

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

April 15, 2014

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

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 8:25 a.m.

Highway Department

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

Ordinance 2014-4A – Amending the Speed Limits in Hancock County. This is for all County Roads. Commissioner Stevens introduced Ordinance 2014-4A An Ordinance Amending the Speed Limits in Hancock County.

Rotary Miller – an experiment with a rotary miller on 200 S. between 200 W. and 250 W. will be done on April 16th doing a full depth reclamation test. Greenfield and McCordsville have been invited. This should make road repairs more permanent.

Scour Problem – one in twenty bridges have been found to have a scouring problem. The problem is being addressed as found.

Replacement of Employees – the Highway Department is still down two drivers.

Notice to proceed – project at 300 N. and 600.W. requesting a notice to proceed. Commissioner Stevens moved authorization to initiate the construction inspection on the intersection project. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Political Signs – direction was requested as to political sign removal in right of ways, should the Highway Department break off labor to remove them or pick up only if doing work in the area. Commissioners felt there are more important things for the Highway Department to be doing. Pick up if they are causing an obstruction.

Bridge 114 – Waiting on paper work from Riverstone Partners or Brandywine Creek for the right of way.

Call for Projects – for 2018 are as follows, Bridge 71, Segment G of 300 N. from 600 W. to 500 W., Segment A 600 W., Broken Arrow 600 W. to 300 S., and Bridge 18.

Bittner Woods Subdivision – There are drainage problems because debris is clogging the pipes. This is being investigated.

Frontage Road – Direction was requested for construction inspection on frontage road as to doing the work in house or hiring First Group at a cost of \$23,000.00.

Safety Training – Bliss McKnight will do safety training on April 18th which will include danger of traffic.

Patching – CGS plant was down and had to switch to hot mix. Only one hot box, the other one will be here next week. Hot mix works better but all trucks can do cold patch.

Floods – Almost all work is done from flooding.

Motor Grader Bids – five bids were presented to the Commissioners as follows:

1. MacAllister Machinery Company, Inc./E.J. Fisher, cost \$283,314.71, trade in \$85,000.00
2. Westside Tractor, (325 hours) cost \$244,800.00, trade in \$88,000.00
3. Westside Tractor, (Factory New) cost \$248,900.00, trade in \$88,000.00
4. R.P.M. Machinery, cost \$269,587.00, trade in \$72,000.00
5. Rudd Equipment, (Volvo grader) cost \$224,847.00, trade in \$64,000.00

Commissioner Stevens moved to turn the bids over to County Engineer and Attorney Richardson for review and recommendation later in the meeting. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Re-Appointment

Hancock Regional Hospital Board – Jim Miller and Timothy Clark have been recommended for reappointment by the Board of Trustees. Commissioner Stevens moved to reappoint Jim Miller and Timothy Clark to a four year term ending June 30, 2018. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Highway Department

Construction of Frontage Road Bids – five bids were presented to the Commissioners as follows:

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| 1. Grady Brothers | \$341,946.00 |
| 2. Calumet Civil Contractors | \$288,235.00 |
| 3. E & B Paving | \$288,880.00 |
| 4. Reith Riley | \$337,717.19 |
| 5. Milestone | \$284,000.00 |

Commissioner Stevens moved the bids be turned over to the County Engineer and Attorney Richardson for review and recommendation later in this meeting. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Hancock County XPLEX

Presentation – Kent Fisk appeared before the Commissioners with Walt Wait, Skip Kuker and Candy Trout to make a presentation of the vision for a Hancock County Expo Complex. The plan will include moving the county fairgrounds, a new enclosed horse arena, a community center and possible other companies. The BZA approved the horse arena at the current fairgrounds. The request of the Commissioners is for a long term lease on the County Farm and Consideration of forming a commission to manage the Expo Complex. The group has done their homework checking with surrounding counties, getting preliminary building designs for an enclosed arena with attached horse barn. Skip Kuker stated economically this would be beneficial for the county and he sees businesses being drawn to the area. Commissioner Stevens moved a portion of the land that lies on the North side of U.S. 40 be dedicated for the Xplex effort. Motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Armstrong moved to propose a resolution that the Hancock County Board of Commissioners allows for the study and future development of the County Farm also known as the Xplex project in which that proposal may allow for the implementation of a Board known as the Hancock County Expo Complex Commission, the intent of the Board of Commission is to allow for development of the farm property for the following purposes,

1. Enclosed Livestock/Equestrian Show Arena with an Attached 150-stall barn,
2. Exposition/Conference Center with flexible auditorium/meeting room space
3. New 4H fairgrounds facilities (livestock barns, show rings, exhibit halls)
4. Incubator space for start-up companies, anchored by a new office building for the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service (CES)
5. Shovel-ready Property designed to house agricultural-related businesses.

Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. John Priore spoke stating the citizens do not want the board and Commissioners to run this. They need to have a referendum. He asked is this a government project or a private venture or both. Motion carried 3/0.

Commissioner Stevens moved to create an advisory group to recommend how the Committee will proceed to establish XPlex, to authorize and request proposals on behalf of the Committee to present to the Commissioners for decisions on the proposals. The advisory group will consist of:

1. Hancock County Board of Commissioners; appointed by the Commissioners.
2. One member of the Hancock County Council; appointed by the Council.
3. Two appointees from the Hancock County 4H Agricultural Association; Appointed by the 4H Ag Association Board of Directors.
4. Mayor of the City of Greenfield; or the Mayor's appointee.
5. Executive Director, Hancock County Economic Development Council.
6. Director, Hancock County Tourism Commission.

Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Relay for Life

Request – Enos Dotson appeared before the Commissioners to request permission for Paint the Town Purple to place signs and pin wheels on the Courthouse lawn beginning April 25 until May 3. This will be the same as in previous years. Commissioners state that the items placed on the lawn cannot interfere with the voting signs. Commissioner Stevens moved to allow relay for life signs as requested on the courthouse lawn. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. John Priore requested that the registered logo be required and not the crescent and star that was used last year. Commissioner Armstrong asked to please respect the sensitivity of our citizens since we are allowing the use of the Courthouse. The motion carried 3/0.

Planning Department

Ordinance 2014-4B – Mike Dale appeared before the Commissioners for approval of Ordinance 2014-4B, An Ordinance Amending the Hancock County Zoning Ordinance for property located at 4753 W. 300 N. owned by Earl C. Townsend Family Limited Partnership. Planning Commission gave a favorable recommendation to amend the zoning from Agriculture (A) to Industrial Business Park (IBP). Adjoining neighbor Lisa Bane appeared before the Commissioners and thanked Mr. Pritzke and Mike Dale for meeting with her and working with her. She also asked the Commissioners to proceed with respect and consideration of financial impact on the public. Commissioner Armstrong introduced Ordinance 2014-4B An Ordinance Amending the Hancock County Zoning Ordinance and the modified commitments to be signed at a later date. Commissioner Armstrong moved to adopt Ordinance 2014-4B An Ordinance Amending the Hancock County Zoning Ordinance. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Piney Acres – The Commissioners are concerned about how the AgriBusiness Tourism Ordinance is being enforced. The intention was to allow people in Agri Business to make a profit and increase tourism. They feel the Ordinance is being a hindrance and want to pin point the problem. Tom Roney (county council member) appeared as a private citizen. He stated Tuttle's Orchard is also having an Easter egg hunt and feels things are out of perspective. Permits are a problem; it cost \$110 for a permit every time they have an event and the cost of notifying by certified mail all neighbors. The Commissioners asked Mike Dale to give them ideas of how to make this Ordinance work better.

Drainage

Charles Cook – property located at 600 W. and 100 N. has a drainage issue. The County Engineer will review the situation and see what can be done.

Greenfield in Bloom

Annual Planting – Marcia Moore appeared before the Commissioners for approval of the annual planting for summer and fall with the City of Greenfield keeping plants watered. The total cost will be \$1,002.75. Commissioner Stevens moved to pay \$1,002.75 to Greenfield in Bloom out of Indirect Cost. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Senior Services

Quarterly Claim – Linda Hart appeared before the Commissioners to present the first quarter claim for 2014 in the amount of \$75,154.00. Commissioner Stevens moved execution of invoice voucher for a total amount of \$75,154.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Bids

Motor Grader – County Engineer Gary Pool recommended Westside Tractor 2013, based on cost and trade. Commissioner Stevens moved to support the recommendation of the County Engineer and purchase the John Deere that was quoted for a difference of \$156,800.00 with trade. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Frontage Road – County Engineer Gary Pool recommended Milestone the low bid of \$284,000.00. Commissioner Stevens moved to award construction of the frontage road to Milestone for an amount not to exceed \$284,000.00 subject to confirmation from Attorney Richardson that the right-of-way has been secured. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Commissioner's Action Items

Claims and Payroll – Commissioner Stevens moved approval of the claims and payroll as presented. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Minutes – Commissioner Stevens moved approval of minutes for April 1, 2014 and Executive Session April 9, 2014 of the Hancock County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0

Minutes – Commissioner Stevens moved approval of minutes for March 18, 2014 of the Hancock County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Building Inspector – Commissioner Armstrong moved to hire Scott Williams as Building Inspector for an annual salary of \$40,300.00. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Derek Towle, President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President

Commissioner Tom Stevens

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor