

Hancock County Board of Commissioners Minutes

October 18, 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 Rosemary Melvin were also present.

Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 7:58am.

The meeting and recording began at 7:33am.

In The Matter of)
Hancock County Highway)

Bridge #59 - Engineer Joe Copeland appeared before the Commissioners for approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 1 of the Engineering Agreement between United Consulting and Board of County Commissioners known as contract #0810490. The change is for Mitigation Plan Development in the amount of \$11,000.00. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to accept the Engineering Services Supplemental Agreement #1 with United Consulting, contract #0810490 in a total amount not to exceed \$215,000.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Proposals - Engineer Joe Copeland appeared before the Commissioners to ask permission to request proposals for construction inspection of a project at Fortville Pike and 300 N. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to authorize the Highway Department to request proposals for the intersection of 300N and Fortville Pike. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Bond Release - Precedent Commercial Development, LLC requested the release of Performance Bond #06-2129 for drive entrance of lot 61 in Mount Comfort Commercial Park, Section 6. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to release the performance #06-2129 in the amount of \$15,000.00 to Precedent Commercial Development, LLC. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Bridge 34 - Engineer Joe Copeland presented to the Commissioners the agreement for the design of Bridge 34 with an amount not to exceed \$108,314.00. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the contract with Bernardin Lochmueller & Associates, Inc. for bridge 34 in an amount not to exceed \$108,314.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Variance - Driveway variance requested for property located at 738 W 600N, Fortville, IN 46040 owned by Gordon L. McKinney. The request is for separation distance, if granted, Mr. McKinney will dedicate forty feet of right-of-way across the front of his real estate. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the driveway variance for Gordon L. McKinney at 1350 W. 1000N. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Drainage - Joe Hollis appeared before the Commissioners requesting approval for construction of a storm drain across five parcels on 600W south of 100S. The owners of the properties agree to donate right-of-way. The cost for construction from Fisk was quoted at \$35,000.00. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to approve the construction of a 700 foot storm drain pending all five property owners agree to donate right-of-way and the cost is not to exceed \$35,000.00. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Senior Services)

2011 Funding - Linda Hart of the Hancock County Senior Services appeared before the Commissioners to request signatures on the 2011 Hancock County pass through for the Indiana Department of Transportation grant. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to execute the pass through for Indiana Department of Transportation grant. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Office Equipment - Linda Hart of the Hancock County Senior Services appeared before the Commissioners to approve purchase of a lap top computer and projector for an amount of \$1,703.86. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to accept the purchase of the computer and office equipment in the amount of \$1,703.86. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Regional Water/Sewer Board Meeting)

Recess - Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to recess the meeting of the Board of Commissioners at 8:17am. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Call to Order - Commissioner Towle called the Board of Commissioners meeting back to order at 8:25am.

In The Matter of)

Highway Department)

Liquid Deicing Bids - One bid was received from Great Lakes Chloride, Inc. in the amount of \$70,125.00. Engineer Joe Copeland felt Great Lakes Chloride, Inc's bid was acceptable. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to accept the bid from Great Lakes Chloride, Inc. for an amount of \$70,125.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Planning Department)

Ordinance 2010-9D - Mike Dale, Planning Department Director appeared before the Commissioners to discuss Ordinance No. 2010-9D, an Ordinance Defining Adult Uses, Health Spa, Specified Anatomical Areas, Specified Sexual Activities, and Strip Clubs. There was not a conflict with the existing Massage Parlor Ordinance. Commissioner Stevens made a motion for Ordinance 2010-9D to be returned to the Planning Commission for further recommendation. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Ordinance)

Defining and Regulating Equipment Sales and Rental- Commissioners discussed the ordinance and agreed to have the Area Plan Commission Review the ordinance before the Commissioners acted on it.

In The Matter of)

Solid Waste Event)

Robin Maroska - Ms. Maroska appeared before the Commissioners to request approval to place signs on the Courthouse lawn for the Hancock County Solid Waste event. The signs would be on the lawn from October 18, 2010 until October 22, 2010. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to allow Solid Waste Board to place signs on the Courthouse lawn to advertise the event. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Manatron)

Maintenance Contract – Auditor Robin Lowder requested approval to enter into a maintenance contract with Manatron for either a one year contract or a three year contract with the first year rate locked for all three years. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to execute a three year maintenance contract with Manatron in an amount not to exceed \$40,056.48 each year for three years. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Surveyor)

Truck - Susan Bodkin, Surveyor, appeared before the Commissioners to request permission to purchase a truck to replace the current 2001 Surveyor's truck. The 2001 truck will be used as a trade-in. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to allow the Surveyor to advertise for purchase of a new truck for the Surveyor's Department using the existing truck for a trade-in. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Ordinance 2010-10A)

Ordinance 2010-10A - an Ordinance Amending Stormwater Inspection and Maintenance. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve Ordinance 2010-10A Amending Stormwater Inspection and Maintenance. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Repairs)

Earl Smith - appeared before the Commissioners for an update on the pipe/road repairs being done that affect his property. INDOT has obtained an agreement from Milestone to do the work for time and material. The Commissioners informed Mr. Smith that it should be done in the next three weeks. They thanked him for his patience.

In The Matter of)

Ordinance 2010 -10F)

Introduced Ordinance - Ordinance No. 2010-10F an Ordinance Amending Worker's Compensation Time Off was introduced by the Commissioners.

Commissioner Towle made a motion that Section 31.034 Worker's Compensation Time Off is hereby interpreted by the Commissioners so that no illness time is to be used for Worker's Compensation. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-1.

In The Matter of)

Christmas)

2010 Christmas Lights Parade and Celebration - Sharon DeReamer appeared before the Commissioners to request permission to set up tents on the courthouse lawn for the Christmas parade on December 3, 2010. Mrs. DeReamer also requested use of the Courthouse restrooms. The restrooms will be supervised. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the request for use of the Courthouse lawn and restrooms subject to commitment to supervise the restrooms. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

NASA)

Update - Tim Retherford, executive director of NASA appeared before the Commissioners to bring them up to date on what their department is doing. Mr. Retherford reviewed their newsletter, advertising, and school programs.

In The Matter of)

Community Corrections)

Grant - Pat Powers of Community Corrections appeared before the Commissioners to request approval to enter into a grant with the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to enter into the grant proposal of \$18,000.00 with the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Sheriff's Department)

Vacated Property - Major Donnie Munden appeared before the Commissioners to request their direction to resolve a situation with a vacated property. The office located at 100N owned by Johnson Towing had an air conditioner in the wall. When the Sheriff's Department vacated the office they removed the air conditioner leaving a hole in the wall. Johnson's Towing has asked for the wall to be repaired or the air conditioner to be reinstalled. The unit was seized, but was not stolen property. Commissioner Stevens made a motion that the air conditioner be placed back in the wall to fill the hole and give closure on the lease. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Commissioners Minutes)

October 4, 2010 - Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the Commissioners' minutes for the October 4, 2010 meeting. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

2011 Holiday Calendar)

Holidays - The day off for "your Birthday" was changed to an extra personal day for 2011 only. Commissioner Stevens made a motion for approval of the 2011 Holiday Schedule to change from your birthday day off, to increase by one extra personal day for the 2011 holiday schedule only. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Council - There was no change to the Hancock County Council Meetings for 2011.

Drainage Board - change to show 'schedule with the Surveyor', not Auditor.

Hancock County Commissioners Meetings for Year 2011 - After much discussion among the Commissioners it was agreed that the Commissioners' meetings for 2011 will be on the first, third and fifth Tuesday of the month. Commissioners' office hour will be the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 8am to 9am. Meetings that fall on a holiday will be held on the previous working day. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to approve the Commissioners' meetings to be held on the first, third and fifth Tuesday of the month with office hour on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 8am to 9am. When meetings fall on a holiday it will be held on the previous working day. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

The Commissioners requested that 'It is preferred that you schedule with the Auditor an appointment concerning business.' be added to the Commissioners' section of the holiday schedule.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11am.

The recording stopped at 11:11am.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Derek Towle, President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President

Commissioner Tom Stevens

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor