

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

June 17, 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 9:15 a.m.

Highway Department

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

Parcel# 20 – owned by Toni C. Dellekamp. The Administrative Settlement Memorandum was presented to the Commissioners for signature. Commissioner Stevens moved execution of Administrative Settlement Memorandum that is based on counter for property being purchased known as parcel# 20 and owned by Toni C. Dellekamp and for the settlement amount of \$8,046.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Parcel# 14 – owned by Riverstone Partners, right of way purchased for \$4,400.00. Commissioner Stevens moved to authorize an amount up to \$4,400.00 to purchase parcel# 14. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Bridge# 91 – the supplemental agreement between SJCA P.C. of Indianapolis, Indiana, Consulting Engineers and Hancock County for utility coordination and pavement design was presented to the Commissioners for approval. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of Supplemental Agreement# 1 in the amount of \$15,900.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Bridge# 105 – on 900 E. the red steel bridge, will be closed when repairs are done. The date will be posted in the newspaper.

600 W. – June 18th they will be cutting the road for the roundabout. The road will not be closed and there will be flaggers.

Paving – 400 N. and 575 E. will change from strip to full paving to save funds.

Paving – 250 N, 400 N, 525 W and 100 S. will be paved in the next two weeks.

Road Evaluation – the evaluation is done and now a five year plan is being formed.

Amateur Radio Week

Hancock Amateur Radio Club – the annual request for proclamation was requested. Commissioner Stevens, Office of County Commissioners Proclamation dated June 17, 2014. Whereas the County of Hancock has licensed Amateur Radio Operators who have demonstrated their value in public assistance by providing emergency radio communications, and Whereas, these Amateur Radio Operators donate these services free of charge to the County, in the interest of the citizens of the County as well as the world; and Whereas, these Amateur Radio Operators are on alert for any emergency, local or world-wide, and practice their communication skills during the American Radio Relay League's Field Day exercise; and Whereas, this year's Amateur Radio Field Day will take place June 28th thru June 29th, 2014; as Now, Therefore, We, Derek Towle, Brad Armstrong and Tom Stevens, County Commissioners, of the County of Hancock hereby declare the week of June 23rd thru June 29th, 2014 as Amateur Radio Week. In recognition of this important emergency preparedness exercise, and call upon all citizens to pay appropriate tribute to the Amateur Radio Operators of our County. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Sheriff's Department

Mass Notification Blackboard Contract- Requested required signatures of Commissioners on the Blackboard Contract. The contract had prior authorization.

Surplus – Commissioner Stevens moved the 2011 Charger, VIN#2B3CL1CT9BH589131, which was totaled in an accident with a deer, 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 June 3, 2014 of the Hancock County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0

Library Board Appointments

Appointments – Letter recommending Ellen Rich and Elizabeth Bugiel be appointed to the Fortville Vernon Township Public Library Board. Commissioner Stevens moved to appoint Elizabeth Bugiel and Ellen Rich for a four year term ending May 31, 2018. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Action Items

Circuit Court – the lighting requires specialty bulbs and the cost to replace all bulbs being seventy in fixtures and lighting on the sides will be \$1,762.73 per Steve Millis of Millis Electric. Commissioner Stevens moved to proceed with the replacement of bulbs in Circuit Court by Millis Electric for an amount not to exceed \$1,762.73. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

CEDIT Tax – There are two CEDIT Ordinances the County Council is considering, the first increases CEDIT for the Library use and the second repeals the Hancock County Economic Development Tax. Commissioner Stevens moved to pass a resolution requesting the Council to maintain the CEDIT adding a permanent Economic Development Tax of .10%. Commissioner Armstrong stated he was not ready to act on this today. The Commissioners agreed to have County Attorney Ray Richardson prepare a resolution for the next meeting.

Public Comment: by George Langston stated he concurred with Commissioner Stevens to keep the tax at one level.

Health Department

Septic Fee – Dr. Aspy appeared before the Commissioners to clarify a prior request to raise the fees for septic permit fees. Commissioner Towle feels the citizens pay taxes for these services. The Health Department would like the fees to be \$250.00 for both a new septic and septic repairs. Commissioner Stevens moved that the application fee be \$50.00 and the permit fee be \$75.00 for new and repairs with an effective date of September 1, 2014. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. Point of discussion installing and repairs are usually years apart. The motion carried 3/0. Commissioner Armstrong proposed amendment to keep fees at \$50.00 for the application and \$50.00 for the permit for both new and repairs of septic with the effective date of September 1, 2014. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/1. Commissioner Stevens opposed.

Damien Center – the Damien Center is requesting if they come to Hancock County to provide HIV and STD testing for no cost to the County will a room be available in the Health Department for the Damien Center to provide these services. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of the use of a room in the Health Department by the Damien Center. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

E-Cigarettes – The Health Department received a letter from Hancock Regional Hospital that the Medical Staff thanked the Commissioners for including E-cigarettes in the County No Smoking Ordinance.

Arts & Cultural Council

Chalkfest – Connie Schmidt appeared before the Commissioners to request use of the sidewalks south of the Courthouse for Chalkfest on September 13, 2014. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of use of the sidewalks on the south side of the Courthouse for Chalkfest on September 13, 2014. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

IT Department

New Computers - Bernie Harris appeared before the Commissioners for approval of the purchase of eleven laptop computers for the Sheriff's Department cars. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of the purchase of 11 Toughbrok Computers for a total cost of \$24,024.00 from Technology Integration Group. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0

Sheriff's Department

Part Time – requesting approval for increasing the 2015 Budget part-time line for a part time maintenance person to limit inmates being out of secured areas. The Commissioners see the need for a part-time maintenance person for the 2015 Budget.

Action Items

Transfer Funds – Funds in the amount of \$5,766.00 to be taken from 1001.32400.000.0068, telephone and moved to 1001.34200.000.0068, worker's comp. Commissioner Armstrong moved to pay the additional invoice for workmen's comp in the amount of \$21,108.00, additional premium charge and move \$5,766.00 from 1001.32400.000.0068, telephone and moved to 1001.34200.000.0068, worker's comp. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Derek Towle, President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President

Robin D. Lowder
Hancock Co Auditor

Commissioner Tom Stevens