

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

June 30, 2015

Commissioners met in regular session. Those present were Commissioner Brad Armstrong, President and Commissioner Marc Huber. Commissioner Tom Stevens, Vice President was absent. Deputy Auditor Emily R. Moore and Bookkeeper Ginny Martin were also present. Auditor Robin D. Lowder was absent.

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

Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 8:23 a.m.

Highway Department

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

Forestry Head- County Engineer Gary Pool stated that the new Forestry Head has been delivered and in use for about two weeks. The new Forestry Head is about three times faster and has reduced labor by about half.

Letter of Support- County Engineer Gary Pool requested permission to solicit a letter of support for 600 W corridor. (submitting for Federal Funding in October) After some discussion the Commissioners decided that the County Engineer could draft a letter of support to be sent to Attorney Ray Richardson for approval from the legal department. At that time, the Commissioners will decide whether to move forward with the letter.

Osman Drive- County Engineer stated that repair on Osman Drive has been delayed due to rain. He wants the repairs to be done under dry conditions. At this time, the County Engineer's plan is for repair to be completed after July 6, 2015. (weather permitting)

ADA vision impaired child- County Engineer Gary Pool requested guidance from the Commissioners and Attorney Ray Richardson about putting signage in the area of 4281 W Summer Haven Drive for a vision impaired child zone. He has requested the homeowner, Janet Niedort, provide proof of residency for the child (moved in Nov. 2014) and proof of disability before he proceeds with putting signs up. After he receives the two pieces of proof the Commissioners agreed for him to proceed with the signage.

Paving- Paving is on schedule.

Patching- At this time, patching is behind schedule by two weeks because of inclement weather.

Tractor Re-imburement- County Engineer Gary Pool discussed the tractor accident on May 15, 2015. The insurance has totaled out the tractor. \$18,666 for tractor, \$4,875 for mower, \$1,600 for tow, minus \$2,500 deductible= \$22,641. Our reimbursement check was for \$22,641 and made it over to us 6-29-15. The new tractor has been ordered and is on the way. The employee that was hurt in this accident goes next week for his last medical check-up to see if he can return to work. Engineer Gary Pool stated that he and the employee, John Whisler, have had a conversation about future safety.

Schildmeier Woods- A discussion was had about a property owner draining their pool out onto the public road and how it's making the road deteriorate. Commissioners would like County Engineer Gary Pool to speak with the property owner about this.

Road Naming- County Engineer Gary Pool spoke with the Commissioners about the naming of a road near Bridge 114. He stated that the name is slated to be CR 310 E unless the Commissioners support Herb Brown in his request of naming the road "Judy-Jo Lane". Herb Brown then appeared before the Commissioners to request that they allow him to name the road "Judy-Jo Lane" after his late and current wives. He went on to give the reasons he felt that this road should be named after these two women. Commissioners asked if he had letters from the other two homeowners stating that they are in agreement with this road naming. Mr. Brown said that he does not have the letters. He feels that he would be able to get a letter from one of the property owners (Jones) but asked if the Commissioners could contact the other property owners (Brooks) because of a personal issue with them. Commissioners stated they would contact the property owners. This issue has been tabled for now.

Annexation of the Airport- A discussion was had about McCordsville Annexation. Also, Ray Richardson stated that he will be meeting with Attorney Gregg Morelock to discuss the McCordsville Annexation today.

Hancock County Transit/Senior Services

Notification of Deobligation of Transit Grant Funds- Linda Hart from Hancock County Senior Services appeared before the Commissioners to request signatures for a Grant Close Out and Deobligation agreement for our completed 2014 Operating Grant 18032560. This agreement will close out the contract, prior to an audit. The DOT will deobligate \$11,784 in Federal Transit Administration Funds (Section 18) and \$0 in State Public Mass Transportation Funds from project # 18032560. Commissioner Huber motion to accept deobligation of funds for \$11,784 for DOT funds. Commissioner Armstrong seconded. Motion carried 2/0.

Sheriff's Department

Proactive Criminal Enforcement Team/PACE- Sheriff Mike Shepherd, Major Brad Burkhart, and PACE officer Nick Ernstes appeared before the Commissioners to request that a PACE-Asset Seizure Fund be established. PACE is the Proactive Criminal Enforcement Team who work the interstate looking for drugs and drug money and other criminal activities running across I-70. The source of the money that would be put into this fund is generated from interdiction traffic stops from the PACE Team. Money is confiscated because probable cause exists that it is involved in illegal activities. Nick Ernstes spoke on behalf of what PACE does and why a fund is needed in Hancock County. Major Brad Burkhart presented papers to the Commissioners in order to support the Sheriff's Department's position. The Commissioners, Sheriff's Department, and Attorney Ray Richardson held a discussion on the pros and cons of establishing a fund for PACE. Commissioners tabled this matter and had it added to their Action Item list.

Budget Discussion- Commissioners held a discussion with Bookkeeper Ginny Martin on budget matters.

Action Items

Claims and Payroll- Commissioner Huber moved approval of the claims and payroll as presented. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried 2/0.

Minutes- Commissioner Huber moved approval of the amended June 2, June 9, & June 12, 2015 Commissioner's Minutes as presented. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0. Commissioner Huber moved approval of the June 16, 2015 Commissioner's Minutes as presented. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried 2/0.

At 9:38 a.m. Commissioner Huber moved to recess the June 30, 2015 Commissioners' meeting in order to be reconvened at the Hancock County Memorial Hospital at 11:30 a.m. for a luncheon. Commissioner Armstrong seconded. Motion carried 2/0.

The June 30, 2015 Commissioners' meeting reconvened at 11:30 a.m. at Hancock County Regional Hospital's New Cancer Center for a luncheon. (801 North State Street Greenfield, IN 46140)

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, President

_____ Absent _____
Commissioner Tom Stevens, Vice President

Commissioner Marc Huber

Attest: _____ absent _____
Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor

Attest: _____
Emily R. Moore
Hancock County Deputy Auditor