replacement of Bridge #32. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Realignment)

Phase 2 Quarter Study - Commissioner Stevens made a motion for Mike Dale, the Planning Director, to ask the Planning Commission to conduct a Public Hearing for Recommendation of the preferred realignment and revising of the map. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

E-911 Center)

Furniture - E-911 director Connie Hoy appeared before the Commissioners to request approval to purchase used furniture for the department. The Commissioners agreed that they would like to see the furniture prior to agreeing to the purchase.

Policy Revision - Ms. Hoy appeared before the Commissioners for approval of eighteen policy revisions. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to accept the policy revisions. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Weights & Measures)

Update - Richard Simon appeared before the Commissioners to update them on his progress and request approval for purchase of 2011 stickers and two missing weights. Commissioners instructed Mr. Simon to request approval of a budget transfer from Council. Commissioner Stevens made a motion for Mr. Simon to request approval of a budget transfer from the County Council. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Commissioners Minutes)

August 30, 2010 - Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve August 30, 2010 minutes. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

September 7, 2010 - Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve September 7, 2010 minutes. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Bids)

Steel Quotes - The Commissioners opened bids for steel quotes. Two bids were received. Marcum's Welding & Steel Processing, Inc. in the amount of \$43,720.00 and E & H Bridge and Grating, Inc. in the amount of \$30,991.61 Engineer Joe Copeland recommended accepting the bid from E & H Bridge and Grating, Inc. in the amount of \$30,991.61. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve acceptance of the bid from E & H Bridge and Grating, Inc. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Tea Party)

Reserve Commissioners' Court - Carolyn Flynn appeared before the Commissioners to request use of the Commissioners' Court on September 23, 2010, October 14, 2010 and December 7, 2010. All dates would be from 6:30 to 8:00pm. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to allow the Tea Party to use the Commissioners' Court. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Ordinances)

Ordinance No. 2010-9B - Commissioner Stevens made a motion for approval of Ordinance No. 2010-9B, an Ordinance Removing "Accessory Structure" From Home Occupation Standards. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the Motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Ordinance No. 2010-9C - Commissioner Stevens made a motion for approval of Ordinance No. 2010-9C, an Ordinance Defining and Regulating Pet Grooming Establishment. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the Motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Ordinance No. 2010-9E - Commissioner Stevens made a motion for approval of Ordinance No. 2010-9E, an Ordinance Specifying Submittal Requirements for Improvement Location Permit. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the Motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Ordinance No. 2010-9F - Commissioner Stevens made a motion for approval of Ordinance No. 2010-9F, an Ordinance Establishing the Sex and Violent Crime Offender Fees and Fund. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the Motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Ordinance No. 2010-9G - Commissioner Stevens made a motion for approval of Ordinance No. 2010-9G, an Ordinance Prohibiting the Sale of Substances containing Synthetic Cannabinoids or Their Use. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the Motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Form 144 - Commissioner Stevens made a motion to authorize signatures for form 144's for 2011. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Hancock County Sheriff)

Benefit/Tool - Attorney Greg Brand, Colonel Donnie Munden, Attorney Ray Richardson, and the Commissioners Towle, Armstrong and Stevens discussed if Sheriff Bud Gray should be allowed to retain his County provided cell phone, gas card and car. After much discussion Commissioner Stevens made a motion that Colonel Donnie Munden retain possession of Sheriff Gray's cell phone, the gas card be discontinued and to take possession of the car. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Domestic Violence)

Display - Kelly Buzan, of Alternatives Inc., appeared before the Commissioners to request use of the Courthouse lawn following Riley Days until the end of October to display crosses. The crosses represent the number of deaths by domestic violence in the State of Indiana. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to authorize use of the Courthouse lawn for placing crosses against domestic violence during the dates stated. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Burn Ban)

Agreement - David Sutherlin, Fire Chief of Buck Creek Township, President of Hancock County Fireman's Mutual Aid Association, appeared before the Commissioners to inform them the Fire Chiefs of Hancock County have all agreed to a burn ban. Chief Sutherlin is requesting the Commissioners' support of the burn ban and when the Fire Chiefs decide the ban should be lifted. Commissioner Towle stated that the Commissioners support the effort of the Fire Chiefs and the ban on open flames within the County to avoid loss of personal property and lives. The Commissioners made a resolution to support and to abide by the recommendation of the Fire Chiefs as to when the burn ban is put into place and when it is lifted. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Ordinance)

Ordinance #2010-9H - Options on how the Ordinance should read were discussed among the Commissioners and Attorney Ray Richardson. Commissioner Stevens introduced Ordinance No. 2010-9H, an Ordinance Amending Worker's Compensation Time Off.

In The Matter of)

Sheriff's Department)

Vehicle Purchase - Major Donnie Smith appeared before the Commissioners for approval of purchase of a new Ford E-350 jail van. The cost, less eight Crown Victoria Ford cars traded in, leaves a balance of \$4,601.98. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion for Major Smith to proceed with the purchase of the jail van, not to exceed \$4,601.98. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Culvert Replacement)

Property Purchase - Engineer Joe Copeland appeared before the Commissioners to request approval to work out an agreement, without an appraisal, for purchase of property needed at the 1000N project. Mr. Copeland has spoken with the owner of the property and feels there should not be a problem reaching an agreement. Mr. Copeland estimates the sales price to be \$1,100.00 for .004 acre. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to proceed with the purchase of property on 1000N in an amount not to exceed \$1,100.00. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

County Highway)

Contract Amendment - Engineer Joe Copeland appeared before the Commissioners with the requested changes to Contract Amendment No. 1 with Floyd E. Burroughs & Associates, Inc. The final price is not to exceed \$302,400.00. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the contract amendment with Floyd E. Burroughs & Associates, Inc. to establish a new amount not to exceed \$302,400.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Redevelopment Committee)

Appointment - Commissioner Stevens made a motion to appoint Mary Zurbuch to the Hancock County Redevelopment Commission with a term ending December 31, 2010. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Bond)

Release & Assignment - Attorney Ray Richardson received a Release and Assignment for the \$15,000.00 bond for Linda J. Grass. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve execution of the Release and Assignment in the amount of \$15,000.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 am.

The recording stopped at 11:37am.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Derek Towle, President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President

Commissioner Tom Stevens

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor