

## **Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes**

**November 02, 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 8:16 a.m.

### **Highway Department**

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

#### **Signatures for:**

**ADA Bridge 71, 62, and ADA Segment A-** County Engineer Gary Pool appeared before the Commissioners to show meeting of Americans Disabilities Acts (ADA) requirements for Bridge 71, Bridge 62, and Segment A (sidewalks & painting of handicap parking spaces) and to request signing of documents for funding. Commissioner Stevens moved to sign documents to apply for STP funds for Bridge 71, Bridge 62, and Segment A (Mt. Comfort Road) since we have met our ADA requirements. Commissioner Huber seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

**Amendment No. 1 to LPA-Consultant Agreement for Bridge 76-** County Engineer Gary Pool appeared before the Commissioners to request signing of a Structurepoint Contract Modification for Bridge 76 for CE reducing CI from \$70,000 to \$50,000 (reduced on site time). Commissioner Stevens moved approval of Amendment No.1 which is an agreement between the County and American Structurepoint, Inc. which reduces the inspection fee for Bridge 76 from \$70,000 to \$50,000. Commissioner Huber seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

**McCordsville Agreement-** Hancock County Engineer appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the McCordsville Agreement. After a discussion the Commissioners feel there needs to be a long term commitment along with the short term commitment. Commissioners also feel they need to work on some of the issues on their end because the agreement has some very difficult issues. (Need to address at least entire location, 600 N ties back into re-alignment.)

**MPO Policy Committee-** County Engineer Gary Pool appeared before the Commissioners to discuss his interest in being a Proxy for MPO policy committee.

**Bridge 71 and 62 submittal STP MPO-** County Engineer Gary Pool appeared before the Commissioners to discuss Bridge 71 and 62 (North over Sugar Creek) submittal STP MPO.

**Annual Bids-** County Engineer announced that the Annual Bids will be coming in November 17, 2015.

**Indiana Association of County Commissioners Conference -** County Engineer announced that IACC Conference will be December 1-3, 2015.

**Shirley Construction on Penn St. 1075 E-** County Engineer Gary Pool stated that the Shirley Construction, Penn St. 1075 E, should be finished soon. Shirley is working on the Sanitary Sewer on one side of the road for about 400 meters. The road will be returned to pre-construction condition. (class 2 back fill)

**Material for Road Construction for 2016-** County Engineer appeared before the Commissioners to present information on pricing of material, \$1.9 million, for road construction for next year. (2016)

#### **Citizen's Concern**

**Re: CMC-Maxwell LLC/Citizen's Concern about 500 North-** Scott Evans appeared before the Commissioners to present signatures collected and to discuss his thoughts and concerns about 500 North. Mr. Evans thoughts and concerns are as follows: amount of semi's now using 500 N (30-35), safety, paving of 500 N in next two years, changes at the school has helped with the flow on 500 N and 9, parking being brought to the front, and he feels that maybe the road should be updated (18' wide). After a discussion between the Commissioners, County Engineer Gary Pool, and Mr. Evans the County Engineer will try to set up a meeting with the State about improving the intersection. Commissioners also discussed a Parking Ordinance and the need for Right of Way to help alleviate this situation.

#### **Plat Signatures**

**Butterfield Estates Plat Signatures-** Phil Goings appeared before the Commissioners to request Butterfield Plat Signatures and to dedicate 50' ½ Right of Way off of CR 100S and 65' Right of Way off of 200 W. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of dedicated ROW for Butterfield Estates of 50' ½ ROW off of CR 100 S and 65' ROW off of 200W. Commissioner Huber seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

#### **Emergency Operation Center**

**E-911 Hiring Process Approval-** John Jokantas appeared before the Commissioners to present an overview of the new hiring process plan for E-911 and to request approval of the process so that he can implement the plan. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of EOC application process. Commissioner Huber seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

## **I.T. Department**

**Purchase of Two Propane Tanks-** Bernie Harris appeared before the Commissioners to request the purchase of two more propane tanks and more barricades for the new generator going in. The Commissioners and Bernie Harris had a discussion about the new generator, tanks, and barricades. They also discussed checking on what it would take to run natural gas instead of buying propane tanks. Mr. Harris is going to check with PDF about what it would entail to go with natural gas.

### **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 October 20, 2015 Commissioners' Minutes as presented. Commissioner Stevens seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

**RQAW Proposal for Jail Plumbing-** Roger Stephens, RQAW Consulting Engineers & Architects 10401 North Meridian Street Indianapolis IN 46290, appeared before the Commissioners to submit bid specs and an inspection contract for jail plumbing in an amount of \$36,250. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of bid specs and inspection for jail plumbing in an amount not to exceed \$36,250. Motion carried 3/0.

**Roof Update-** Roger Stephens updated the Commissioners on the Annex roof (need color choice for finish) and Jail roof (well underway). Also, Commissioner Armstrong is looking to replace ceiling tiles in the Annex and a water leak will be looked into. (PDF is coming to check)

**Jail Overcrowding-** Commissioner Armstrong discussed wanting to update the study on jail overcrowding with Roger Stephens, RQAW.

**Fortville-Vernon Township Public Library-Board Appointment-** Commissioner Stevens moved appointment of Alyson M. Zelencik to finish term, for Ellen Rich, ending May 30, 2018 for Vernon Township Library board. Commissioner Huber seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

**Fairgrounds Lease-** Commissioner Armstrong requested an update from Commissioner Stevens on the Fairgrounds Lease. Commissioner Stevens stated that the HCECC is still preparing to answer what the minimal amount they would need is to move the fairgrounds and be able to hold the fair.

**LOW Financials-** Hancock County Auditor Robin Lowder appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the County using a new financial program from LOW. Auditor Robin Lowder said that the program needs to be a certain brand, and needs to be compatible with current programs. More discussion will be had on this matter.

**Insurance Contract-** County Attorney Ray Richardson discussed the Insurance Contract with the Commissioners. He stated that he needs to put a statement in the contract that we won't pay a premium to Anthem or USI before signing occurs.

**CMC Maxwell (road)**- For informational purposes: Abatement comes to Council in nine days and needs to be added to Council Agenda.

**New Policy for Public Employee Retirement Fund (PERF)**- Hancock Auditor Robin Lowder informed Commissioners that during the State Auditors' Auditor's Conference she learned that the Public Employee Retirement Fund (PERF) is now allowing a new option for new employees for 2016. The current plan is two parts, the PERF, which is what the County participates in and ASA (annuity) is what employee participates in. (3%) For new employees the County can choose option to not participate in PERF and the employee to only participate in ASA. (annuity) County also has option to continue with current policy of PERF and ASA. After discussion, Commissioners are making recommendation to Council to keep current policy of County participation of PERF and employee's 3% participation of ASA.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 10:30 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