

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes
July 3, 2012

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

Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 8:25a.m.

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

In The Matter of Hancock County Highway

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

Bridge #59 – Approval is requested to pay the clerk for the land and appraisal fees for right of way property being purchased from the Mape's and Blankenship's. The Mape's property being purchased for \$89,500.00 and Blankenship's property being purchased for \$47,500.00. Commissioner Towle moved to authorize payment to the Clerk for the Mape's property in the amount of \$89,500.00 and the Blankenship property in the amount of \$47,500.00 as per Court order for eminent domain. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

New Truck – The Highway Department has received delivery of the new dump truck and would now like to sell the old truck in the Don Smock auction in September. Commissioner Towle moved to declare truck #85 as surplus and approve taking it to Don Smock's auction for sale. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Bridge #114 – The supplement was presented to the Commissioners for signature. The supplement was approved at the last Commissioners meeting.

Sign Replacement – HSIP projects need to submit to INDOT an Assurance Letter for sign replacement in the Indianapolis MPO and in the Indianapolis/Anderson MPO and Certification Letter are presented to the Commissioners for approval. Commissioner Towle moved approval to sign the Assurance Letter to INDOT for sign replacement project in the Indianapolis MPA and the Indianapolis/Anderson MPO. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Commissioner Towle moved approval to sign the Certification Letter to INDOT for sign replacement project stating there are no right-of-ways with this project. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

600 East Project – form IC-639 recommending acceptance of contract R-29648/project 0300775 was presented to the Commissioners for approval with the recommendation of Engineer Joe Copeland. Commissioner Towle moved acceptance of form IC-639 for project #0300775 at 600 East. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Highway 2013 Budget – Changes from 2012 are an increase of \$500.00 per employee, 2% salary increase, PERF additional, 10% added to group insurance, increase fuel and increased truck payments for a fleet of trucks; which will be a one time cost. Budgets for Local Road and Street and Cumulative Bridge were also presented. Commissioner Towle accepted the 2013 budget for the County Highway for review. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Crack Seal Bids – opened at 8:30a.m. There were two bids received. The first bid opened was from F.E. Harding Asphalt Companies, Inc. in the amount of \$17,696.38. The second bid opened was from Reece Seal Coating, Inc. in the amount of \$28,527.00. Commissioner Towle made a motion for tabulation and review of the bids by the County Engineer to return with a recommendation. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Bond Release – Larry Bowmer appeared before the Commissioners to request the release of a Bond from Midwest Mole, Inc. in the amount of \$25,000.00 for a utility permit at 6814 West 350 North, Greenfield. Commissioner Towle moved approval of the Bond release to Midwest Mole, Inc. for Bond in the amount of \$25,000.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Bond Release – Larry Bowmer appeared before the Commissioners to request the release of a Bond from CPM Construction Planning & Management, Inc. in the amount of \$50,000.00 for right-of-way work at 6814 West 350 North, Greenfield. Commissioner Towle moved approval of the Bond release to CPM Construction Planning & Management, Inc. in the amount of \$50,000.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

In The Matter of Riley Festival

Annex – Tom Billings appeared before the Commissioners to request use of the first floor hallway and the Commissioner's courtroom during the Riley Festival. Mr. Billings assures the Commissioners the room will be left in the same or better condition. Use of the Annex basement for storage of display cases used during Riley Days is also requested. Commissioner Towle moved approval for use of the Commissioner's Courtroom for Riley Days with carpets to be cleaned if needed. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

The Commissioners asked how much space would be needed to store the display cases. Mr. Billings stated he would check on the size and get back with the Commissioners.

In The Matter of Hancock County Commissioner Action Items

Claims & Payroll – Commissioner Towle moved approval of Claims and Payroll as submitted. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

In The Matter of Hancock County Veterans Service

Retirement – Hancock County Veterans Service Officer Joe Carroll presented his letter of retirement, as of December 31, 2012 to the Commissioners. Mr. Carroll also presented to the Commissioners his recommendation for a replacement for his position. Both Commissioner Towle and Commissioner Armstrong expressed their appreciation to Mr. Carroll for his service and dedication to the job. Commissioner Towle moved to accept the retirement letter from Joe Carroll, as of December 31, 2012. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0. They said they would consider his recommendation of Robert Workman as a replacement.

In The Matter of the Hancock County Health Department

Emergency Generator - Misty Moore of the Health Department appeared before the Commissioners to present two quotes for an emergency generator for the Health Department. The first quote is from McCallister in the amount of \$11,500.00. The Second quote is from K & D Wiring in the amount of \$6,200.00. The Commissioners stated they are familiar with K & B Wiring and are comfortable with using them. Commissioner Towle moved authorization for work to be done at the Health Department for installation of a generator. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

In The Matter of Hancock County Highway Department

Crack Seal Bid – County Engineer Joe Copeland appeared before the Commissioners to recommend the low bid from F. E. Harding Asphalt Companies, Inc. in the amount of \$17,696.38. Commissioner Towle moved approval and acceptance of the low bid from F. E. Harding Asphalt Companies, Inc. in the amount of \$17,696.38. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

In The Matter of Purdue Extension

Contract – for the extension of the contract between Hancock County and Purdue University Extension to June 30, 2013 was presented to the Commissioners. The contract remains the same, except the person who will receive notices will now be Derek Towle, President of the Hancock County Solid Waste Management District. Commissioner Armstrong moved approval of the extension and amended contract with Purdue University for the Hancock County Solid Waste Management District. Commissioner Towle seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

In The Matter of the Hancock County Sheriff

Budget – The Sheriff requested to remove the line item from the Commissioners Budget for auxiliary police expenses and add it to the Sheriff's budget. Commissioner Towle moved approval to zero out the fund for auxiliary police expenses in the Commissioners budget and allow for the additional line item in the Sheriff's budget. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Command Bus – It was discovered there was damage to the roof of the command bus and the cost for repair would be approximately \$6,300.00. It was felt that the bus was not worth repairing and requested the Commissioners declare it surplus to be sold at the County auction. The Sheriff's Department would like to look at replacing the Command Bus in the future. Commissioner Towle moved to make the Command Bus surplus VIN#17N640126KW022459. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

In The Matter of the Hancock County Clerk

Elevator Key – Marcia Moore, Clerk appeared before the Commissioners to request an additional key to the elevator for access to the attic. The Commissioners agree keys should be given to the Elected Officials and Department Heads.

Vote Centers – Marcia Moore and Tom Cone appeared before the Commissioners to discuss Voting Centers. Jeremy Burton from ES&S made a presentation to the Commissioners on the Voting Center program they offer. The County will need electronic Poll Books for this program. Attorney Ray Richardson ask Ms. Moore if everything meets State requirements and remind her that bidding for this service will be required.

Funds – Marcia Moore, clerk requested creating a separate fund for the voting center to be able to present to Council a budget for 2013. Commissioner Towle moved approval to establish a vote center fund for the purpose of vote center equipment and supplies. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

In The Matter of Hancock County Commissioner Action Items

Minutes – Commissioner Towle approved the minutes for June 19, 2012 and June 26, 2012. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Surplus Sale – The advertisement has been sent and will be in the paper July 12th and July 19th for the sale on July 28, 2012.

Jail Flood – There has been no response from Milestone regarding the letter sent.

Animal Control – No Action

County Farm Drainage – The County had approved payment for one half the cost of drainage on the County Farm. The total amount is amended to \$2,785.17 due to increase in footage from the original quote. Commissioner Towle moved to modify the not to exceed to \$2,785.17. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

Fireworks – The Commissioners discussed fireworks and if any action should be taken for the Fourth of July celebration. It was felt that their individual statements would be best at this time. Commissioner Armstrong stated he hopes people use restraint when using fireworks, because of the dry conditions. Commissioner Towle stated he does not want to see a fire where someone loses their home, yet wants to stay within the current State law and not violate that.

Bullock Property – Duane Bullock appeared before the Commissioners to discuss the acquisition of his property in regards to the project at 600 West and 300 North.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45am.

Hancock County Commissioners

Absent
Commissioner Tom Stevens, President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President

Commissioner Derek Towle

Attest: _____
Robin D. Lowder

Hancock County Auditor

