

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

July 29, 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

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

Oil – The County is using new oil on the roads, RS2A. There are fewer complaints now. The dust lay can be removed with diesel fuel, car owners need to remove the diesel fuel.

600 W/300 N Project – the west half is estimated to be complete August 9th and then the work will switch to the eastern side. The school is involved with these plans. The intersection should be open to traffic mid September.

Bridge 59 – Should be open in two weeks.

Audit – work done some time ago on 100 N, Phase II was audited and it was determined the County owes United Consulting \$4,172.00. Engineer requested approval for money to be moved into contractual to pay United Consulting. Commissioner Stevens moved approval to request County Council to move funds into contractual to pay the amount due United Consulting. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Bridge 145 – Should be open August 6th. This is 600 W over Sugar Creek.

Crack Seal – will be done over the next two weeks in Stansbury, Buck Creek, Creek Ridge Place, Shel Lyn, Richman Platz, Hitlon Bus Park and Willow Grove subdivisions.

Bridge 114 – the right of way is now secure. Letting will be next year.

TriAxel – one is down being repaired. However, it does not appear to be major.

300 S & 500 W – the intersection was trimmed and new trees were planted.

Subdivision Paving – Some subdivisions that were done in 2004-2006 do not have the surface coat on the roads. The developer stated he has an agreement with the county to do a road a year. An option could be if the work is not completed on prior subdivisions they can't build a new subdivision. The Commissioners stated they didn't want to exercise the bond only if absolutely necessary.

Accident – There was an accident involving a tri-axel truck in front of Casey's store. No One was hurt and it was determined not to be the County drivers fault. The Engineer is encouraging everyone to drive defensively.

Pipe Salvage – request to declare a two foot by 3 foot pipe surplus so it may be sold for \$6.00 to Don Coffey. Commissioner Stevens moved the before mention piece of pipe be declared surplus. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Action Items

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

Minutes – Commissioner Stevens moved approval of minutes for July 15, 2014 session of the Hancock County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Annex Elevator – They are almost finished with the card scanner access for the Annex elevator. The Commissioners stated who they would like to give access. The current people are all department heads, PDF, Jim Scott, Marcia Moore and her two Election Employees. The Commissioners authorized this list and request any additions be authorized by them.

Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement – this grant reimburses 50% of EMA salaries, the same as the prior years. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of the 2013 EMPG grant for salaries, sub grant agreement. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Clerk's Office

Fortville Vote Center – The entire building was not available for use on Election Day as previously agreed. The Election Board has approved moving the Vote Center to the Community Center on Church Street. Commissioner Stevens moved approval the vote center in Fortville be relocated from the Municipal Building to the Community Center. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Filing Room Lights – The current lighting in the Clerk's Office filing room is inadequate. A quote from Steve Millis Electric is presented to the Commissioners for adding additional lighting. Commissioner Stevens moved to authorize the Clerk to change the lighting in the file room and to be paid from the Clerk's Office maintenance fund for a not to exceed of \$2,014.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Annex Basement – A quote from Steve Millis Electric was presented to the Commissioners for approval. The quote consists of installing cord drops and additional lighting at a cost of \$4,045.89. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of the power supply in the basement being upgraded to accommodate the E-Poll books for an amount not to exceed \$4,045.89 and to be paid out of available 2013 Bond Funds. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Greenfield In Bloom – Marcia Moore and Ellen Kuker appeared before the Commissioners to present the plan for nine beds at the Courthouse and the Annex. The cost to install nine new beds is \$8,500.00 and \$2,108.50 for lawn maintenance or \$4,923.00 which would include tree trimming. The Greenfield Parks department would maintain the beds for an annual cost of \$816.00. Commissioner Armstrong moved to authorize Greenfield in Bloom to pursue a plan in which the entire Purdue flower bed plan is attempted to be paid for through sponsorship donations in the amount of \$6,500.00 for 2015. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Veteran's Affairs Officer

Funds – A computer was purchased and training expenses were paid and the county just received the reimbursement from the state. The reimbursement will go to the general fund. He is requesting approval to go to County Council for an additional appropriation for the funds appropriated to his line items. Commissioner Stevens moved authorization for the request for the additional appropriation from the County Council. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Sister Cities

Sister City Program – Bill Yozipovich appeared before the Commissioners to request permission to put up a banner for the second annual 5K run/walk on August 23rd at the Courthouse. Commissioner Stevens moved to authorize the Sister City Program to put up the banner advertising their event starting immediately up to August 31st. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Action Items

Funds Shortage – Auditor Robin Lowder informed the Commissioners that the line item for Severance Sick Pay has a shortfall of \$690.00 and will need approximately an additional \$7,396.00 by the end of August. This is in part due to the change in the P.E.R.F benefits several employees are retiring and also Budget cuts for this line item in the amount of \$10,000.00. Commissioner Stevens moved to request an additional \$15,000.00 to cover Severance Sick Pay from the County Council. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Budget Transfer – Commissioner Stevens moved approval to transfer \$1,000.00 from line item 1001.12700.000.0068/Unemployment to 1001.13301.000.0068/Severance Sick Pay to cover the shortfall short term. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Sheriff's Department

Drain Pumps – The pumps at the Sheriff's Department were pulled up and are in good condition. The City of Greenfield cleaned all drains out.

Parking Lot – the parking lot was not built correctly and is now sinking. The cost to fix this is \$6,500.00. There is money in the Sheriff's budget to fund the repair.

Wall – To repair the wall including railing the cost will be \$7,400.00. Commissioner Armstrong suggested checking on a variation to the repair.

Action Items

Veterans Funds – Commissioner Stevens suggested that in lieu of the requested additional appropriation request earlier in the meeting the Commissioners establish a Grant Fund 8936 IDVA for the grant money to be receipted into. They will then advertise and have Council appropriate the Grant Funds. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Derek Towle, President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President

Commissioner Tom Stevens

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Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor