

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

April 3, 2012

Commissioners met in regular session. Those present were Commissioner Tom Stevens, President, Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President, and Commissioner Derek Towle. Auditor Robin D. Lowder was also present.

Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 8:29a.m.

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's meeting began at 8:00a.m.

In The Matter of Hancock County Highway

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

Culvert Pipe - Bob Rice would like to buy a piece of culvert pipe that is four foot diameter and twenty feet long for a price of \$80.00. Commissioner Armstrong moved to allow disposal sale to Bob Rice of culvert pipe as specified in an amount of \$80.00. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Change Order #1- for the project at Fortville Pike and 300N. It was proposed by Reith Riley to close the whole intersection for three months to complete all work at once instead of closing half the intersection at a time. The work would be completed by August 1st or Reith Riley will pay \$1,000.00 per day fine. The Commissioners feel that Reith Riley should pay for the detour signs, because they requested that the intersection close completely. The Commissioners requested they keep the signs up two weeks before the work begins. Commissioner Towle moved approval of change order #1 for \$0 subject to the conditions discussed. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Highway Department Annual Report - was presented to the Commissioners for review and signature so it can be forwarded to the appropriate department. Commissioner Armstrong moved to accept the County Highway Department Report on State Form 54400 as presented. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Damage to Road - at 100 E. south of 500 S. A tree and stump were pulled and tore the fill from the side of the road leaving an unsafe road. The Highway Department has repaired the road and it is now safe but, they are trying to locate who left the road in that condition and will pursue reimbursement on labor and materials. Also, there were no permits for the work done.

Highway Department Garage Door - Two quotes were presented to the Commissioners for replacement of the Garage Door at the Highway Garage. Garage Doors of Greenfield quoted for a Polystyrene Insulation 2" tract. \$1,713.06 and for a Foam injected 2" tract, \$1,929.31. Garage Doors of Indianapolis quoted \$2,570.00 for 3" tract. Commissioner Armstrong moved approval of the quote from Garage Doors of Greenfield for the Polystyrene Insulation 2" tract door in an amount not to exceed \$1,713.06. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Driveway Variance - Jane Ann Blanton is requesting a driveway variance on her property which is located at 822 W. 1000 N. Fortville, IN. The distance will be reduced from 700 feet to 600 feet total. The Highway Department recommends approval and for the Commitment for a forty-foot dedicated right-of-way. Commissioner Armstrong moves to allow the variance for Jane Ann Blanton for the driveway variance pending commitment of the forty-foot right-of-way. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carries 3-0.

Road Drainage Repair - Phil Scott appeared before the Commissioners to request assistance with cutting the road and replacing the field tile. The Commissioners feel this tile is private and not a part of the Noah Hollis Regulated Drain. The location of the private tile and the drain need to be determined before making a decision. This item is tabled.

In The Matter of the Hancock County Clerk

Locking Doors - Marcia Moore, Clerk, appeared before the Commissioners to request that during absentee voting at the Courthouse, from April 9th to May 7th, the South doors of the Courthouse be locked as security cameras do not cover the doors. Commissioner Armstrong moved approval to allow no entrance at the South entrance of the courthouse from April 9th to May 7th. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

In The Matter of the Hancock County Sheriff

Flood - The Garage door at the Sheriff's Department was damaged by collected rain water causing flooding of the basement. Insurance has approved replacement of the door. Commissioner Towle responded to the call and was walking through a few inches of water upon his arrival. He would like to commend the employees there that night on how quickly they took evasive action to minimize the damage, it could have been much worse had they not been paying attention and he would like to acknowledge the hard work by the deputies, jail staff and prisoners.

Generator - for the jail is obsolete. A quote was presented to the Commissioners for a new generator by MacAllister Power Systems in the amount of \$9,650.00. They are going to try replacing the relay first, if that does not work the generator will need to be replaced. The fuel tank for the generator is a 2000 gallon tank and only has 293 gallons currently. The Commissioners suggest setting up a budget line item for fuel. Commissioner Towle moved to allow replacement of the switch generator to be paid out of the Commissioner's Cumulative Capital Development Fund in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. Discussion of a second quote. Motion carried 3-0.

Shooting Range - everything was approved with Planning and Rezoning of the Range. Before moving forward, the Sheriff's Department request that all associated building permits and electrical fees be waived. Commissioner Armstrong moved to allow the Sheriff's Department to proceed with the new building at the shooting range and all associated County fees are waived. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Jail Report - was presented to the Commissioners for their review.

In The Matter of The Hancock County Commissioner's Action Items

Nameless Creek Youth Camp - Benny Eaton appeared before the Commissioners to present David Wallace a life Scout of troop 233 requesting the permit fee for a pond he is constructing at the camp, is waived. David Wallace informed the Commissioners the Harold Gibson is doing the surveying and Bruce Wilson will be the excavator. Commissioner Towle moved to waive the \$25.00 fee for this project at Nameless Creek Youth Camp. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. The Commissioners congratulated David on his work and giving back to his community at such a young age. The motion carried 3-0.

March 20, 2012 Minutes - Commissioner Towle moved to accept the minutes for March 20, 2012 as submitted. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Claims and Payroll - Commissioner Armstrong moved to approve the claims and payroll as presented. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Ordinance 2010-10F - An Ordinance Amending Worker's Compensation Time Off. The ordinance is in regards to personal time taken for the first seven days, if hurt while working for the County. The County will pay for that time. Commissioner Armstrong is opposed to this. Commissioner Towle moves for adoption of Ordinance 2010-10F An Ordinance Amending Worker's Compensation Time Off. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. Discussion among the Commissioners. Commissioner Armstrong feels that losing sick time gives more incentive for employees to get back to work quicker. Commissioner Stevens believes if a person is injured while on duty it is the Counties responsibility. If it turns out not to be worker's compensation the employee will not be covered. The motion carried 2-1. Commissioners Towle and Stevens voted yes and Commissioner Armstrong voted no.

Surplus Sale - location will probably be the County Fairgrounds in July and will include all County Departments. Addison Auction would be acceptable to use per Attorney Ray Richardson. Further information will be provided at later dates.

American Cancer Society - Enos Dotson appeared before the Commissioners representing Paint the Town Purple's request to decorate the Courthouse square in as much purple as possible. On May 4th they would like to have a luminary ceremony, place purple bows in the trees and purple flowers in the planters. They would like to place signs on the courthouse lawn for the American Cancer Society and Relay for life, place purple carpet on the stairs and sidewalk and they also requested adding purple color to the fountains. The Commissioners stated the fountains cannot have color added as they are part of the cooling system. Carpeting would not be allowed on the stairs for safety but would be allowed on the sidewalks during the ceremony on May 4th. Commissioner Towle moved approval for the American Cancer Society/Relay for life to be allowed to put signs in the Courthouse lawn, ribbons in the trees and use of the courthouse lawn on May 4th for the Paint the Town Purple ceremony. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Soap Dispensers - Gilliam Janitorial requested approval to purchase soap dispensers for the Courthouse and Courthouse Annex. The cost will be \$96.00 for one dispenser and \$25.00 for one valve replacement, four replacements are needed. Commissioner Armstrong moved to allow Gilliam Janitorial to purchase two soap dispensers and six valve replacements in an amount not to exceed \$350.00. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Exhaust Fan - for the Courthouse men's and women's restroom. A quote was presented to the Commissioners from Muegge Plumbing for replacement of the exhaust fans in an amount of \$1,500.00. The Commissioners would like a second quote for comparison. This item is to stay on the Action Items.

E-911 - The Indiana Statewide 9-1-1 board has requested verification of all vendors and funds from vendors. This is presented to the Commissioners for signature. Commissioner Armstrong moved approval of the information for Hancock County E-911 revenue and Vendors. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

County Farm - Russ Locker appeared before the Commissioners to request permission to have access across the County Farm to fix a drainage problem and hook into the Regulated Drain. He also made a request for the County to pay half of the cost, since the County Farm will benefit from the work. The Commissioners stated they would like to speak with Susan Bodkin, surveyor, before making a decision to contribute on the cost. Commissioner Armstrong moves to allow access across the County Farm for 1,900 feet with an eight inch tile in accordance with the map presented. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

The Commissioners will check into paying for part of the cost and will make a determination at their next meeting. The cost is \$27.50 per foot and Mr. Locker is requested half which is \$2,612.50. This item will remain as an action item.

Ordinance 2012-4A - An Ordinance Amending Worker's Compensation Time Off. This ordinance repeals Ordinance 2010-10F. This Ordinance is retroactive to and effective on January 1, 2012.

Commissioner Towle introduces Ordinance 2012-4A, An Ordinance Amending Worker's Compensation Time Off.

Commissioner Towle moved to suspend rules to adopt Ordinance on the same day as introduction.

Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Towle moved to adopt Ordinance 2012-4A, An Ordinance Amending Worker's Compensation Time Off. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Sword Property - located on US 40 in Philadelphia. The structure is partially burnt. However, there is a mortgage on the property. The bank needs to authorize the structure to be torn down. Attorney Ray Richardson will write a letter to the bank to request a release of the mortgage. The demolition will be paid for by the County and a lien will be filed against the property. Commissioner Armstrong moved to authorize employment of a land buyer for the purpose of getting a release of mortgage on the Sword property in Philadelphia. The demolition to be paid for out of unsafe building funds. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Nawa Property - property located on 650 N. Direction on how to proceed was requested by County Building Inspector Rusty Burgess. Per the Prosecutors Office the property is a continuing investigation and they would prefer it not be disturbed but it would not be detrimental if it is. Commissioner Armstrong will talk to Rusty. However, no action will be taken today. Commissioners will check with the prosecutor and instruct this to be kept as an action item.

Commissioner Stevens recesses the Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting for the Hancock County Regional Storm Water Meeting at 10:20a.m.

Commissioner Stevens reconvenes the Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:22a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25a.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Tom Stevens

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder
Hancock Co Auditor

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President

Commissioner Derek Towle