

Hancock County Board of Commissioners' Minutes

September 5, 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 also present.

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

Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 8:21 a.m.

Highway Department

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

Chip Seal-Chip Seal will be completed today or tomorrow.

Snow Contract ready-Reconstructed contract/County Attorney will review. It is posted on County Website but not official as of yet. Plan to advertise before Thanksgiving.

New Palestine Roundabout Contract-County Engineer is assisting New Pal with their RAB Contract.

MicroSeal Complete

TriAxle has been ordered.

Specifications for Back Hoe-County in process of determining the Specifications for the Back Hoe

Preparing Yearly Bids-Requests for carry over bids. Will need to see how oil prices will run because this will affect Asphalt, Chip Seal, Oil etc.

Hancock County Roads-5% poor roads in 2017. This makes our percentages better than Indiana's percentages.

Bridge 91 and Bridge 16-both are behind because of the floods. Bridge 91 should open October 3rd.

Sugar Creek by the Schools- Opening today

Steele Ford Road-Closing down but should be open by the end of the month.

Guardrail 700N/400E-Project prepared to go just waiting on some materials. Then will mobilize a crew.

Claims and Payroll

Commissioner Jessup made a motion to approve claims and payroll as presented. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Commissioners Minutes August 29, 2017

Commissioner Jessup made a motion to approve the August 29, 2017 Commissioner's Minutes as presented. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Cash Bond Release

Commissioner Huber made a motion to release a cash bond for Mark Smalley at 5568 S 150 W in the amount of \$2,970. This is for an 8" tile in Smalley Minor Sub. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Emergency Operations Center/Replacement of 2 Full-Time Employees

Director of the EOC John Jokantas requested a part-time employee becomes a full-time employee for a replacement. He also requested a full-time employee replacement in October. Commissioner Huber made a motion to authorize the EOC Director to hire 2 full-time replacement employees as a Public Safety Dispatcher. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

EOC/Out of State Travel

Out of State Travel-John Jokantas/NJ Harris User Group Conference/Atlantic City/November 14th-17th.

Out of State Travel-Lacey Ogden, Cindy Carver and Tabitha Ebersole/Certified Training Officer/Oregon, IL/October 1st-4th.

Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve both Out of State Travel as presented by Director Jokantas. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Gibson Teldata Inc. Contract-Update internal phone system. Commissioner Huber made a motion to enter into a contract with Gibson Teldata Inc. to update the internal E-911 phone system for a not to exceed of \$38,630.54. There is also an additional support payment of \$2,389.03 annually. The County Attorney approved the Contract. The contract and annual fee will be paid from the E-911 Surcharge Fund. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

IT Director Requests Amazon Account

IT Director Bernie Harris requested an Amazon Account with a limit of \$1,000.00. Commissioner Huber made a motion to allow Bernie Harris to open an Amazon Account with a not to exceed of \$1,000.00. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Facility Maintenance Manager

Dean Mullins and the Commissioners discussed the Fire Code violations cited at the Memorial Building by the Fire Marshall. One area with difficulty is in receiving compliance by a tenant. The Commissioners requested Mr. Mullins speak with the tenant. Other maintenance issues were discussed.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners Meeting was recessed at 9:00 a.m. for a Public Hearing

Ferrill Unsafe Building Minutes

The Commissioners, as the hearing authority under the unsafe building law and ordinance, opened the hearing on the matter of 8757 N. 50W, Fortville, Indiana, at 9:00 a.m.. Those present were Commissioner Brad Armstrong, President, and Commissioners Marc Huber and John Jessup.

Auditor Robin D. Lowder and attorney Ray Richardson were also present.

Attorney Ray Richardson announced the following: This is a hearing on an Unsafe Building order issued by the Hancock County Building Inspector to demolish and remove the building located at 8757 N. 50W, Fortville, Indiana, presided over by the hearing authority as established by ordinance pursuant to Unsafe building Law found at IC 36-7-9.

The following were in attendance:

Scott Williams, Hancock County Building Inspector, who is the enforcement authority under IC 36-7-9, and Shawn Ferrill, owner of the land upon which the building is located.

County Building Inspector Scott Williams was sworn in. He offered proofs of service on Shawn Ferrill. He introduced his order finding that the structure at 8757 N. 50W, Fortville, IN is an unsafe building under IC 36-7-9 and the corresponding county ordinance and should therefore be demolished and removed no later than September 30, 2017, because the general condition of the building warrants removal. He presented evidence to show that the structure:

1. Is in an impaired structural condition that makes it unsafe to a person or property,
2. Is vacant and not maintained in a manner that would allow human habitation, occupancy, or use under the requirements of a statute or an ordinance,
3. Is a public nuisance, and
4. Is dangerous to a person or property because of a violation of a statute or ordinance concerning building condition or maintenance.

Shawn Ferrill was sworn in and testified. Following testimony and discussion, Commissioner Huber moved, and Commissioner Jessup seconded, a motion to continue the hearing until March 6, 2018, to allow Shawn Ferrill to bring the property into compliance. The motion was adopted by a vote of 3-0.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners Meeting was reconvened at 9:39 a.m.

Tornado Sirens Lower Revised Bid

Emergency Management Agency Director Misty Moore requested the Tornado Siren Bid be revised to \$470,817.12 a lower amount to allow for repairs of Sirens that are not being replaced and submit a form 95. Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept a Lower revised bid of \$470,817.12 and a Form 95 from Federal Signal Corp who was the lowest bidder. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Ordinance 2017-9A

Mike Dale presented an Ordinance to the Commissioners for a Shane Tatom 212 N Main St. Maxwell IN. There were no remonstrators and received a favorable recommendation from the Area Planning Commission. This would rezone the property from Residential (R1.0) to Industrial (I:L). Commissioner Huber introduced Ordinance 2017-9A. Commissioner Huber made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-9A Amending Hancock Zoning Ordinance NO 2007-1B Amending Title XV, Chapter 156, Zoning of the Hancock County Code of Ordinances. Rezoning from Residential (R1.0) to Industrial (I:L). Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Engagement Letter from Ice Miller Legal Counsel/Financing for Construction of a Criminal Justice Center

Commissioner Huber made a motion for the Hancock County Board of Commissioners to enter into an engagement with Ice Miller Legal Counsel for legal services with regard to the financing of a new Criminal Justice Center for the maximum amount of \$32,000.00. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Medical Group Health Insurance Update

Patriot Insurance/Brian Brees/County's Insurance Agent presentation

Mr. Brees stated the clinic is still showing good use by County employees.

Areas of Savings Opportunities for 2018

Spousal surcharge of \$75 per pay when other coverage available to spouse through their own employer. Assuming 10%	\$18,000
HSA Contribution Reduced to \$350/\$750 for all	\$75,000
Wellness Credits replaced with Tobacco vs. Non-Tobacco Rates	\$75,000
Savings from PPO Plan	\$179,000
Savings from HDHP Plan	\$55,000
Total Potential Savings	\$327,000

Mr. Brees believes he will have more updated figures at the end of the month.

Quotes for Replacement of two Boilers for Jail

Three quotes were received for the replacement of two boilers for the Jail. The quotes were as follows. Leach & Russell Mechanical \$69,928, Hydronic & Steam Equipment Co. Inc. \$76,990 and Shortys HVAC Supplies LLC \$79,000. Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept the lowest quote for a not to exceed of \$69,928 from Leach & Russell Mechanical. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0. Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept the quote for the installation of two boilers for the Jail for a not to exceed to \$62,965 from Fitzgerald & North Service Co. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

The Hancock County Commissioners recessed the meeting at 10:30 p.m. to reconvene September 12, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the McCordsville Town Hall 6280 W 800 N McCordsville, IN 46055. To meet in joint session with the McCordsville Town Council and discuss the Mt.Comfort Corridor Project.

The Commissioners' recessed meeting of September 5, 2017, was reconvened by board president Brad Armstrong at 5:00 PM on September 12, 2017, at the McCordsville Town Hall. Also present were Commissioners Marc Huber and John Jessup. The meeting was also attended by County Attorney Ray Richardson, Highway Engineer Gary Pool, Town Council members : Larry Longman, Tom Strayer, Barry Wood, Bryan Burney, Branden Williams, Clerk-Treasurer Cathy Gardner and Tonya Galbraith and Town Attorney Gregg Morelock.

The town council members presented a plan, with alternates, to the commissioners to construct a bypass on CR 600W at McCordsville.

After lengthy discussion it was agreed that the parties would discuss the alternatives among themselves and get together again soon.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, President

Commissioner Marc Huber, Vice President

Commissioner John Jessup

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor