

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

August 15, 2017

Commissioners met in regular session. Those present were Board of Commissioners President Brad Armstrong, Vice President Commissioner Marc Huber, and Commissioner John Jessup.

Auditor Robin D. Lowder was present and Accounts Payable Deputy Supervisor

Anna L. Voorhis was also present.

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

Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at **8:11** a.m.

Highway Department

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

Driveway Variance – County Highway Engineer Gary Pool requested approval for driveway variance for Randall Huffman from current 200 feet from intersection to 88 feet. Engineer Pool approved of the variance citing the low speed gravel road, stop sign and 100' radius curve. Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the Randall Huffman driveway variance. Commissioner Jessup seconded. The motion carried 3/0.

SR 9 & 300 N and Fortville Pike & 300 N- Engineer Pool discussed a recent conversation he had with City of Greenfield Mayor Chuck Fewell regarding the intersection of 300 N & Fortville Pike. The City is open to working with the County on future improvements and will support study to improved safety changes. The City asked that in exchange they be provided with engineer support for possible improvements to St. Rd 9 and 300 N. The City has recently lost their Engineer. Commissioners were in favor of assisting the City with engineer support for a cooperative effort on safety improvements to St. Rd. 9 & 300 N. in exchange for assistance with exploring improvements to 300 N & Fortville Pike.

600 W- Engineer Pool has signed off on the removal of construction signs on 600 W. The signs will be removed within the next couple of weeks.

Hickory Hills Cape Seal- Cape Seal will begin this week, weather dependent, at New Rd. and Apple St.

Bridge 91 Settlement- Engineer Pool informed the Commissioners that he will instruct attorney Yasmin Stump to mitigate settlement with highest of appraisals. The bridge is projected to be open in October. Project was delayed due to rain.

Bridge 93- Engineer Pool requested permission to sign a partial mortgage release of \$27,000. He stated there was no structure in the area. ROW will be complete. Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve signing off on partial mortgage release in the amount of \$27,000 for Bridge 93. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Out-of-Office- Engineer Pool informed the Commissioners that he would be out of the office on Monday, August 21, 2017 to observe the solar eclipse in Kentucky.

Opening Bids for Turn-Key Warning System – Emergency Management

One bid was received and opened for Turn-Key Warning System. The bid came from Federal Signal in the amount of \$496,454.32. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to allow time for EMA Director Misty Moore and EMA Deputy Director Joe Fitzgerald to review the bid. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0. After review of bid, EMA Director Moore informed Commissioners of her approval of bid. Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept the bid for Turn-Key Warning System, by the lowest responsible (and only) bidder, Federal Signal for an amount not to exceed \$496,454.32. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Ordinances-Hancock Co. Area Plan Commission

New Palestine Bible Church/5945 W 300 S (Rezone)- Ordinance No. 2017-8A- Plan Commission Director Mike Dale presented the Commissioners with an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 2007-1B for rezoning of New Palestine Bible Church/5945 W 300 S, New Palestine, IN from residential (R2.5) to Institutional (IN). Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-8A, Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

Contractor’s Warehouse-Zoning Ordinance Amendment-Ordinance No. 2017-8B- Mike Dale presented the Commissioners with an Ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 2007-1B for revision of definition of “Contractor’s Warehouse.” Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-8B for revision of definition of “Contractor’s Warehouse.” Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

Hancock County Prosecutor’s Office

Dove Recovery House Contract/Memorandum of Understanding- Hancock County Prosecuting Attorney Brent Eaton appeared before the Board of Commissioners to ask for approval for Hancock County Circuit Court and Hancock County Probation Department to enter into a one-year contract with Dove Recovery House for Women. The facility will provide four beds for Hancock County at a cost of \$18,000 per year. Program consists of services to assist women to become substance free, self-sufficient and healthy. Referrals for participation will be made by the Hancock County Drug Court, Hancock County Heroin Protocol Program or Hancock County Probation. In addition to the aforementioned contract, Prosecutor Eaton asked for approval for Circuit Court and Probation to sign a Memorandum of Understanding which outlined the cost and commitment for housing and treatment services for four individuals referred by Hancock County Drug Court, Hancock County Heroin Protocol Program or Hancock County Probation. Commissioner Huber made a motion to enter into a one-year contract with Dove Recovery House for Women for four beds for Hancock County at a cost not to exceed \$18,000 and approval for signature of Memorandum of Understanding. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

Permission To Travel Out-of-State– Prosecutor Eaton appeared before the Board of Commissioners seeking approval for the following permission to travel out-of-state requests:

David Thornburg- Travel to Atlanta, GA to attend Investigating and Prosecuting Drug Cases Seminar Conference, September 20-22, 2017.

Catherine Wilson- Travel to Long Beach, CA to attend training by the National District Attorney Association, August 14-18, 2017.

Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve out-of-state travel for David Thornburg to Atlanta, GA, September 20-22, 2017 and Catherine Wilson to Long Beach, CA, August 14-18, 2017. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

Greenfield Animal Control Annual Report

Animal Control Director, Amanda DeHoney provided the Commissioners with an annual report on City and County field/kennel data for the agency. Greenfield Mayor Chuck Fewell, also in attendance, spoke to the Commissioners in regard to facility needs stating that they are aggressively pursuing another entity for operations as the facility is not sufficient to meet the needs for providing services. While they are in the beginning stages of looking for a new location, they are seeking Commissioners' input while a needs assessment is developed. Commissioner Jessup volunteered to be available to assist with this endeavor.

Lidar Contract – Hancock County Surveyor

John Milburn appeared before the Commissioners and asked that they allow the Hancock County Treasurer to electronically sign the Professional Services Contract between the Indiana Office of Technology, Geographic Information Office (the "State") and Hancock County for \$90,000 which will enhance and update the countywide GIS base map to support both local municipality and county GIS business objectives. Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve electronic signature of the Treasurer for a contract for professional services between the Indiana Office of Technology, Geographic Information Office (the "State") and Hancock County for \$90,000 and submit to the State of Indiana. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

Youngclaus Minor Sub/ROW Dedication

Youngclaus Minor Sub/ROW Dedication- Harold Gibson of H. Gibson Land Surveying, LLC appeared before the Commissioners to request Youngclaus Minor Sub plat signatures and dedicate 35ft ½ ROW. Commissioner Huber moved to accept Youngclaus Minor Sub which dedicates 35ft ½ ROW. Commissioner Jessup seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Claims and Payroll

Commissioner Jessup made a motion to approve Claims and Payroll. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

Commissioner's Minutes

Commissioner Jessup made a motion to approve Commissioner's Minutes August 1, 2017. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

Facility Building and Maintenance Manger

Dean Mullins discussed general maintenance issues with the Commissioners.

Performance Bond Release- Hancock County Surveyor

Donna Copeland, Hancock County Surveyor's Office requested Commissioner's approval for performance bond for release for Wyndstone Development Co. LLC in the amount of \$48,815.25. Commissioner Huber made a motion for performance bond release for Wyndstone Development Co. LLC in the amount of \$48,815.25. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

County Farm Bid/Approval of Lease Advertisement

County Farm Crop Land Lease- Having reviewed the previous lease for County Farm Crop Land that was advertised for bid in 2013, Commissioner Huber made a motion to advertise the same County Farm Crop Land Lease bid advertisement with a revision to update dates with bids to be received until the 19th day of September, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

County Farm Pasture Lease- Having reviewed the previous lease for County Farm Pasture that was advertised in 2013, Commissioner Huber made a motion to advertise the same County Farm Crop Land Lease bid advertisement with a revision to update dates with bids to be received until the 19th day of September, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

Funding Employee Raises/\$300,000 Medical per Council

Much discussion ensued regarding following directive of Council for Commissioners to find a way to fund county employee raises by reducing medical costs by \$300,000. In the end, the Commissioners were unable to find a way to comply. They collectively decided to have an email drafted and sent to the Council members to inform them that at this time they were unable to definitively quantify how to reduce medical costs by \$300,000 to fund employee raises. They offered support of a joint meeting to quickly come to a resolution. Auditor Robin D. Lowder was asked to send the email to Council members. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to inform Council members via email of their inability to reduce medical costs by \$300,000 to fund employee raises, but were open to meeting with Council to come to a resolution. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at **10:22** a.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, President

Commissioner Marc Huber, Vice President

Commissioner John Jessup

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor