

**Hancock County Board of Commissioners Minutes**

**April 5, 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 was also present.

Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 8:30am.

The meeting began at 8:00am.

**In The Matter of** )

**Hancock County Highway** )

**NineStar** - Engineer Joe Copeland reported to the Commissioners that NineStar removed a stop sign and installed 15 poles without permits at 700E and 200N. NineStar is aware the County is watching them. Engineer Copeland thinks the problem has been resolved.

**Additional Appropriation** - Joe Copeland is requesting an additional \$150,000.00 appropriation. This will be a part of what has already been proposed. This puts the costs at \$1,200,000.00. Commissioner Stevens moved to approve Engineer Copeland's request to approach the County Council for a \$150,000.00 additional appropriation. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**Bridge# 145** - Joe Copeland would like to go to the State to request additional funds for the bridge project. The increase is due to the number of easements. AT&T's easement will cost \$200,000.00. Engineer Copeland informed the Commissioners, because of a new law, that he will need to go before the County Council and submit a letter to them before submitting requests to the State.

**2011 Costs** - Joe Copeland appeared before the Commissioners to submit the 2011 estimated costs. The following were presented to the Commissioners, 2011 Maintenance Costs, Single 2011 Seal Estimated Costs, 2011 Double Seal Estimated Costs and 2011 Paving Schedule including a location map. They were entered into the Commissioner's Notes.

**Dust Lay Bid** - Joe Copeland set the bid date for dust lay for May2, 2011.

**In The Matter of** )

**Hancock County Regional Water & Sewer District)**

**Recess** - Commissioner Stevens made a motion to recess the Board of Commissioners for the Hancock County Regional Water & Sewer District meeting. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**Resume** - Commissioner Stevens made a motion to resume the meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**In The Matter of     )**

**Old American Legion Demolition Quote's)**

**Demolition Quote's** - Quote's were opened for Demolition of the old American Legion building at 119 American Legion Place quotes as follows: Rininger Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$56,409.00; Anderson Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$39,450.00; Frady Excavating, in the amount of \$62,503.20; Smith Projects in the amount of \$50,800.00. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to turn the bids over to Engineer Joe Copeland for review. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Engineer Joe Copeland recommended the low bid from Anderson be disqualified due to missing form 96, bid form was not filled out, no unit form and no non-collusion form. Joe Copeland recommended Smith Projects. They did have the correct bid form and it was properly filled out. Commissioner Stevens moved to accept the bid price from Smith Projects in the amount of \$50,800.00. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Joe Copeland will file appropriate papers with the City of Greenfield.

**Steel Quote's** - Quote's were opened for steel for Bridge#110 as follows: Marcum's Welding & Steel Processing in the amount of \$128,370.20; E & H Bridge & Grating, Inc. in the amount of \$131,562.96; and CPI Supply in the amount of \$203,894.94. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to turn the bids over to Engineer Joe Copeland for review. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Engineer Joe Copeland recommends the low bid from Marcum's Welding & Steel processing. Commissioner Stevens moved to award the bid to Marcum's Welding & Steel Processing in the amount of \$128,370.20. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**In The Matter of     )**

**Planning                     )**

**Ordinance 2011-3E** - Mike Dale of the Planning Commission appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 2007-1B revising the Development Standards for Animated Signs and Changeable Copy Signs. The schools signs will be a part of this Ordinance. Commissioner Armstrong stated the school signs require a one minute duration and should be grandfathered in since they were already in existence. Commissioner Towle stated the signs need to be a five minute duration for safety of drivers. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to revise the Ordinance; Section (m) to allow previously approved non-conforming signs to continue to operate at one minute intervals, all else remains the same. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-1. Commissioner Towle voted nay.

**In The Matter of** )

**Inter-Local Agreement** )

**Review** – Attorney Dan Strahl and Prosecutor Michael Griffin appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the Inter-Local agreement between the Hancock County Sheriff’s Department and Greenfield-Central Community School Corporation. Prosecutor Griffin stated that Traffic Code violations are handled with a fine whereas Reckless Driving is a crime and enforceable on any property. There should be notice posted by sign on the school property. Mr. Griffin requested additional time due to the fact he had just received the revised Inter-Local that morning. Time was reserved on the agenda for May 17, 2011 for proposed approval of the Inter-Local Agreement.

**In The Matter of** )

**Minutes** )

**March 29, 2011 minutes** - Commissioner Towle made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 1, 2011 meeting. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Armstrong abstained.

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

**In The Matter of** )

**Attorney Fees** )

**Ray Richardson** - Mr. Richardson presented the Commissioners with Amended Letter of Engagement Condemnation Lawsuits regarding Mr. Richardson’s fees. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of the Amended Letter for Engagement Condemnation Lawsuits dated March 1, 2011. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**In The Matter of** )

**Prosecutor’s Office** )

**Painting of Investigator’s Office** - The prosecutor’s office has requested painting of the investigator’s office. They suggested Community Corrections could do the painting. Commissioner Towle made a motion to have the investigator’s office painted and to have it done by Community Corrections. The paint and supplies are to be funded from the Commissioner’s budget. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

**In The Matter of** )

**Arrow Tool Rental** )

**Credit Application** - The Highway Department is requesting a charge account with Arrow Tool Rental Corporation. Commissioner Stevens moved to authorize the President of the Board of Commissioner’s to sign the charge account application for the Highway with Arrow Tool Rental Corporation. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**In The Matter of**     )

**Hancock County Regional Water & Sewer District)**

**Recess** - Commissioner Towle made a motion to recess the Board of Commissioners for the Hancock County Regional Water & Sewer District meeting. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**Resume** - Commissioner Armstrong reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10am.

The recording stopped at 10:10am.

Hancock County Commissioners

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Commissioner Brad Armstrong, President

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Commissioner Derek Towle, Vice President

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Commissioner Tom Stevens

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Robin D. Lowder  
Hancock County Auditor