

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

April 30, 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.

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's meeting began at 8:02 a.m.

Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 8:28 a.m.

In The Matter of the Highway Department

Engineer Joe Copeland appeared before the Hancock County Board of Commissioners to discuss the following:

Bridge# 145 – INDOT has approved the contracts for the inspection of Bridge# 145. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of LPA Consulting contract with USI Consultants Inc. for Bridge# 145 contract, not to exceed \$107,500.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Credit Application – request for a credit application with Praxair for oxygen and acetylene cheaper than our current supplier. Commissioner Stevens moved to execute the credit application with Praxair for purchase for the Highway Department. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Equipment Advisory Committee – minutes from the last meeting of the Equipment Advisory Committee were presented to the Commissioners. The request for 2014 budget for new equipment is \$151,000.00. They went through the larger equipment and decided they would rather send several for maintenance than to buy new.

Request For Proposal – for 600 W. south of U.S. 40 phase 2 of the right-of-way. There were three reviewers. Butler, Fairman & Seufert was recommended. The Commissioners would like to review before an action is taken.

Bridge# 2 - Design on Bridge# 2 will require the road beside it to be raised due to flooding. The Highway Department would like to contract with Clark Dietz Inc. to contract this job. Commissioner Stevens moved to allow the County Engineer to negotiate a contract with Clark Dietz Inc. for design on Bridge# 2. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Inter-Local Agreement – between the City of Greenfield and Hancock County, Indiana for replacing the culvert C-62 on McKenzie Rd. over Potts Ditch. The City will reimburse for the hand rail and cost to extend part of culvert to the north for a sidewalk the City will be installing in the future. The cost for the City will not exceed \$44,478.75. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of the Inter-Local with the City of Greenfield as presented for culvert C-62. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Culvert – John Harding’s farm located on south Meridian Road by a newly replaced culvert has seen discharge on his farm side cutting a ditch and getting worse. The County Engineer is asked to review the situation.

In The Matter of Vote Centers

Introducing Resolutions 2013-4-7 and 2013-4-6 – The Clerk Marcia Moore stated that July 5, 2011 Council and Commissioners requested she investigate Vote Centers. She stated she has investigated other centers around the state over the past two years. There have been three public meetings to present the voting centers concept to the public. April 23, 2013 the Hancock County Election Board passed the Vote Centers unanimously with eleven centers. There will be six large and five small centers with a vote center within eight miles of every school district, large city or town and every voter. The vote center locations are; McCordsville Town Hall; Fortville Municipal Building; Ninestar Connect on 600 N.; Wilkinson Church of Christ; Brown’s Chapel Wesleyan; Bell Mortuaries; Brookeville Road Community Church; Washington Village Apartments; Hancock County Annex; Hancock Public Library; and Ninestar Connect on Main Street. Commissioner Stevens introduced Resolution 2013-4-6 A Resolution Certifying Vote Centers and Satellite Vote Centers As Accessible Under I.C. 3-11-8. Commissioner Stevens introduced Resolution 2013-4-7 A Resolution Approving The Designation of Hancock County As A Vote Center County.

Precincts – Correcting and balancing the precincts is in progress. The Clerk requested the Commissioners approval to move forward. Only the names are changing not boundaries. The Commissioners agreed to move forward.

In The Matter of New Palestine Plaza

New Palestine Plaza – Philip Going of Accura Land Surveying appeared before the Commissioners for reapproval for the plat that had been approved but expired. The current requirement requires an additional five foot of right-of-way. Commissioner Stevens moved to accept the dedication of the additional five feet of right-of-way along Mt. Comfort Road for New Palestine Plaza Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

In The Matter of 2014 Budgets Presented to the Commissioners

Hancock County Historical Society – Brigitte Cook Jones appeared before the Commissioners and gave an overview of the past year and to present the proposed budget for 2014. The request is for \$2,500.00 which is the same as last year.

4-H Agriculture Association – Cheryl Reynolds appeared before the CommissionerS to present the proposed budget for 2014. The request is for \$84,600.00; which is the same as last year. There was discussion about the new horse building and how it will be funded by donations.

Tourism Commission – Dave Dellacca appeared before the Commissioners to present the proposed budget for 2014 in the amount of \$67,339.00.

Public Defender – John Apple appeared before the Commissioners to review the statistics for his office and present the proposed budget for 2014 in the amount of \$506,746.00 which is the same as last year.

Emergency Management – Larry Ervin appeared before the Commissioners to present the proposed budget for 2014 in the amount of \$37,802.00 which includes an increase in the operating expense from \$5,000 to \$7,000.

In The Matter of Commissioner's Action Items

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

Minutes – Commissioner Stevens moved approval of the minutes for April 2, 2013. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0. Commissioner Towle abstained.

Minutes – Commissioner Armstrong moved approval of the April 16, 2013 minutes. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0. Commissioner Stevens abstained.

Greenfield Board of Zoning – on May 16, 2013 there will be a meeting for the show arena at the fair grounds.

Relay For Life – Jean Westcott appeared before the Commissioners to present a statement regarding her concerns about the Relay for Life and feels the Commissioners should verify their credentials.

In The Matter of 2014 Budgets Presented to the Commissioners

Hancock County Senior Services – Linda Hart appeared before the Commissioners to present the proposed budget for 2014 in the amount of \$22,000.00. Services provided were discussed and the Commissioners were invited to the opening of the new Senior Services Building on May 22, 2013 at 4:00pm to come and read a proclamation declaring that day Hancock County Senior Services Day.

Cemetery Commission – Nancy Leach appeared before the Commissioners to present the proposed budget for 2014 in the amount of \$1,500.00; which is the same as last year. She explained they were unable to use their budget last year due to the extreme heat and lack of volunteers.

In The Matter of Commissioner's Action Items

Bike Ride- a flyer was presented to the Commissioners for the Answers for Autism Bike Ride on June 29, 2013 at Fortville Nazarene Church.

In The Matter of 2014 Budgets Presented to the Commissioners

Veterans Service Officer – Bob Workman appeared before the Commissioners to present the proposed budget for 2014 in the amount of \$19,425.00; which includes an increase for office expenses.

NASA – Debbie Spangler appeared before the Commissioners to present the proposed budget for 2014 in the amount of \$20,032.00.

Building Department – Rusty Burgess appeared before the Commissioners to present the proposed budget for 2014 in the amount of \$95,038.00. There was an increase in the budget.

Emergency Operations Center – Connie Hoy appeared before the Commissioners with the C.C.D. Fund budget for Miscellaneous Capital for computers (They discussed with her changing the name of the line item to Computer Expense for 2014) in the amount of \$10,000.00; Furniture in the amount of \$1,000.00; and E-911 Upgrades in the amount of \$50,000.00 with a total CCD budget amount of \$61,000.00. She will present the regular budget at the next Commissioners meeting. Ms. Hoy requested a new computer but is unsure where the funds would come from due to a grant and an encumbrance from last year for a piece of equipment she is still waiting on called a microwave. She was instructed to consult with Auditor Robin Lowder about the funding for her computer. The request to charge for providing request for CD's of 911 calls was presented to the Commissioners. She was asked to evaluate the time she spends on collecting and preparing the information then send it to the County Attorney.

In The Matter of Commissioner's Action Items

Jail Flood Lawsuit- Attorney Kevin Harvey updated the Commissioners on the INDOT contract with Greenfield and adding additional defendants, Storrow Kinsella Associates, Inc.; Margaret T. Storrow, and Michael A. Koslow. Commissioner Stevens moved approval to allow Attorney Kevin Harvey to add the additional defendants to the lawsuit. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Mowing-Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to move forward in obtaining someone to mow the County property. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Energy Audit – Commissioner Armstrong moved to approve to move ahead with the energy audit with Energy Systems Group/Mark Falahee. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

The Hancock County Commissioner's Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Derek Towle, President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President

Commissioner Tom Stevens

Attest: _____
Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor