

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

October 29, 2013

Commissioners met in regular session. Those present were Commissioner Derek Towle, President, Commissioner Brad Armstrong, and Commissioner Tom Stevens is absent.

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 8:32 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# 44 – located at 400 E. and south of 600 N. will need cross beams and material asphalt over the beams.

Snow Removal – There were four contractors last year that did the snow removal. V. Feeney will not do the County parking lots this year. The Commissioners will research this issue.

J&C Services, LLC, V. Feeney, Inc., Leonard Excavation and CGS Services, Inc. agree to extended contracts. Commissioner Armstrong moved approval of the contract extensions with J&C Services, LLC, V. Feeney, Inc. Leonard Excavation and CGS Services, Inc. for snow removal for the 2013/2014 season. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

INDOT – deadline for funding of new projects or funding of current projects is December 13, 2013 and will submit on ITAC. The County Engineer would like to submit Bridge# 00091 for Federal Funding. The rating is below fifty. We need to raise the road and bridge due to the difficulty getting out for people to the east.

The Bridge on 300 N. east of 200 W. has a rating over fifty. The County Engineer would like to turn in but rating must be under 50.

Road Projects – 600 W. Broken Arrow Drive to north of 300 South, Right-of-Way starts July 2016 and 2017. He will inquire if there is a limit.

The Engineer will need a letter to submit to INDOT from the County Council they will fund the projects.

Bond Release – Windhaven, Section 4 Performance Bond with R & F Development in the amount of \$9,200.00. Commissioner Armstrong moved to release the Performance Bond to R & F Development in the amount of \$9,200.00 for asphalt surface. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

In The Matter of NASA

Grants – Director of NASA Tim Retherford appeared before the Commissioners to present the grant requests for Prevention/Education, Treatment/Intervention and Criminal Justice Services. Commissioner Towle moved approval of the amounts granted per recommendation by NASA for the three categories as submitted. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

Business Cards –Business cards are being handed out with new tip line for underage drinking. Schools are saying the kids feel it's reducing under age drinking in our community.

In The Matter of Commissioner's Action Items

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

Minutes – Commissioner Towle moved approval of the Commissioners Minutes for October 15, 2013. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

In The Matter of E-911 Center

ERS Contract for Repeater – Connie Hoy appeared before the Commissioners for approval of the quote for the repeater after study to determine it was feasible to put the channels on the Maxwell Tower. Commissioner Armstrong moved to enter into a contract with ERS Wireless Communications for installation of the MTR 3000 Repeater, total price not to exceed \$12,963.54. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

Part Time Employees – Connie Hoy requested permission to hire one or two part time employees. The Commissioners like the idea of having an already trained pool to hire from. Commissioner Armstrong moved to allow the director to hire part time employees as needed not to exceed the 2013 and 2014 Budgeted Amounts of \$11,800.00 and \$20,000.00 respectively. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.
The Commissioners instructed Connie Hoy that she cannot transfer line item to line item in her Part-time pay line item without their approval.

In The Matter of the Inter-local Agreement with Town of Wilkinson

Patrol Car – Commissioner Armstrong moved to adopt an Inter-local agreement with the Town of Wilkinson to lease a 2007 Crown Victoria with VIN#2FAFP71W47Z137218 for the amount of \$1.00. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

In The Matter of the Surveyor's Department

Bond Release – Commissioner Armstrong moved to release the cash bond to Davis Homes, LLC in the amount of \$67,000.00 for Bay Creek East, Section 2 for erosion control. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

Bond Release – Commissioner Armstrong moved to release the cash bond to Davis Homes, LLC in the amount of \$30,000.00 for Bay Creek East, Section 1 for erosion control. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

Bond Release – Commissioner Armstrong moved to release the performance bond to R & F Development for Greyhawk Woods Section 4 for asphalt surface and monuments. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

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In The Matter of Plan Department

Ordinance 2013-10B – Mike Dale appeared before the Commissioners to request rezoning for John Lomas for property located at 900 N. and 500 W. being approximately 11.35 acres. The rezoning is for IL (Industrial Light) to Residential (R1.0) The Plan Commission gave a favorable recommendation for development of land and buffer. Commissioner Armstrong Introduced Ordinance 2013-10B, an ordinance to amend the zoning for the Lomas Property from IL to R1.

Commissioner Armstrong moved to adopt Ordinance 2013-10B An Ordinance Amending The Hancock County, Indiana Zoning Ordinance. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

In The matter of the County Insurance Plan

Insurance – Kevin Mandrell appeared before the Commissioners to present the overview of the County Health Insurance plan. This has been another good year for the County and there will be no increase in the County Budget for Health Care. Recommendations are to change having two regular insurance programs to just one and to continue the HSA program. The regular program will have a deductible of \$1000.00. We also need to remove the “future Moms” and “Nurseline” from the 360 degree program it is being used infrequently. He also suggested we eliminate the Annual Aggregate Premium of \$14,857.92 and raise the Aggregating Specific Deductible from \$120,000 to \$125,000 the County Attorney agreed with these two changes. The dental, life and vision programs will remain the same. There was a discussion about also providing a Health Clinic through I.P.T. a local company that is run by Novia and how it could benefit the County Employees. The Commissioners agreed to revisit this at their next meeting after our insurance agent does more research on the Clinic. Our plan meets the minimum for the Affordable Care Act.

In The Matter of Devault Minor Sub

Right of Way – Phil Going appeared before the Commissioners to dedicate right-of-way on property at 200 N. and Mt Comfort Road at the southeast corner. Commissioner Towle moved to accept the DeVault Minor Subdivision dedicated right of way. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

In The Matter of IT Department

Upgrades – Bernie Harris appeared before the Commissioners to request updates for the County computer system. Commissioner Armstrong moved to allow for \$61,950 for computer upgrades out of the budget for Cumulative Capital Development Fund. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0

Cameras – at the Courthouse the cameras only have 48 hours of time they can retain . Bernie Harris would like to change to DVR which would provide 180 days of film retained. He would like to have permission to investigate on some prices.

In The Matter of the Sheriff's Department

Overhead Door – the door is jammed in receiving area and they are calling to see if it can be repaired or if it needs replaced.

Water Softner – Bill Freije appeared before the Commissioners to make a presentation on the salt free filtration system they offer and the benefit it will be to the Jail System. Commissioner Towle moved to have Freije Treatment Systems, Inc. installed in the County jail for an amount not to exceed \$11,310.00 the easy water no-salt water conditioner to be paid out of Commissioner's building maintenance C.C.D. Fund. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

In The Matter of the Clerk's Office

Panic Alarm – Marcia Moore appeared before the Commissioners to request a panic alarm button be installed at the election office since there is only one entrance if something should happen they will not have an exit. The Commissioners questioned if there is really a need for this item. The Commissioners gave Marcia Moore authorization to get quotes on the alarm.

In The Matter of Commissioner's Action Items

Scholarship – Danielle Coulter representing the Association of Indiana Counties and Jane Klemme with SRI appeared before the Commissioners to present a \$500.00 scholarship to Haley Oschner being represented by her Grandmother Phyllis Vest. Haley is from Johnson County and Phyllis is a former Hancock County Treasurer and continues to work in the Treasurer Office.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 11:27a.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Derek Towle, President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President

Absent
Commissioner Tom Stevens

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor