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

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

**Credit Application** – Signatures are needed for the credit application for Survey Equipment credit for transit computer and prism pole for $2,400.00. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of the application for credit with Positioning Solutions Company. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

**Consulting Contract** – LPA contract #0400037 for project at U.S. 40 and Broken Arrow Drive presented to the Commissioners for signature. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of the LPA Contract between Hancock County and Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc. in an amount not to exceed $325,000.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

**IACC** – Gary Pool will be attending December 2nd and 3rd.

**ROW** – staking of the right-of-way is underway on 300 N. and hoping to finish the right-of-way next year even though work will not be done until 2018.

**Bridge Budget** – the budget for 2015, Bridge #2, right-of-way was not able to be completed. Approval is requested to go to Council to request to receive an additional appropriation in 2015 for Bridge #2 for the engineering and right-of-way purchase. For Bridge #16 he would like approval to request the Council for an additional appropriation in 2015 for $36,000.00 to begin the engineering. Commissioner Stevens moved approval to request a 2015 additional appropriation for Bridge #16 from the Council. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0. Commissioner Stevens moved to instruct the Highway Department to request a 2015 additional appropriation for Bridge #2 and right of way and engineering from the Council. Commissioners also authorized the Highway to request from Council an additional appropriation in 2015 of $142,000.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

**Opticon** – removed from 600 W. and 300 N. and installed at the intersection of 600 W. and 600 N.
Highway Safety Improvement Program – Federal government funding projects. County Engineer would like to apply for the improvement of the curb ramps and flashing school speed zone signs. Applications will be due January 5th through February 5th 2015. The local match for ramps would be $10,000.00 to $12,000.00 and for signs it would be $20,000.00 to $30,000.00 depending on which chosen. Commissioners agree with the two choices and would like an agreement with the schools as to when signs can be used.

2014 Work Numbers – Some numbers for 2014 were presented to the Commissioners, two completed Bridges (#59 and #114), seventeen Bridge repairs, one fatality on 200 N, 1590 tons of salt used (550 hours of snow operations/23 days straight), 4,900 potholes patched, 17 miles crack sealed, 14 miles chip seal, 19 miles double sealed, 43 miles dura-patched, 5 miles paved, 93 miles of painted stripes, 31 tree clearing jobs, 51 pipes replaced and 32 repaired, 62 miles of edging, re-grade add stone 75% of gravel roads, 19 trash pickups, 3 flood call outs, 3 Federal Aid projects won, 600 W. and 300 N. intersection improvement open and 155 drive permits. The Highway Department will be adjusting sand and salt mixture to improve clearing of the roads.

Action Items

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

Minutes – Commissioner Armstrong moved approval of the minutes for the November 18, 2014 and November 19, 2014 meetings of the Hancock County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Greenfield Banking Company – Commissioner Stevens moves approval of the agreement between Hancock County and Greenfield Banking Company for use of the south lawn of the courthouse adjacent to the plaza for the 2015 schedule which includes the dates of June 5, 12, 19, 26 and July 3, 10, 17, and 24th. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Highway Bids

Speedway – fuel/gas, cost the rack price plus 6.5 cents per gallon

F. E. Harding – bid on multiple items – Hot mix $48 per ton / surface $60 per ton

Hoosier Pride Excavating – large dozer at $110.00 per hour and 25 ton lifting Crane $145.00 per hour.

Jackson Oil – Bid A for Sheriff’s Department for fuel 120,000 gallons or less price per gallon of $3.044 for 87 octane and $3.344 for 90 octane. Bid B subject to escalation and de-escalation $2.563 for 87 octane and $2.863 for 90 octane. Highway gasoline Bid A is $3.043 for 87 octane and $3.343 for 90 octane. Highway gasoline Bid B $2.563 for 87 octane and $2.863 for 90 octane. Highway diesel Bid A $3.256.
Harvest Land Co-op - Sheriff 87 octane $2.345 and 90 octane $2.600, same for Highway Department, Surveyor and Assessor’s Office. Diesel $3.046, premium winter $3.066, diesel x4 $2.889 and diesel sx4 winter $2.909.

New Point Stone, #53@ $7.90 a ton.

Irving Materials Inc. - #53 $6.60 a ton picked up at McCordsville plant or $11.20 delivered.

Shannon Excavating – small dozer $60 per hour, large dozer at $70 per hour.

CGS - #53 @ $7.00 per ton, cold patch @ $70 per ton and perma coat high performance patch materials@ $87.50 per ton. Surface mixture 9.5mm, type A @$45.00 and type B@$45.00.

Milestone – patching material $110.35, Surface mixture 9.5mm $65.08 per ton.

U.S. Aggregates - #53 @ $6.25 per ton.

Environmental Equipment, Inc. – corrugated pipe 12 inch $4.08 per foot.

Leonard Excavating – small dozer $75.00 per hour.

Baughman Tile – pipe quotes 12 corrugated pipe $3.26

American Timber Bridge – Treated Timber Rail $3,250.00 and other Bridge pricing.

James Drew Corporation - 12 gauge guard rail $10.20 per lineal foot.

Civil Con – Pipe various pipe quotes, 16 gage 12 inch galvanized pipe $8.63.

Commissioner Stevens moved all bids opened be turned over to the County Engineer and Attorney for review, tabulation, comparison and recommendation for the Commissioners meeting on December 16, 2014, with the exception of the fuel bids that will be recommended during this meeting. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Planning Department

Ordinance 2014-12A – Ron Pritzke appeared before the Commissioners to request approval of rezoning of 16.415 acres in the Northeast Quarter of section 10, Township 15North, Range 6 East, Sugar Creek Township owned by R & F Development, Inc. Property is currently zoned Agriculture (A) and would be changed to Rural Residential (RR). The Planning Commission gave a unanimous favorable vote. Commissioner Armstrong introduced Ordinance 2014-12A. Commissioner Armstrong moved to adopt Ordinance 2014-12A. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. This is the first zoning of Rural Residential. Motion carried 3/0. Commissioner Stevens moves approval of the commitments for Ordinance 2014-12A. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.
Ordinance 2014-12B – request for rezoning from Commercial Neighborhood (CN) to Residential (R2.5). The property was part of the 2006 rezoning. Property is located at 96 S 250 W, and owned by Norman and Paula Baker. The rezoning was given a unanimous favorable vote. Commissioner Armstrong introduced Ordinance 2014-12B. Commissioner Armstrong moved to adopt Ordinance 2014-12B. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

Re-Plat of Jacob’s Minor Sub Division – Commissioner Armstrong moved to approve the Re-Plat of Jacob’s Minor Subdivision and the Thirty-five feet of dedicated right-of-way. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Non Conforming Uses – Mike Dale appeared before the Commissioners to see if they had an interest in making the non-conforming uses able to be done without re-zoning. Commissioners are in agreement with this.

Visitor’s Bureau

Rollover Vacation Days Requested– Dave Scott appeared before the Commissioners to request a rollover of twenty days of vacation time. Commissioner Stevens moved to allow fifteen vacation days to be held over for 2015. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0. They instructed him next year he should have his vacation days in line with the personnel policy.

Elevator – Kyle Marsh appeared before the Commissioners representing Mid-America Elevator Co., Inc. There are several issues with the Annex Elevator; there is a broken car stiles on the elevator cab and a problem with a piston. For safety issues the elevator should be taken out of service now. Recommend correcting the broken car stiles, then pulling the piston to repair. The extent of repairs for the piston will not be determined until they get into the repairs. The quote for $4,550.00 for repairing the broken car stiles on the elevator cab was presented to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Stevens moved the elevator be immediately taken out of service as recommended for safety standards and approve the repair service proposal from Mid-America Elevator Co., Inc. for repairing the broken car stiles in an amount not to exceed $4,550.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0. The repairs should be completed in approximately two weeks. The Commissioners requested they complete it as quickly as possible. The more extensive repairs will be addressed in 2015.

Sheriff’s Department

Healthcare Service Agreement – new contract will allow for 12 hours seven days a week nursing care for the jail. Commissioner Armstrong moved to enter into a contract with Quality Correctional Care, LLC for one year. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Radios – approximately 100 old radios that need to be sent to electronic recycling, does not want anyone to be able to access the frequency’s. Will check with the city to see what they will be doing with their old radios.
Commissioner's Action Items

Resolution No. 2014-12-1 – A County Commissioner Resolution Naming December 5 New Palestine Dragon Day and shall be celebrated by the wearing of red on Friday, December 5th. This is to celebrate the New Palestine Football Team winning the State Championship. Commissioner Armstrong moved for the adoption of Resolution 2014-12-1. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Highway Bids

Recommendations – Highway recommends going with Harvest Land escalating/de-escalating gas across the board and Jackson Oil Diesel. Commissioner Stevens moves to accept the bid from Harvest Land for escalating/de-escalating gas for the Highway Department. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0. Sheriff’s bid recommendation is for Speedway with their rack price plus 6.5 cents per gallon. Commissioner Armstrong moved to accept the bid from Speedway for the rack price plus 6.5 cents per gallon for the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

CC-230 Verification – in regards to flood protection insurance. The form certifies that we are maintaining in force all flood insurance policies that have been required. Commissioner Stevens moves approval of the CC-230 Verification. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Commissioner Action Items

Utilities – Auditor Robin Lowder appeared before the Commissioners to request approval to move funds to cover utilities for the remainder of the year. Commissioner Armstrong moved approval of transferring $40,000.00 from 1001.12500.000.0068, Group Insurance to 1001.35100.000.0068, Utilities. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0. The Auditor will bring this request before Council December 10, 2015.

Holiday Schedule – Auditor Robin Lowder would like the Holiday Schedule amended to add January 13, 2015 and December 22, 2015 as Commissioner Meetings. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of the Hancock County Board of Commissioners meetings on January 13, 2015 and December 22, 2015 with the additional change if a Tuesday should fall on a Commissioner’s Annual Conference or Commissioner’s Road School the meeting will be held the previous working day. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

C.A.D. - Commissioner Armstrong moved to request from council to encumber for the C.A.D. System $188,000.00 from Fund 6005 and $9,699.55 from Fund 1153. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.
The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

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Commissioner Derek Towle, President

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Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President

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Commissioner Tom Stevens

Attest: ________________________________________
Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor