

## Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

May 19, 2015

Commissioners met in regular session. Those present were Commissioner Brad Armstrong, President, Commissioner Tom Stevens, Vice President and Commissioner Marc Huber.

Auditor Robin D. Lowder and Deputy Auditor Emily Moore were also present.

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's meeting began at 8:00 a.m.

Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 8:25 a.m.

### Highway Department

County Engineer Gary Pool appeared before the Hancock County Board of Commissioners to discuss:

**Ordinance No.2015-5D-** Commissioner Stevens introduced Ordinance No. 2015-5D an Ordinance amending speed and parking requirements. Commissioner Stevens moved to authorize adoption on the same day of introduction. Commissioner Huber seconded. Motion carried 3/0. Commissioner Stevens moved to adopt Ordinance 2015-5D. Commissioner Huber seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

**Bridge 16-** County Engineer requested the contract with Beam Longest & Neff for Professional Services be signed. (Bridge 16 design/1000N E of SR 109) Commissioner Stevens moved to approve and sign contract with Beam Longest & Neff for an amount not to exceed \$131,100. Commissioner Huber seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

**Additional Damaged Roadways-** 700 N from 400 E to 600 E and 400 E from 600 N to 650 N were added to be re-crowned and double sealed. These were two unexpected, additional roadways that took a bad turn this winter and are in need of repair. Also, the County Engineer wanted the Commissioners to know that he is nearing the edge of his budget for roadway repairs.

**Pipe Surplus-** County Engineer requests that a 6' x 32" piece of pipe be declared surplus. He does have a farmer who would like to purchase. Commissioner Huber motioned that the 6' x 32" piece of pipe be declared surplus. Commissioner Stevens seconded motion. Motion carried 3/0.

**Herron Creek-** They received bond funds and hope to do the work in next few weeks. Baumgartner will complete the work after school is out and when dry conditions are present. They expect it to be a three week project if the weather permits.

**Grey Hawk Woods Paving and Sidewalks-** Steve Reilly will complete the paving.

**Water Tank Bid-** RDC bid packet for assembly for a 300 gallon water tank will be advertised May 21, 2015.

**Tractor Accident-** On May 15, 2015, John Whisler hit a piece of steel, while mowing, and flipped the tractor over into the ditch. He is doing well at this time. The tractor is damaged. The County Engineer is working with the insurance company on this matter. He will then decide if he will purchase a new mower through a bid process or purchase at an auction. (3 hitch/mid-mount approximately \$80 - \$90 thousand) County Engineer may need to contract out our mowing until this situation is cleared up.

**Lawsuit-** Philip Jones lawsuit has been dismissed. (400 W 200 N)

**Auction-** County Engineer stated that he has some older, excess equipment he would like to auction off. The Commissioners said to prepare a list of surplus equipment and bring it before them, they would then declare it surplus so he could then auction it off.

**County Parking Lots-** Dave Butler wanted to reiterate that the sealcoating will be done in the County Lots on May 20, and May 22, 2015.

**Recess-** At 8:30a.m. Commissioner Stevens moved to recess Hancock County Commissioners meeting for a Public Hearing. Commissioner Huber seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

#### **Public Hearing (Authority for the Unsafe Building Law**

**Reconvene-** At 8:45a.m. Commissioner Stevens reconvened the meeting of the Hancock County Commissioners.

#### **Transit Operating Funds**

**Senior Services-** Linda Hart from Senior Services met with the Commissioners to ask for signatures on the application for finances that she is submitting to the Department of Transportation. She also asked that it be approved for any individual Commissioner be able to sign for her if there are any clerical errors found in the application. Commissioner Stevens motioned that authorization be allowed for any individual Commissioner to sign for any clerical error made on the application. Commissioner Huber seconded. Motion carried 3/0. Commissioner Stevens motioned that the Commissioners act as pass through for monies for Public Transportation. Commissioner Huber seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

#### **Gallahue Annual Report/Social Services**

**Gallahue Annual Report-** Matt Oliver, Allison Bordeaux, and Dottie Gullion represented Gallahue when presenting the annual report. A discussion on the services they offered this past year and the finances that it took to offer them was presented. They also discussed adding additional therapists, having walk-in clinics, and the need for offering services in the local schools.

## **Planning Department**

**Leonard Stark Trust-** Mr. Morelock appeared before the Commissioners to discuss how to enforce the County Code in compliance with the court order. He also requested permission to obtain estimates to bring the property at 7170 N 200 in compliance with those codes. He produced documentation and records for all attempts made at trying to complete this code compliance issue. County Commissioners are in agreement with Mr. Morelock about him obtaining estimates to bring the property into compliance with the County Codes.

**Ordinance No. 2015-5F** - An Ordinance amending Hancock County Zoning Ordinance No. 2007-1B amending title XV, chapter 156, zoning of the Hancock County Code of Ordinances. Commissioner Huber moved adoption of Kelly Rezone Ordinance No. 2015-5F. Commissioner Stevens seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

**Ordinance No. 2015-5G**- An Ordinance amending Hancock County Zoning Ordinance No. 2007-1B amending title XV, chapter 156, zoning of the Hancock County Code of Ordinances. Mr. Bellay served as representative for Whelchel, Patineau, and McElhiney. Commissioner Huber moved adoption of Whelchel, Patineau, & McElhiney Rezone Ordinance No. 2015-5G. Commissioner Stevens seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

**Ordinance No. 2015-5H**- Agribusiness – A Zoning Ordinance Establishing, Regulating and Redefining Agribusiness Type 1 & Type 2 for Hancock County. Commissioner Huber moved adoption of Ordinance No. 2015-5H. Commissioner Stevens seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

## **Minor Sub/Signatures**

**Low Minor Sub-** Harold Gibson appeared before the Commissioners to request signatures on a plat for Low Estate Minor Sub with a 35' dedicated ½ right of way. Commissioner Stevens moved acceptance of 35' dedicated ½ right of way. Commissioner Huber seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

**Esche Minor Sub-** Harold Gibson appeared before the Commissioners to request signatures on a plat for Esche Minor Sub with a 35' dedicated ½ right of way. Commissioner Stevens moved acceptance of 35' dedicated ½ right of way. Commissioner Huber seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

## **IT Department**

**Network Storage Signatures-** Bernie Harris **will not** be asking for signatures today so that he has more time to explore different devices that would mean considerable savings for the County.

**Signature on Budget-** Bernie Harris requested signatures for the contract with Data Strategy for an amount of \$4,412.80. Commissioner Huber approved signatures on contract for Data Strategy for an amount not to exceed \$4,412.80. Commissioner Stevens seconded motion. Motion carried 3/0.

**Website-** Bernie Harris requested permission to look into C G & I Video for a mini tourism video to add to our Website. Commissioners agreed to allow Mr. Harris to look into the facts and benefits of this project.

**Rain/Water Damage-** Commissioners were presented with a claim for \$5,600 for rain/water damage at the Courthouse.

### **Building**

**Codes-** Scott Williams requested clarification from the Commissioners on following our codes or mirroring the State Codes. He was concerned mainly about the 5' to 4' fence height change around pools with the State Code change in 2011. The Commissioners want our code to mirror State Law and for the Building Inspector to change our forms to match State Code of 4'. Also, the Building Inspector wanted to know the thoughts of the Commissioners on having 2 or 3 inspections for decks. After a discussion, the Commissioners decided to leave it up to the discretion of the Building Inspector.

### **Action Items**

**Claims and Payroll-** Commissioner Stevens moved approval of the claims and payroll as presented. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

**Minutes-** Commissioner Stevens moved approval of the minutes for the May 4, 2015 meeting of the Hancock County Board of Commissioners as presented. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. Motion carried 2/0. Commissioner Huber abstained.

**Executive Minutes-** Commissioner Stevens moved approval of the minutes for the May 13, 2015 meeting of the Hancock County Board of Commissioners Executive Session as presented. Commissioner Huber seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

**Job Descriptions-** Commissioners are still in need of job descriptions from certain departments in the County for their review. (Building, E-911, Highway, Weights & Measures, EMA, IT, Tourism, and Veterans)

**McCordsville Annexation-** The Commissioners will be requesting a meeting with the Town of McCordsville to discuss the request of town annexation and their future annexation plans having to do with that. A possible date for that meeting is June 9, 2015. Later in the meeting, it was stated that the next Hancock County Commissioners meeting on June 9, 2015 would be recessed so the Commissioners can attend a Town Hall Meeting with the Town of McCordsville at 5:30 p.m.

**Ordinance No. 2015-5E-** Commissioner Stevens introduced Ordinance No. 2015-5E an Ordinance establishing the national highway traffic safety administration Operation Centipede Fund. Commissioner Stevens moved to authorize adoption on the same day of introduction. Commissioner Huber seconded motion. Motion carried 3/0. Commissioner Stevens moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-5E. Commissioner Huber seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

**Memorandum of Understanding between Purdue University and Hancock County-** Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept the MOU between Purdue University and Hancock County for Solid Waste. Commissioner Stevens seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

**Bonds-** Commissioners requested Resolution for issuing a Bond up to \$2,000,000 for maintenance of existing county buildings for next meeting. Public Comment: John Priore asked if the Commissioners would announce a time that this matter would be discussed at the next meeting. He also stated that he believes he can prove Bonding may not be necessary. Commissioners stated that they would announce a time, but that it wouldn't be a public hearing. The public hearing would come later.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

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Commissioner Brad Armstrong, President

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Commissioner Tom Stevens, Vice President

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Commissioner Marc Huber

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Robin D. Lowder  
Hancock County Auditor