

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

November 15, 2016,

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

Auditor Robin D. Lowder and Emily Moore were also present.

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

Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 8:20 a.m.

Highway Department

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

Yearly/Annual Bids-Yearly/Annual Bids are set and advertised for December 20, 2016 8:00 a.m.

600 West and Stinemeyer Rd- The road is open now. Only a few details need to be completed.

County Grants- The County Grants have been submitted. Engineer Pool is working with Dave Book of New Palestine to enter their Grant online to be submitted.

Request for Proposal (RFP) Bridge Inspection- RFP's have been sent out for Bridge Inspection.

Paving-Paving will be completed for the year this week or the beginning of next week. There is three more stretches of road to complete.

Fire Security/System: Highway is going to implement a Fire/Security System that will notify the fire department (doesn't at present) if there is a fire in the buildings. It would be extremely difficult if the trucks were lost in a fire. It would take quite some time to replace them. Also they are going to install cameras. This is to deter or identify theft.

Traffic Study- Traffic Study at the Highway November 17th Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Engineer Pool invited the Commissioners if they were available.

Request for Modification to School Zone signage- The Commissioners received a request for Modification to School Zone signage at the CSC of Eastern Hancock Schools Campus. The Commissioners directed the County Engineer Gary Pool to do a Safety study for 2012 to 2016. The results of the study were as follows:

There were 5 accidents. The study showed the Index of Crash Frequency of .5 (2.1 is rural average). (NCHRP)

The Engineer's conclusion: With the current information, the site is less hazardous than other similar sites.

The Engineer's recommendations:

1. No modifications to current signs.
 2. Explore assisting the School Corporation with installation of programmable flashing zone signs.
- The Commissioners directed the Engineer to draft a letter stating this information and then present it to the Commissioners for approval.

The response letter was submitted to the Commissioners for approval. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the response letter. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0. Commissioners directed him to forward the response letter to the Vice Principal of Eastern Hancock.

Sheriff Department Request Employee Vacation Carry Over

Sheriff Department Request- A request was submitted for an employee of the Sheriff's Department to carry over 36 hours of vacation time into 2017 for Special Circumstances. Commissioner Stevens made a motion for an employee to carry over 36 hours of vacation time into 2017 for Special Circumstances. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Claims and Payroll

Claims and Payroll- Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve Claims and Payroll as presented. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Hancock Economic Development Council Appointments

The Hancock County Commissioners appointed the following individuals to serve on the Hancock County Redevelopment Commission Board.

The following are voting members: Dave Sutherlin, Steve Vail and Mary Zurbuch
Mt. Vernon Schools non-voting advisory member is Michael McCarty.

Commissioner Stevens made a motion to appoint the previous stated appointments from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Commissioner Stevens stated at the last RDC meeting Buck Creek Fire Department proposed the RDC pay payments of \$147,000 for five years toward a new ladder Fire Truck. The RDC tabled the discussion.

Hancock County Tourism Commission Board/Replace Director

President of the Hancock County Tourism Commission Board Earl Smith presented the name of the candidate for the New Director. Her name is Brigitte Cook Jones. She is presently on the Board so they felt she was well qualified. Her Salary is to be \$54,707.00. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to hire Brigitte Cook Jones as the new Hancock County Tourism Commission Board Director. Her salary is to be \$54,707.00. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried. 3/0.

Earl Smith and the Commissioners discussed if the part-time employee will be a Hancock County employee or a Visitor Bureau's Employee. The Commissioners requested the president of the Visitor Bureau come before the Commissioners to discuss whose employee the Part-time employee will be.

Amend the Stormwater Ordinance & New Technical Standards

Hancock County Surveyor Susan Bodkin presented an amended Stormwater & New Technical Standards Ordinance. It has a definition of Development, revisits Redevelopment and has New Technical Standards concerning drains. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2016-11C Amending Stormwater & New Technical Standards. The Surveyor requested the County Attorney make the document into an Ordinance form.

American Legion Post #119

Communications Officer for American Legion Post #119 Kurt Vettters requested the Commissioners consider the American Legion Post #119 using the Memorial Building as a home for their outreach to Veterans. Kidsplay a group meeting there now is meeting with them to try to work out the logistics of the space. He stated he would be back soon to another meeting when the plans were more completed.

Ordinance 2016-11A Changing The EOC Policy Board

On November 1, 2016 the Commissioners introduced Ordinance 2016-11A Changing The EOC Policy Board. Commissioner Huber made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-11A Changing The EOC Policy Board. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Hancock County Emergency Operations Center Policy Board

Commissioner Stevens made a motion to make the following appointments for 2017 to the Hancock County Emergency Operations Center Policy Board.

Hancock County Sheriff- Mike Shepherd, Greenfield Police Chief- John Jester, Greenfield Fire Chief- James Roberts, County Fire Chiefs Representative Dave Sutherlin, Town Police Chief Representative- Bill Knauer, EMA Director- Misty Moore and Medical Director- Dr. Stephanie Gardner. They are to have an indefinite term. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Bonds

Release- Cash Bond for R&F Development Inc. for \$312.50. Monuments/Windhaven S-5. Commissioner Huber made a motion to release the Cash Bond for R&F Development Inc. for \$312.50. Monuments/Windhaven Sec 5. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Release- Bond for Indiana Excavating Services LLC for \$38,026.46. Maintenance/StoneRidge S-3. Commissioner Huber made a motion to release the Bond for Indiana Excavating Services LLC for \$38,026.46. Maintenance/StoneRidge Sec 3. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Accept-Maintenance Bond StoneRidge Dev. LLC for \$38,026.46. Storm/StoneRidge S-3. Commissioner Huber made a motion to release the Bond for Stone Ridge Development LLC for \$38,026.46. Storm/StoneRidge Sec 3. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Hancock County Solid Waste Management District Board Appointment.

A request was made to appoint Robert Holland beginning 01/01/2017. After a discussion about how difficult it was to obtain a quorum every meeting. The Commissioners requested the County Attorney research the law if there were any alternatives. The appointment was tabled.

Hancock County and Purdue University Contractual Services.

The Extension Contractual Services Agreement Amendment 2# Attachment A for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 was presented to the Commissioners. The total Extension Contractual Services Appropriation is \$107,340.00. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve Extension Contractual Services Agreement Amendment 2# Attachment A for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. The total appropriation is \$107,340. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Emergency Exit Lights in Buildings

Premium Mechanical LLC submitted an estimate of \$4,000.00 to replace or repair Emergency Exit Lights in County Buildings.

Condon Fire & Safety submitted a Quote of \$3,649.99 to replace or repair Emergency Exit Lights in County Buildings.

Commissioner Stevens made a motion to accept the quote from Condon Fire & Safety to replace or repair Emergency Exit Lights in County Annex, Courthouse, Purdue Extension and the Prosecutor's Office for a not to exceed of \$3,649.99. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

2017 Claims Schedule

The 2017 Claims Schedule was presented to the Commissioners. Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the 2017 Claims Schedule as presented. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Commissioner Conference Date Change/Change Commissioner’s Meeting date

Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to change the December 5th Commissioner’s Meeting date to December 6, 2016 due to the change of the Commissioner’s Conference Meeting. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Funding for Purchase of Furniture for Commissioner and Plan Department Conference Rooms

The Commissioners directed the funding for the purchase of Furniture for Commissioner and Plan Department Conference Rooms come from the Commissioners Cumulative Capital Development Fund. (CCD).

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, President

Commissioner Marc Huber, Vice President

Commissioner Tom Stevens

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor