

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

August 18, 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 R. Moore were also present.

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:

Signatures- County Engineer Gary Pool appeared before the Commissioners to request that the Woodhaven Performance Bond, for \$25,000, be released. This bond is outside of HCHD jurisdiction. County Engineer checked, and Woodhaven does have another bond with McCordsville. Commissioner Stevens moved release of a Subdivision Performance Bond for \$25,000 with Woodhaven. (bond number 5038328) Commissioner Huber seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

McCordsville InterLocal- County Engineer Gary Pool stated that he met with McCordsville staff about the InterLocal agreement. He's not ready to move forward with any information at this time.

Pennsy Trail- County Engineer Gary Pool stated that he met with Mary Ann Weitbrock about the Pennsy Trail. Ms. Weitbrock still needs to get a \$60,000 local match.

4E / 3N Intersection- County Engineer Gary Pool talked with the Hunts and Hancock County will be able to get the tree removed on the SE corner. Also, Hancock County will trim corn above cobs as well.

Fatal Accident- County Engineer Gary Pool stated there was a fatal accident at 300S / 400-500W. No specifics at this time.

Uniforms- County Engineer Gary Pool stated that there will be a uniform switch to Plymate on about October 15, 2015.

Partial Mortgage Release- County Engineer Gary Pool would like to waive the partial mortgage releases for properties valued at less than \$10,000.

600W Project- County Engineer Gary Pool stated that he's ready to assemble political support for the 600W project. He is going to begin contacting supporters but may need an elected county representative to meet with them. Also, he will begin assembling letters of financial commitment for Segment A and will begin assembling scoring documents.

New Hires- County Engineer Gary Pool stated that the Highway Department has three new hires pending drug testing. (two CDL and one Labor) This will bring the Highway Department up to a full staff.

Chip Seal- County Engineer Gary Pool stated that 70% of the Chip Seal is complete. However, they are behind due to weather.

Quotes- County Engineer Gary Pool requested permission to solicit quotes, to bring back to the Commissioners, for bonded overlay in the BOMAR neighborhood. The cost is \$90,000 but the quotes will be around \$80,000. Commissioners said that County Engineer has permission to solicit quotes.

Morristown Pike- County Engineer Gary Pool stated that Morristown Pike should be open in about two weeks.

Youth Camp

Nameless Creek Youth Camp- Jerry Bell, President of Nameless Creek Youth Camp, appeared before the Commissioners to request that they waive building fees for the Nameless Creek building project. Nameless Creek Youth Camp has a fully self-ran and self-funded program. Commissioner Stevens moved to waive Hancock County building fees on the Nameless Creek Building Project. Commissioner Huber seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Surveyor's Office

Log Jam- Hancock County Surveyor Susan Bodkin appeared before the Commissioners to request permission to remove two log jams in Sugar Creek. One jam is for Francis Jackson at 900 N E 400E and one is for Joshua Jones on Eden Road. Commissioner Stevens moved to have the two log jams in Sugar Creek removed. One for Francis Jackson at 900 N E 400E and one for Joshua Jones on Eden Road. Commissioner Huber seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Work Order- Hancock County Surveyor Susan Bodkin stated that she has one outstanding work order for Jenkins. She is unable to complete at this time because of crops.

Hancock County Arts Council

Arts & Cultural Council- Steve Smith, president of the Arts & Cultural Council, appeared before the Commissioners to request partial funding for a full time position. The Arts & Cultural Council are ran completely with a volunteer staff. The Arts Council feel that a full time Executive Director would take the Arts & Cultural Council to the next step. Nine Star has committed to a 3 year \$7,500 grant. The Arts & Cultural Council are a 501 (c)(3). Commissioners feel that the best option for funding is through the Tourism Commission's funds. Commissioners also feel that the Arts Council should lobby with the Tourism Commission one on one before making an actual proposal to the whole Commission for funding for this position. Steve Smith requested some support with the Tourism Commission. Commissioners are in agreement to do so.

Sheriff's Department

Power DMS- Brad Burkhart appeared before the Commissioners to request permission to enter into a year contract with Power DMS. He did appear before Council and they approved the funding for the start-up costs of \$8308.80 for this year. Commissioner Huber moved to allow a year contract with Power DMS for an amount not to exceed \$8308.80 to be paid for out of Food and Beverage. Commissioner Stevens seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Planning

Court Ordered Stark Property Clean-up- Mike Dale appeared before the Commissioners to request the Commissioners agree to provide the money for the clean-up of the Stark Property at 700 N & 200 W in the amount of \$4,756 until reimbursement is made through a tax lien or tax sale. Commissioner Stevens moved that the Commissioners provide funds out of Contractual Services, General Fund, Commissioners Budget (1001.31200.000.0068) in an amount not to exceed \$4,756 for the BZA to do bidding for the purpose of clean-up of the property located at 700 N & 200 W. Commissioner Huber seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Building Maintenance

Council Agenda- Commissioner Armstrong asked that Auditor Robin Lowder ask for the Commissioners to be placed on the Hancock County Council's Agenda so that the Commissioners can discuss the need for more funding for the Building Maintenance Fund.

Hancock County Exposition Complex

Hancock County Exposition Complex Strategic Plan/Fair Grounds Lease- Commissioner Armstrong presented the Strategic Plan and Fair Grounds Lease that had been submitted to the Commissioners for review from the Hancock County Exposition Complex. Commissioner Armstrong stated that they would only be introducing it and that no voting would take place today. Kent Fisk and Darrin Couch appeared before the Commissioners to present the Hancock County Exposition Complex Strategic Plan. Mr. Fisk and Mr. Couch also stated that there is no plan to take crop money, there is no intent to develop any part of economic development area without input from Commissioners, and that they have had public meetings and been answering public questions as they have been submitted. They also stated that the Strategic Plan submitted is the best possible plan and no cuts have been made yet. There was a discussion between the Commissioners and Mr. Fisk and Mr. Couch about the Strategic Plan that was submitted. Commissioner Armstrong requested a more definite financial plan. Commissioner Armstrong decided to allow two weeks for the Commissioners to go over the submitted plans and for the community to contact them with their opinions and or concerns. Also, Commissioner Armstrong stated that the public would be able to speak at the next Commissioners' meeting. (September 1, 2015) They have until close of business on August 27, 2015 to contact the Auditor's office and request to be put on the Agenda. Speakers will be split into two categories. (Pro & Con) Commissioners reserve the right to limit speaking to about three minute time slots.

Action Items

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

Minutes- Commissioner Huber moved approval of the August 04, 2015 Commissioners' Minutes as presented. Commissioner Stevens seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Minutes- Commissioner Huber moved approval of the August 11, 2015 Special Commissioners' Minutes as presented. Commissioner Stevens seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Bond Release- Commissioner Stevens moved release of a Cash Bond for Monuments to Wilmont LLC in the amount of \$375. Commissioner Huber seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

McCordsville InterLocal- A discussion was had between the Commissioners and County Attorney Ray Richardson about the McCordsville Interlocal Agreement that was rewritten. Ray Richardson wanted clarification on a few sections of the InterLocal. Some of the issues discussed were exhibits, determining an end, and upon applying for Segment A Federal Funding for three years in a row and not receiving the funding will there be an end time line? Clarification was given and the County Attorney will continue to work on the document.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners moved to recess the Hancock County board of Commissioners' meeting until 12:00 p.m. at Soup Herb located at 2 West Main Street, Greenfield, IN 46140. Meeting was attended by Commissioner Armstrong, Commissioner Stevens, and Commissioner Huber. Hancock Regional Hospital's new Healthy Initiative Plan was discussed. The Hancock County board of Commissioners' meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, President

Commissioner Tom Stevens, Vice President

Commissioner Marc Huber

Attest: _____
Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor