

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

December 31, 2013

Commissioners met in regular session. Those present were Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President and Commissioner Tom Stevens. Commissioner Derek Towle, President was not in attendance.

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 8:28 a.m.

Highway Department

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

Cost Practice – The Commissioners confirmed with Engineer Gary Pool that any cost over \$2,500.00 will need to be discussed with the Commissioners.

Bridge Conference – will be held on January 22nd and 23rd, 2014. Engineer Gary Pool requested permission for himself and Engineer Joe Copeland to both attend. The cost is \$70.00 for conference and \$80.00 for the room cost. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of travel and cost of stay for the Bridge Conference as requested for both Engineers. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

Bridge Inspections- Gary Pool is requesting Joe Copeland perform some Bridge Inspections.

Superintendent – Engineer Pool is working on a job description for this position. They will also need a new assistant mechanic. The Commissioners gave approval to request these positions from the County Council at their meeting January 8, 2014.

GPS – The equipment has been received and they are in the process of installing the equipment. The goal is to have it installed and completed by the end of January.

Morristown Bridge – Mapes property is in process.

Cumulative Bridge Fund - \$1,579,511 was spent in 2013, which was not all of the year's appropriation. Nine appraisals were completed. \$2,040,130 is appropriated for the 2014 budget. Bridge 114 wasn't completed. He is requesting to go to Council for an additional appropriation of \$800,000.00. Commissioner Stevens approved requesting an additional appropriation of \$800,000.00 for the Cumulative Bridge Fund from the County Council. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0

Local Road and Street – The Commissioners are setting up separate funds for each Federal Project and then will request the Council to fund them. The process for the Redevelopment Commission is still being reviewed.

Flooding Repairs – 40% of the repairs are completed. They are mostly small wash outs of asphalt or stone shoulders. Bridge assessments have not been done yet. We have approximately \$15,000.00 in damage so far. Cranberry Lake Estates subdivision had the most difficulty draining. Pumps were used.

Larry Siegler of The Peterson Co. – There are a Large Auto Manufacturing Company with 300 jobs, a National Retail business of 2.2 billion and a warehouse 25000 square feet that are interested in being located at 200 N. and 700 W. They are asking about roads and transportation, using 700 W. – 300 N. to the interstate. They will relocate the building. They have questions, when will improvements begin? On a short term basis some type of temporary fixes? It will be 20/30 million in assessed value. For a One half mile on 700 W. would the Commissioners be willing to try to partner with the Company. Commissioners are receptive to a partnership. Siegler made a request for a written confirmation. The Commissioners are willing to comply.

Surveyors Office

Flood Plain Ordinance - Commissioner Stevens introduced Ordinance 2013-12C, for new flood boundaries.

Bond Release – Release of Bond to Gateway Crossing L.L.C. in the amount of \$3,250.00 for monuments. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of the release of bond to Gateway Crossing L.L.C. in the amount of \$3,250.00 for monuments. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

Commissioner's Action Items

Claims and Payroll – Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to approve claims and payroll as presented. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

Minutes – Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the Commissioners Minutes for December 17, 2013 and December 26, 2013. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

Premium Mechanical L.L.C. – an invoice was presented for \$4,912 which is \$260.00 over the not to exceed amount. Commissioner Stevens moved to pay the not to exceed amount only of \$4,652.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded. The motion carried 2/0.

C.C.D. Fund/Bond Fund

C.C.D. Fund – C.C.D. items that are to be paid for with Bond Funds. IT Software \$244,000.00, Jail Vehicle \$160,000.00 and Surveyor Truck \$50,000.00 for a total of \$454,000.00. Commissioner Stevens moves the Bond Funds to pay the IT Software \$244,000.00, Jail Vehicle \$160,000.00 and Surveyor Truck \$50,000.00 for a total of \$454,000.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. John Priore objects saying the vehicles could be paid for with LOIT (Public Safety Funds). The motion was withdrawn by Commissioner Stevens. Commissioner Stevens made a new motion for the following to be paid with Bond Funds, IT Computers \$188,500.00, IT Software \$244,000.00 and IT Phones \$14,000.00 for a total of \$446,500.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

Personnel Policy

Personnel Policy/Ordinance 2013-12B – An Ordinance Establishing Personnel Policies. Item 31.018 Severance Pay, Letter I. In the event of termination for cause the employee shall not be entitled to any vacation pay. Letter J. has been removed eliminating any conflict. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-12B. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0. The Ordinance shall be in full force and effect on January 1, 2014.

Resolution 2013-12-6 – A Resolution Transferring The Surplus of the Emergency Telephone System Revenue Bonds of 2011. Commissioner Stevens moved to transfer to surplus of the Emergency Telephone System Revenue Bond of 2011 in the amount of \$129,811.00 that will pay the bond payment to reduce interest. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

ABC Appointment – there will need to be a new appointment due to appointment of the New Mayor.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

Attest: _____
Robin D. Lowder
Hancock Co Auditor

_____ Absent _____
Commissioner Derek Towle, President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President

Commissioner Tom Stevens