

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

April 19, 2011

Commissioners met in regular session. Those present were Commissioner Brad Armstrong, President, Commissioner Derek Towle, Vice President, and Commissioner Tom Stevens. Auditor Robin D. Lowder and Deputy Auditor Rosemary Melvin were also present.

Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 8:25am.

The meeting began at 8:00am.

In The Matter of)

Hancock County Highway)

Engineer Joe Copeland of the Hancock County Highway Department appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the following business:

Summer Hours - Beginning May 9, 2011, Engineer Copeland requested approval to have the Highway Department work four, 10 hour days. Commissioner Stevens moved to approve the four 10 hour days for the Highway Department. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Dust Suppressant - Mr. Copeland presented the Commissioners with the options and cost for dust suppressant on gravel roads. Due to complaints about the Calcium Chloride Mr. Copeland suggested using the Asphalt Emulsion in front of houses and possibly at intersections. Calcium Chloride - solid application \$64,963.00; Asphalt Emulsion in front of houses and intersections \$45,755.00; Asphalt Emulsion in front of house only \$29,577.00. The Commissioners instructed Mr. Copeland to use the asphalt emulsion in front of houses and at intersections.

Road Maintenance - Mr. Copeland requested approval to proceed with the proposed road treatment plan previously submitted by the Highway Department. Commissioner Stevens moved for approval of the proposed road treatment plan submitted by the Hancock County Highway Department and authorizes the Highway Department to proceed. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter Of)

County Surveyor)

Compressor - Hancock County Surveyor Susan Bodkin appeared before the Commissioners for approval to have the Highway Department contribute \$3,000.00 towards the purchase of an air compressor. Total purchase price of the compressor is \$13,765.00. The Surveyor and Highway Department share the air compressor. Commissioner Stevens moved to approve the Highway Department contributing towards the cost of purchasing the air compressor in the amount of \$3,000.00. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Minutes)

April 5, 2011 minutes - Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 5, 2011 meeting. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

April 12, 2011 minutes - Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2011 meeting with Farm Bureau. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Claims – Commissioner Armstrong, Commissioner Towle and Commissioner Stevens signed claims presented to them.

In The Matter of)

Courthouse Repair)

Roof Repair - A proposal from Universal Roofing & Exteriors was presented to the Commissioners for repairing of the Courthouse Roof. Insurance will cover most of the cost of the repair. The proposal is in the amount of \$47,800.00. Commissioner Stevens moved to accept the proposal from Mark Holden of Universal Roofing & Exteriors to repair the Courthouse roof in an amount not to exceed \$47,800.00. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

County Surveyor)

Geothermal Systems - County Surveyor Susan Bodkin appeared before the Commissioners to propose an Ordinance that would require approval of a location drawing as to the placement of a geothermal unit prior to installation. The Commissioners felt that the Planning Department should be included in this process. Commissioner Stevens stated that the Planning Department needs to re-look at their interest.

Village Green, Section 2 - Surveyor Susan Bodkin informed the Commissioners that no monuments have been placed and she is trying to use the performance bond to place them.

In The Matter of)

Bridge 110)

Bids - Three bids were received on Bridge 110 and are as follows: Duncan Robertson in the amount of \$280,000.00; CLR in the amount of \$335,552.46; Hoosier Pride Exc. in the amount of \$281,322.75. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to turn the bids over to County Engineer Joe Copeland for review and recommendation. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Recommendation - Joe Copeland presented his recommendation of Duncan Robertson whose bid was \$280,000.00. Commissioner Stevens moved to accept the low bid from Duncan Robertson in the amount of \$280,000.00. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Maximus)

Contract - John Mallers appeared before the Commissioners as a representative of Maximus to discuss the contract with the Hancock County Clerk for Professional Consulting Services. The costs for this service will be \$650.00 per month. Commissioner Stevens moved to enter into the Agreement to Provide Professional Consulting Services between Maximus Consulting Services, Inc. and Hancock County, Indiana in regards to Title IV-D invoices, in an amount not to exceed \$650.00 per month, stipulating changes to the agreement per attorney Ray Richardson. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Senior Services)

INDOT Funds - Linda Hart director of Senior Services appeared before the Commissioners for execution of the Deobligation of Transit Grant Funds letter in the amount of \$33,340.00. Commissioner Towle moved to execute the Deobligation of Transit Grant Funds letter from the Indiana Department of Transportation in the amount of \$33,340.00. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Planning Department)

Agri -Tourism Business - Mike Dale, director of Planning, appeared before the Commissioners with Roy Ballard to suggest the need to define agri-business/agri-tourism and specify it as a permitted use or special exception. The Commissioners state they are not prepared at this time to make a decision and direct Mike Dale to continue working on this.

Walking Billboards - Mike Dale states that the Planning Department has steered away from any action as to Walking Billboards because many times it is considered freedom of speech and could cause potential law suits. The Walking Billboards are usually in the Right-of-Way and does not come under planning as it is typically private property. Attorney Ray Richardson stated he will check with Marion County as to how they handled the situation.

Cell Towers - Mike Dale presented to the Commissioners that turbine towers require a setback of 1.1 times the height. Mr. Dale ask the Commissioners if they feel the same requirement should be in effect for cell towers. The Commissioners state they would like to hear the opinion of the Cell Companies as to how that would affect their planning.

GeoThermal - The Commissioners inform Mike Dale that they feel Planning should have some input on the possible ordinance for Geothermal units. Commissioner Towle suggest new homes and remodels need to show GeoThermal location on the site plan along with well and septic. Attorney Ray Richardson stated that the Planning Department would be the best to enforce the requirement for location of the GeoThermal unit on the plans for new construction and could then forward to the appropriate office.

In The Matter of)

Sheriff's Department)

Federal Funds - Sheriff Shepherd and Major Burkhart appeared before the Commissioners for execution of the Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification. The agreement involves forfeiture money related to drug seizures. Attorney Ray Richardson reviewed the Agreement and approved it. Commissioner Stevens moved for the execution of the Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification between the Hancock County Sheriff's Department and the Federal Government. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

L1 Identity Solutions - Sheriff Shepherd would like to have an electronic finger printer for gun permits located in the Sheriff's Department. The cost for finger printing would be \$10.00 of which the Sheriff's Department will receive \$3.00. No motion is required by the Commissioners.

Maintenance Position - The Sheriff's Department is hiring a Maintenance man to cover the Sheriff's Depart. and County Offices. Commissioner Stevens felt the County should have a Maintenance Person based in the annex, that works for the County Commissioners only, funded by the Commissioners budget. For now the Sheriff's maintenance man will do work for both the Sheriff's Department and County Offices for a sixty day trial period and may request the County Council to extend the trial time to see how it works. All work orders will be sent by electronic email to the maintenance man and then forwarded to the Commissioners so they will be able to track the work done.

In The Matter of)

County Website)

Web Page Setup – IT Director Bernie Harris appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the County website options. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to appoint Commissioner Towle as a point person for the Commissioner's giving him full power over the Commissioner's recommendation on the County website. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carries 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Clerk's Office)

Maintenance Agreement - The 2011 maintenance agreement for equipment between Hancock County (Clerk's Office) and CSI-Computer Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$4,982.00. Commissioner Towle moved to enter into the agreement with CSI Computer Systems, Inc. for the calendar year 2011 in the amount of \$4,982.00. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Transfer of funds)

Commissioners - Auditor Robin Lowder appeared before the Commissioners to request authorization to transfer funds from the Dues & Subscriptions account to Meeting, Travel & Lodging account to cover \$154.00 shortfall. Commissioner Towle moved to approve the funds be transferred as stated to cover Commissioner Stevens Trip to Washington D.C. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. Commissioner Armstrong voted nay. The motion carried 2-1.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:34pm.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, President

Commissioner Derek Towle, Vice President

Commissioner Tom Stevens

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor