

Hancock County Board of Commissioners Minutes

March 1, 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 8:22 AM.

The recording began at 8:00 AM.

In The Matter of)

Hancock County Highway)

Bid Date - The Bid date was set for Bridge 110 located on 300S east of 600E. The bid date is April 19, 2011 at 9:30 AM.

Load Limits - Two bridges, #62 and #61 have load limits placed on them. Bridge #62 on 300N east of 200W, will need to be replaced. Bridge #61 on 200N east of 200W can have the super structure replaced to get the load limit off. United says the sub-structure is alright if the super structure is replaced, the deck and beams would have twenty plus years. United will do the design on the deck and put bid documents together. We will need a Regulatory DNR Permit and a survey for the permit. The cost was not figured into the Highway budget and Engineer Joe Copeland stated he will be changing priorities to fund the bridge. The Commissioners encouraged Mr. Copeland to move ahead with the work on the bridges. However, the Commissioners ask that both bridges not be closed at the same time.

Bridge Inspection Report - Joe Copeland presented the Bridge Inventory Report to the Commissioners for signatures. Commissioner Towle moved to sign the cover letter on the Bridge Inspection Report. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Old Legion Building - The draft specifications for Demolition of Structure of the Old American Legion building and out building was presented to the Commissioners. An Improvement Location permit from the City of Greenfield will be required. There will be no cost for the permit. Quotes will be opened April 4, 2011. The Commissioners instruct Joe Copeland to advertise for proposals to complete the work.

Wheel Excavator Bids - Bids were opened at 8:30am. There were two bids, one from McAlister Machinery in the amount of \$255,781.43 and one from Westside Tractor Sales in the amount of \$227,100.00. Joe Copeland recommends the low bid for a 2011 John Deere Wheeled Excavator with a five year payment plan, with trade in. Joe Copeland also recommends the grapple be added to the purchase and included in the five year payment plan. Commissioner Towle made a motion to accept the low bid from Westside Tractor Sales in the amount of \$227,100.00 for a five year payment plan, with the addition of the grapple with associated linkage for \$3,380.40 on the five year payment plan. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Fire Damaged House)

Concerns - Gary Sword and Cindy Sword appeared before the Commissioners to express their desire to tear down the fire damaged house located at 2372 West U.S. 40. They would like a letter from the Commissioners instructing them that the house must be torn down. The letter is to satisfy the Mortgage Company that currently has a mortgage against the property. Mr. And Mrs. Sword expressed concerns as to the rights of the Mortgage Company. Attorney Ray Richardson stated he will prepare the requested letter and also send a copy to the Mortgage Company. Gary and Cindy Sword will need to address their concerns about the mortgage with the mortgage company.

In The Matter of)

American Bloom)

Greenfield Bloom Committee - Ed Veenhuizen and Mitch Pendlum appeared before the Commissioners to present their plans to place planters along the street, Courthouse Plaza, Courthouse and Courthouse Annex. This has been a tradition for several years. They requested a donation from the Commissioners for the work being done. Commissioner Stevens moved that we cooperate with this effort and make a donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 to American Bloom. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In the Matter of)

Greenfield-Hancock Animal Management)

Animal Control - Greenfield Mayor Brad DeReamer appeared with Jeff Leffel, Director of the Greenfield-Hancock Animal Management to present the current status of the Department. Mr. Leffel stated that the department has reduced euthanasia by 50% and reviewed other improvements to the department.

In The Matter of)

Riley Festival)

Request - Tom Billings, Riley Festival President, appeared before the Commissioners to request use of the Courthouse lawn, access to the Memorial Building, and use of water spickets on County property for the 2011 Riley Days, October 6-9th. Commissioner Towle moved to allow use of the Courthouse lawn, access to the Memorial Building and water spickets on County property for Riley Days 2011 on October 6-9th. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

County Farm Bureau Board)

Concerns - Tom Roney, chairman of Local Affairs for the Farm Bureau Board, appeared before the Commissioners to express the concerns about conditions in the County such as roads, weight limits, drainage, utilities, protect the right to farm, zoning, fairground funds and many other county issues. Mr. Roney would like to set down with the Commissioners and County Council to discuss these topics. The Commissioners agreed to schedule a time to meet with the Farm Bureau Board.

In The Matter of)

Planning Commission)

Annual Report - Mike Dale, Executive Director of the Hancock County Planning Commission appeared before the Commissioners to present the 2010 Annual Report of the Planning Commission. Mike Dale summarized the annual report for the Commissioners.

Permit Fees - Mike Dale has received a request from a builder to waive the permit fee for construction resulting from the recent storm. Commissioner Towle declined stating that the storm damage in 2008, when fees were waived before, was much more severe and there was a higher volume of people in need of repairs. The Commissioners agreed.

In The Matter of)

Revision to Comprehensive Thoroughfare Plan Map)

Mt. Comfort Road Corridor)

McCordsville - Commissioner Stevens gave an update on his meeting with Tonya Galbraith and Tom Strayer of the McCordsville Town Council. In January the council passed the Comprehensive Thoroughfare Plan which allows for the realignment of Mt. Comfort Road. The McCordsville Council favored the Alternative route, BDC. The revision of the Thoroughfare Plan Map to BDC will be addressed at the next meeting of the Planning Committee. Commissioner Stevens moved to request the planning Committee consider an amendment to the Comprehensive Thoroughfare Plan Map, which would include realignment of Mt. Comfort Road to the BDC alignment. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Deadly Weapons Prohibited in County Structures)

Ordinance)

Introduction - Commissioner Stevens introduced Ordinance No. 2011-3A, An Ordinance Amending Prohibiting Deadly Weapons in County Structures. This Ordinance is amended to include Judges, County Commissioners and County Council members as exceptions. Commissioner Towle agrees with the Amended Ordinance as stated with no additions.

In The Matter Of)

Sheriff's Department)

Flags - Sheriff Shepherd presented Hancock County flags provided by the Hancock County Community Foundation to the Commissioners for the Courthouse and the Courthouse Annex.

Car Surplus - The Sheriff's Department sold surplus cars for \$13,300.00. Attorney Ray Richardson informed the Sheriff's Department that the money is not available for their use because it goes into the County General Fund, per Department of Local Government Finance guidelines.

Military Vehicle - The vehicle needs to be declared surplus, if Hancock County holds the title. Commissioner Stevens made a motion, if we are the title holders of the Military Vehicle, we will declare it surplus and turn it over to SRI. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carries 3-0.

Jail Surplus - General items from the jail need to be disposed of. Clothing will need to be disposed of in a way such as shredding to insure they are destroyed. Commissioner Towle moved that non-usable items from the jail be disposed of in a proper way and the uniforms be shredded, then disposed of to keep out of the general public. Anything of value should be declared surplus. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Employee Assistance Program - Funds for the Employee Assistance Program were applied for through a Grant with NASA. The grant will cover the first year coverage. Next year bids will need to be taken.

State Bid on Cars - Cars purchased from the State Bid must be from the dealer with the State bid. No trade-ins are allowed and the purchase can be done without advertising, per Attorney Ray Richardson.

Conference - Sheriff Shepherd would like to send four staff members to the Ohio American Jail Conference. The estimated cost will be \$2,400.00 for four days of classes. Commissioner Stevens moved to authorize the out of state travel for four members of the Sheriff's Department to go to the Ohio American Jail Conference for training. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of)

Minutes)

February 15, 2011 minutes - Commissioner Towle made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2011 meeting. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

February 22, 2011 minutes - Commissioner Towle made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2011 Executive Session Meeting. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

February 22, 2011 minutes - Commissioner Towle made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2011 meeting. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38am.

The recording stopped at 11:38am.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, President

Commissioner Derek Towle, Vice President

Commissioner Tom Stevens

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor