

Hancock County Board of Commissioners' Minutes

March 12, 2013

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.

Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 8:00 a.m.

Hancock County Board of Commissioners' meeting began at 8:01 a.m.

In The Matter of Hancock County Liability and Workers Compensation Insurance

The county insurance agent Doug Walker of Walker Agency-presented the new county Insurance plan and rates for 3/11/13 through 3/11/14 for our County Insurance Liability with Bliss-McKnight and our County Workers Compensation with Bituminous Insurance Co. The Insurance Company did a Loss Control audit with the county and our payroll amount was down so that did decrease our rate. 2012 Liability was \$410,205 and 2013 Liability will be \$405,033. That is a savings of \$5,172 for the Liability Insurance. The Workers Compensation for 2012 was \$158,438 and the Workers Compensation for 2013 will be \$172,656. It is an additional \$14,218 from last year. The total for both Liability and Workers Compensation for 2012 was \$568,643 and 2013 will be \$577,689. That is just a total increase of \$9,046. Agent Walker felt that was a very good rate considering the County had some very serious Workers Compensation issues this year. He felt the county had gotten very good service last year by both insurance companies and that had the county departments not been so involved in the safety meetings; possibly we would not have gotten the good rate we did. The Companies knew the Departments were taking safety issues very serious because of the excellent participation in the meetings. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to accept the Insurance as presented by Agent Walker for an amount not to exceed \$577,689. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

In The Matter of Jail Trustees

The Jail Commander Andy Craig requested the insurance company in to inspect the jail to identify potential liability issues and in the process one issue that concerned them were trustees being assigned work outside of secured areas of the jail. They are concerned about the potential liability risk of mowing grass cleaning and other maintenance activities etc. they questioned if the supervision was being properly done. It was suggested possibly Community Corrections people could be used instead. It was suggested the County Attorney speak with the Insurance Company on the correct procedure for all of this process. Agent Walker would put Attorney Richardson in touch with the correct Insurance officials.

In The Matter of Main Street Inc. Beautification

Commissioner Towle was approached by Judy Swift of Main Street Inc. in regards to their beautification program. They are interested in improving the aesthetics of the Courthouse. Commissioners Towle reported he would receive more detail at a later date.

In The Matter of Redevelopment Commission Property

The Commissioners discussed options of renting the house on the RDC property. They discussed the pros and cons of having the property rented. They felt after the next RDC meeting they would have more information to make a possible decision and requested the Auditor to put this item on their Action Items on the March 19th Commissioners Meeting.

In The Matter of The LOIT Committee

Commissioner Armstrong explained he had been to a LOIT Committee meeting Councilman John Jessup has started so he could begin studying the possibility of helping townships that do not have ambulance funds receive some LOIT Funds from the County Council. Commissioner Armstrong felt that could relieve the burden the Commissioners are presently meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Derek Towle, President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President

Commissioner Tom Stevens

Attest : _____

Robin D. Lowder, Hancock County