

Hancock County Board of Commissioners' Minutes

December 20, 2016

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

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

Hancock County Board of Commissioners' Meeting began at 8:00 a.m.

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

City Councilman John Patton who died suddenly was recognized for his service to the community.

The Commissioners thanked Commissioner Tom Stevens for his 8 years of service as County Commissioner. This is his last meeting as County Commissioner.

Highway Department

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

Roundabout at 600 W and 300 N

A penalty was paid to the County. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to authorize the final acceptance of the contract for the RAB. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

GRET and School Zone Flasher

Engineer's estimate \$475,000. Low bid was \$630,000.

Options

- 1- Request additional funding from MPO and award the project. (need to confirm INDOT would allow due to significantly higher bid price than estimated.)
- 2- Pay 100% of the difference with local funds (\$142,650.00 additional) and award the project. (need to confirm INDOT would allow due to significantly higher bid price than estimated.)
- 3- Reduce the project scope and re-bid the project to fall within programmed budget.

Commissioner Stevens made a motion to accept the lowest bidder pending finalization of the government contracts. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Highway is Snow Ready- Even though the staff is at a 30% level due to end of year vacations they are Snow ready. The staff is coming in when needed voluntarily.

Bridge 91- Engineer's Estimate Bid is \$2,415,000.00. Low bid is \$1,929,478.20 by Dave O'Mara Contractor Inc. This is still being reviewed.

Snow Fence- It is ready it goes up next week.

Crack Sealing- Would like permission to negotiate and carry over Crack Sealing for 2017. Engineer would like about \$100,000.00. more. Commissioner Huber made a motion to negotiate a Crack Seal contract. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Redevelopment Commission- They are hopeful they have a buyer for land they had purchased. They do not want to be land owners.

Opening of Annual Bids

Annual Bids were opened and read by the Commissioners.

They will be reviewed by the Highway Engineer and the County Attorney. The fuel bids recommendation will come yet today and it will be awarded today. All other bids will be recommended and award at the Commissioners next meeting January 3, 2017.

Visitor's Bureau- Greg Carwein from the board of the Visitor's Bureau said the board is recommending the part-time position be the employee of the Visitor's Bureau. The commissioners agree with their recommendation.

IT Department

Bernard Harris director of the IT Department requested to do a Budget Transfer of \$5,000.00 from line item 11905 to 11910 all in personal services in his Budget. This will allow him to have \$70,000.00 for a Network Administrative and \$52,000.00 for a desktop technician. There will be no change in the his budget balance. Commissioner Stevens moved to approve the Budget Transfer stated. Commissioner Huber second. Motion carried 3/0

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

Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the December 6, 2016 Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for December 6, 2016. Commissioner Stevens seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Fuel Bids Awarded

Speedway(Sheriff/Highway)

Esc/Descl

87 Octane Gas \$1.74

90 Octane Gas \$1.97

Harvestland (Highway)

Fixed

Desiel \$2.08

PREM Winter ULS \$2.10

Off Road \$1.92

SDX-4 Winter \$1.96

Commissioner Stevens made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Fuel Bids. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0

Ordinance 2016-12B Rezoning

William and Debbie Black at 218 East State Road 234 are requesting to rezone their 3.9 acres from Agricultural (A) to Commercial Community (CC). They received a favorable recommendation from the Area Plan Commission. Commissioner Stevens introduced Ordinance 2016-12B to rezone their property. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-12B Amending Hancock County Zoning Ordinance NO. 2007-1B Amending Title XV, Chapter 156, Zoning of the Hancock County Code of Ordinances from Agricultural (A) to Commercial Community (CC) for the Black's 3.9 acres. Including attached commitments. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

E-911/EOC

John Jokantas is requesting an increase in salary for an employee Eric Watson due to taking on added responsibilities that have meant savings for the county. He would like for his 2017 salary to increase from \$42,627.26 to \$45,227.26. A salary amendment would be required. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to increase Eric Watson's salary from \$42,627.26 to 45,227.26 for 2017. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Release of a Performance Bond

Commissioner Huber made a motion to release a Performance Bond for Harvey Construction Company. The drainage bond is for Wyndestone Section 2A Lot 117 in the amount of \$6,350.00. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Acceptance of a Cash Bond

Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept a Cash Bond for Mark Smalley. The bond is for Smalley Minor Sub an 8" tile in the amount of \$2,970.00. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Commissioners Encumbering 5 Contracts for 2017

1. Advanced Welding & Engineering Co., Inc
\$25,389.00
Extensive work on 524 feet of handrail along driveway at Jail.
 2. Advanced Welding & Engineering Co., Inc
\$10,354.00
115 foot handrail between Jail and Prosecutor's Office. (Several slip and falls there)
 3. Mills Fahnstock Inc.
\$9,200.00
Courthouse/Cut out and re-caulk perimeter of 12 aluminum window frame. 80 foot boom lift will be required.
 4. Advanced Welding & Engineering Co., Inc
\$1,590.00
Memorial Building (2) 8 foot sections of handrail on side walk steps in front of building
 5. Vail's Concrete
\$1,075.00
North Door/Annex Building/ New steps to connect door to new cross walk
- Contracts Total of \$47,608.00

The Commissioner's contracts will be encumbered from the following funds in the following amounts coming from the Commissioners Budgets in:

General Fund-1001.36800.000.0068- Building Maintenance and Repair \$29,172.91

General Fund-1001.31200.000.0068- Contractual Services \$9,159.29

Capital Cumulative Fund- 1138.45101.000.0068 Miscellaneous Building Expense \$9,275.80

Total amount encumbered is \$47,608.00

The Hancock County Fairgrounds Resolution

The fairgrounds resolution was read into the record by Barb Pescitelli on August 16, 2016 and introduced. Commissioner Stevens moved passage of the Fairgrounds Resolution this 20th day of December 2016. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The Resolution passed 3/0.

Public input:

George Langston feels there wasn't Public input allowed

John Priore feels not enough specifics have been given.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, President

Commissioner Marc Huber, Vice President

Commissioner Tom Stevens

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor