

Hancock County Board of Commissioners Minutes

June 21, 2011

Commissioners met in regular session. Those present were Commissioner Brad Armstrong, President and Commissioner Tom Stevens. Auditor Robin D. Lowder was also present.

Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 8:30am.

The meeting began at 8:01am.

In The Matter of)

Hancock County Highway)

Engineer Joe Copeland appeared before the Commissioners to present the following:

Culvert – Surveyor Susan Bodkin appeared with Joe Copeland to request approval for acquisition of land to relocate the culvert at 700W and 300S. The price of the property was figured at approximately \$7,621.00 per acre totaling \$12,193.60. Commissioner Stevens informed Susan Bodkin and Joe Copeland that the price should be reduced to \$1.00 for the property under pavement and then pay on the balance of the property. Commissioner Stevens moved to proceed with the land acquisition at \$7,621.00 per acre. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Salt Bid - The Commissioners were informed that the state price for salt is up from last year by 3.4%. \$63.80 for 2010 and \$65.95 for 2011.

Speeding - A gentleman called the Highway Department to complain about speed on 50E between 600N and 700N. The Highway did a study and determined the average speed for the morning is 48mph and the average speed for evening is 50mph. The state recommended speed is 40mph. Commissioner Stevens moved to set the 40mph speed limit on 50E between 600N and 700N. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carries 2-0.

Interlocal Agreement - The interlocal agreement between the Town Council of the Town of New Palestine, Indiana and the Hancock County Council and the Hancock County Commissioners for improvements to County Road 450W from 300S to the South Town limits in Hancock County. Commissioner Stevens moved for approval of the Interlocal Agreement between the Town Council of the Town of New Palestine, Indiana and the Hancock County Council and the Hancock County Commissioners for the purpose of paving. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Quote Date - the Quote date for pipe slip line job on 500W North of US 52 is set for July 19, 2011 at 8:00am.

Change Order #10 - for contract No. R-29648 which changes the time for the Wet Lands completion date originally set for June 10, 2009 and moved to July 31, 2010. There is no cost for this change order. Commissioner Stevens moved for approval of the change order #10 on contract No. R-29648. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Change Order #11 - for Contract No. R-29648 which changes the Quantity on line items. The adjustment for this change order is -\$202,131.25. Commissioner Stevens moved for approval of the change order #10 on contract No. R-29648. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Release of Permit Bond - Larry Bowmer appeared before the Commissioners to request approval for release of a Permit Bond to J.C. Ripberger Construction Corp. in the amount of \$20,000.00 for installation of C900 gravity sanitary sewer and sanitary force main along CR600W. Commissioner Stevens moved approval for release of the Permit Bond #929508451 in the amount of \$20,000.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

ADA Ramps - Two quotes were presented for installation of ADA Ramps in Stansbury Addition. Smith Projects quoted \$1,145.00 per ramp with a total for 5 ramps of \$5,725.00; Roland Concrete Construction quoted \$1,200.00 per ramp with a total for 5 ramps of \$6,000.00. Joe Copeland recommends Smith Projects. Commissioner Stevens moved to approve Smith Projects to install a total of 5 ADA Ramps in Stansbury in an amount not to exceed \$5,725.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

In The Matter of)

Minutes)

June 7, 2011 minutes - Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 7, 2011 meeting. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Claims - Commissioner Armstrong and Commissioner Stevens signed claims as presented to them.

In The Matter of)

Visitor's Bureau)

Bus Contracts - Sara Wolf appeared before the Commissioners on behalf of the Visitor's Bureau concerned because an \$800.00 deposit was required for the Super Bowl 2012 bus contract. The Commissioners stated there currently was not a Tourism Commission. Commissioner Armstrong stated the Commissioners intended to have a Tourism Commission appointed within the next two weeks. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to strongly urge the County Council to move forward in the Tourism Commission Budget process. He also motioned he would strongly urge the Tourism Commission to move forward in assisting the process of securing the contract for shuttle buses for the 2012 Super Bowl. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

In The Matter of)

Health Department)

Septic Systems - Dr. Haas appeared before the Commissioners to update them on the standing of the Health Department. Dr. Haas informed the Commissioners that the state has new septic requirements as follow: 1) all tanks must have filters and 2) new perimeter drain of 36 inches (changed from 24 inches). Commissioner Stevens introduced Ordinance 2011-6A revising the standards for septic field's installation.

In The Matter of)

E-911)

New Hire - Connie Hoy appeared before the Commissioners requesting approval for a new hire. The E-911 board has already approved Dillon Silver for the position of dispatcher. Commissioner Stevens moved to approve the hiring of Dillon Silver based on the recommendation of the E-911 Board for position of dispatcher. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Fire Suppression System - Attorney Ray Richardson reviewed the information on the contract with Koorsen Fire & Security, Inc and the recommended changes were made to the contract. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to enter into the agreement as amended by Attorney Ray Richardson with Koorsen Fire & Security, Inc. for installation in an amount not to exceed \$18,632.45 and for the annual service fee in an amount not to exceed \$997.50. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Hardware System Key Agreement - Ms. Hoy presented the agreement to the Commissioners for approval. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of the Hardware System Key Agreement for the project Hoosier SAFE-t 900 MHZ statewide voice radio system. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

In The Matter of)

Visitor's Bureau)

Update - David Scott of the Visitor's Bureau appeared before the Commissioners with an update of the projects they are working on and also to give the Commissioners an overview of the finances for the Visitor's Bureau both in the past and plans for the future.

In The Matter of)

Redistricting and)

Vote Centers)

Clerk Marcia Moore-Appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the information she had received from the State of Indiana in regard to Redistricting and Vote Centers. The Commissioners voiced their interest in both subjects and expressed interest in following up on additional information. In regard to precincts, Clerk Moore informed them they would be notified by the State and would have 30 days to respond. She suggested they need to reject the State's precinct file to give the county more time or the State would make the decisions for the county.

In The Matter of)

Recess of the Board of Commissioner's)

Recess - At 10:17am, Commissioner Stevens made a motion to recess the Board of Commissioner's meeting for purpose of the meeting for the Regional Water & Sewer District. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carries 2-0.

Reconvene - at 10:28 Commissioner Armstrong reconvenes the Board of Commissioner's meeting.

In The Matter of)

Planning Department)

Sign Ordinance - Mike Dale of the Planning Department appeared before the Commissioners to introduce Joannie Fitzwater from the City of Greenfield to speak with the Commissioners in regards to the sign ordinance. Ms. Fitzwater discussed the City of Greenfield's process and the information they had when making their decision to have a five minute interval on sign changes. The City of Greenfield is requesting the Commissioners amend the Sign Ordinance to a five minute change intervals on signs or set a buffer zone around the City of Greenfield that would require the five minute interval. Commissioner Stevens stated he was not really in favor of a buffer zone. Commissioner Stevens made a motion that the request for five minute intervals for signs and/or a buffer around the City of Greenfield go back to the Planning Department for recommendation if the Ordinance should stay as is or be amended. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

In The Matter of)

Hoosier for Conservative Senate)

Rally - Janet Smith appeared before the Commissioners to request permission to use the area south of the Courthouse for a Rally after the Hoosier for Conservative Senate State Caucus on September 24, 2011 at 12:00pm. Commissioner Stevens moved to allow the assembly to take place on September 24, 2011 in the afternoon on the Courthouse lawns ending by 4:00pm with clean up done after the rally. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

In The Matter of)

Public Question)

Steve Shambaugh - appeared before the Commissioners with a question about the Weed Specialist's part-time rate of pay and inquired if it and the Weights and Measures position had been advertised. Commissioner Armstrong stated the two positions were combined to save the County the expense by having one employee do two jobs.

In The Matter of)

Solid Waste)

Interlocal Agreement - The interlocal agreement between Purdue University and Hancock County was presented to the Commissioners for signatures. The agreement extends the original agreement from July 1, 2010 to June 20, 2012. Commissioner Stevens moved to approve Amendment #1 to the Agreement with Purdue University and Hancock County extending the original agreement from July 1, 2010 to June 20, 2012. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

The following are “Action Items” addressed by the County Commissioners:

Action items being, 1) Nepotism Ordinance, 2) Full Time Employee and 3) Amend Prohibition of Deadly Weapons, none of which the Board of Commissioner’s is prepared to act upon without a full Board.

County Assessor, Mary Noe has requested a credit card for use during reassessment to cover car rental for employees that travel doing the reassessment. The credit card would have a \$1,000.00 limit. Commissioner Stevens stated that he very much appreciated Ms. Noe’s informing the Board of Commissioner’s and they have no problem with her request.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47pm.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, President

Commissioner Derek Towle, Vice President

Commissioner Tom Stevens

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor