

Hancock County Board of Commissioners Minutes

May 17, 2011

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

The meeting began at 8:00 a.m.

Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 8:30 a.m.

In The Matter of)

Hancock County Highway)

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

Change Order #9 - for Contract No: R-39648 with Indiana Department of Transportation in the amount of \$49,374.50 for pipe grouting. The County's part is \$9,874.91. Also an issue with asphalt on 575 E from 550 S to 600 S. The state agrees to pay 80% of this repair. It was a sub-surface failure. Commissioner Stevens moved to approve Change Order #9 for Contract No: R-39648 for the 600 E project in an amount not to exceed \$49,374.52. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

LPA Consulting Contract - by and between Hancock County, Indiana and DLZ Indiana, LLC for intersection improvement at Fortville Pike and 300 N in an amount of \$64,770.00. Commissioner Stevens moved to approve the LPA-Consulting Contract with DLZ for construction of the Fortville Pike Project in an amount not to exceed \$64,770.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Demolition - of the American Legion Building is complete. The total figure is \$56,714.05 which is \$5,914.05 over the bid amount of \$50,800.00. The budgeted amount was \$50,000.00. There were two change orders, the first was for \$4,651.05 to cover the additional quantity of stone and the second was for \$1,519.70 for taking out concrete, repairing storm sewer and adjustment for reuse of existing material.

Commissioner Stevens moved for approval of Change Order #1 in the amount of \$4,651.05. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Stevens moved for approval of Change Order #2 in the amount of \$1,519.70. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Stevens made a motion for approval of payment to Smith Projects in the amount of \$50,000.00 and an additional \$6,714.05 for the overages for completion of the demolition of the American Legion Project for a total of \$56,714.05. This is to be contingent upon re-appropriation of the E-911 Bond funds by the County Council.

Application - for 2011 Group IV Application for Federal Aid is due by Friday, May 20, 2011. The funds are to purchase right-of-way for 600W, section A and 300N, section G, part of the Mt. Comfort expansion. Federal funds in the amount of \$2,000,000.00. Commissioner Stevens moved to approve the execution of the 2011 Group IV Application for Federal Aid for the amount of \$2,000,000.00 for 600W, section A and 300N section G project. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Annual Report - 2010 Highway Operating Report, State form #54400 was presented to the Commissioners. Commissioner Stevens moved to approve the 2010 Highway Operating Report State Form #54400. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Culvert –The 700W and 300 S culvert project. County Engineer requested approval to proceed with purchasing of right-of-way for this project. The right-of way consists of two parcels. Commissioner Stevens moved for approval to proceed with land acquisition for right-of-way for culvert project at 700W and 300S. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Animal Control - the Highway Department took a dead animal to animal control to be properly disposed of and was told not to bring any more. Commissioner Stevens asked for official notification from animal control if they are not willing to take the dead animals anymore. He also asked they clarify the policy for deer.

Weed Specialist - The Highway Department requested approval to hire a part time weed technician for summer only. Commissioner Stevens moved to authorize the Highway Department to proceed with hiring a part time summer employee as a Weed Technician subject to the approval of the Weed Board. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

In The Matter of)

Community Corrections)

Grant - Pat Powers appeared before the Commissioners to request execution of a Grant Agreement with the Indiana Department of Corrections in the amount of \$317,888.00. Commissioner Stevens moved to enter into the Grant Agreement. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Home Detention - Mr. Powers presented for approval, a contract to the Commissioners for new monitor equipment for Community Corrections. The cost is in Community Correction's current budget and will be a 48 month contract at \$10,771.59 per month. Attorney Ray Richardson to review the contract and report at the May 31, 2011 Commissioner's meeting.

In The Matter of)

County Health Department)

Immunizations - Dr. Haas appeared before the Commissioners to request approval to increase charges for immunizations for 2011. The Health Department will also now require individuals with insurance to use it as long as immunizations are covered under their policy. The new policies will begin July 1, 2011. Commissioner Stevens moved for approval of the fee schedule for Adult immunizations to begin July 1, 2011. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Armstrong suggested they have individuals sign a form stating they do not have insurance per the County Safety Committee.

Public Pools - the public pools need to be tested weekly. Dr. Haas would like to have an Ordinance prepared to be able to fine those that do not comply. Commissioner Stevens suggested Dr. Haas get with their attorney to prepare the Ordinance.

Generator - Dr. Haas informed the Commissioners that they are looking into purchasing a generator for the refrigerators that contain vaccines. There are thousands of dollars worth of vaccines in the refrigerators. At this time they are still looking for a generator to suit their needs.

In The Matter of)

County Health Insurance)

Claims Report - Kevin Mandrell appeared before the Commissioners to review the claims for the first quarter. The total claims are \$515,000.00 which is under the projected cost by approximately \$125,000.00.

In The Matter of)

Pennsy Trail)

Sugar Creek Pennsy Trail - Jeff Sheridan of the Town of Cumberland and Larry Lindley, New Palestine resident appeared before the Commissioners to ask for \$1,000.00 to match Cumberland's contribution to assist in beginning the grant process to install a continuation of the Pennsy Trail from 150W to 600W/Cumberland. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to support the Sugar Creek Pennsy Trail committee to request approval from the Council to contributing \$1,000.00 towards the grant process. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Stevens request the Sugar Creek Pennsy Trail committee ask the Planning Committee to consider including in the Master Plan the Pennsy Trail from 150W. to 600 W. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

In The Matter of)

Minutes)

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

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

In The Matter of)

Annual Budgets)

Emergency Management- Larry Ervin appeared before the Commissioners to present the 2012 proposed budget. There were no changes from last year.

NASA - Debbie Spangler appeared before the Commissioners to present the 2012 proposed budget. There were no changes from last year.

Veterans Service - Joe Carroll appeared before the Commissioners to present the 2012 proposed budget. There were no changes from last year.

In The Matter of)

Senior Services)

Vouchers - Linda Hart appeared before the Commissioners to present two vouchers for approval.

The first being an Accounts Payable Voucher to ARRA Equipment Incidentals for fare boxes for vehicles at a cost of \$2,784.00. Commissioner Stevens moved to approve the execution of the voucher to ARRA Equipment Incidentals in the amount of \$2,784.50. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

The second being an Accounts Payable Voucher to ARRA for the purchase of 1 OptiPlex 780 Minitower computers at a cost of \$1,438.76 each and a total of \$2,877.52. Commissioner Stevens moved to approve the execution of the voucher to ARRA in the amount of \$2,877.52. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

New Building - Senior Services has received a grant from the Lilly Endowment for a match of \$700,000.00 to construct a new facility. Senior Services has already raised \$240,000.00 and are requesting \$20,000.00 from the County. Ms. Hart stated the Senior Services put approximately \$650,000.00 back into the community. The Commissioners informed Ms. Hart that approval for the request would have to come from the Council. Commissioner Armstrong agrees to speak to Council about the request for funds. Linda Hart will also appear before the Council at the July 13, 2011 Council meeting.

Budget - Linda Hart appeared before the Commissioners to present the 2012 proposed budget. There were no changes from last year

In The Matter of)

Annual Budgets)

Cemetery Commission - Nancy Leach appeared before the Commissioners to present the 2012 proposed budget. There were no changes from last year

4-H Ag-Association - will appear at the May 31, 2011 Commissioners meeting to present their annual budget.

Public Defender - John Apple appeared before the Commissioners to present the 2012 proposed budget. There were generally no changes from last year. However, Felony and Misdemeanor is a little less than last year.

Historical Society - Bridgett Jones appeared before the Commissioners to present an over view of what has been done in the past year and to present the 2012 proposed budget. There were no changes from last year

Economic Development - Connie Schmidt appeared before the Commissioners to present the 2012 proposed budget. There were no changes from last year

In The Matter of)

Prosecutors Office)

Roof Project - Commissioner Stevens moved approval of the contract with High Definition, Inc.'s estimate for a not to exceed \$9,810.00 for replacement of the flat roof and repair of two windows on the Prosecutor's Office Building. This is subject to attorney approval of the 15 year warranty of material and labor. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

In The Matter of)

Courthouse)

Termites - The Commissioners have a quote for treatment of termites at the courthouse. However, they would like a second opinion as to if there are termites and the cost for treatment.

In The Matter Of)

School Report)

Annual Report - Annual Report presented to the Commissioners for approval. Commissioner Stevens moved to approve the Report of the Superintendent of School for the year ending April 30, 2011. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:09pm.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, President

Commissioner Derek Towle, Vice President

Commissioner Tom Stevens

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor