

February 23, 2009

The Commissioners met in regular session on February 23, 2009. Those present were Commissioner Tom Stevens, Commissioner Derek Towle, and Deputy Auditor Trish Holliday. Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 8:00 am.

In the Matter of)
Highway Department)

There is marble at the Highway Department that was brought there during Courthouse Renovation, and Joe Copeland requested a different place to store the marble for long term storage. The Commissioners recommended having the Highway department move the marble to store in the basement of the Courthouse Annex for storage.

In the Matter of)
Ryan Law—Bunge)

Ryan Law of Bunge contacted Copeland to notify him that stimulus money could be available to promote agriculture within Hancock County. The Commissioners agreed to allow Copeland to work on some numbers to see about possible matching monies for the 600 East project through this stimulus.

In the Matter of)
IT Committee)

Bernie Harris, IT Director appeared on behalf of the IT Committee to discuss upcoming purchases.

Sheriff's Department	
Field Reporting Equipment	\$4695
Upgrade of SQL2008 for project	\$6150
3 New laptops	\$4665
3 Mounting Kits	\$2400
Surveyor's Office	
2 new work stations	\$5000
Total Cost	\$ 22,910

These projects have the recommendation of Bernie Harris. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve all purchases, seconded by Commissioner Towle. The motion carried 2-0.

In the Matter of)
Emergency Management)

Larry Ervin, Emergency Management Director appeared to have the Commissioners sign a grant proposal to purchase communication equipment that will help to increase the consistency of communication across the state for Emergency Management Departments. The 2007 RACES-DTL grant is in the amount of \$4450. The Commissioners signed the approved grant.

In the Matter of)
Redevelopment Commissioner)

Jack Heiden appeared on behalf of the Redevelopment Commission to lead a discussion of what the Commission has been discussing in the matter of a possible TIF district in the area of I-70—Mt Comfort Road. The area is targeted to improve the existing infrastructure to both handle the current traffic patterns as well as additional projects as a result of the TIF district. Lisa Lee of Ice Miller, Lauren Mathis of Umbaugh, and Dennis Maloy of Hancock County Economic Development were also present. The Redevelopment Commission was advised to continue on the current path.

In the Matter of)
Health Insurance)

Jim Bengé and Dave Scott of Unified Group Services appeared for a comparison review of 2007 and 2008 health insurance costs. Lois Griggs, Wellness Coordinator, also appeared to present some additional information on a County Wellness Program.

In the Matter of)
Rezoning)

Mike Dale appeared on behalf of the Plan Commission to recommend an ordinance to rezone the Act 3 Mobile Home Community. It was recommended that Mr. Dale contact the business owner to make him aware of the proposal and come back next week.

In the Matter of)
Energy Evaluation)

Ryan Dillard of Perfection Group Inc appeared to introduce himself to outline his company's services to increase energy efficiency and reduce operating costs. Perfection Group was asked to follow up in a few weeks with the Auditor to see if the county would like to pursue their services.

In the Matter of)
Sheriff Department Car Bids)

Major Donnie Smith appeared on behalf of the Sheriff's Department to review the Sheriff Car bid recommendations. Commissioner Stevens moved to table the Sheriff Car bids until next week when Major Smith could further research the bids. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Towle and carried 2-0.

An accident report was presented to Commissioners that resulted in the complete loss of a police traffic management vehicle. This accident occurred between the police vehicle and an uninsured motorist. Major Smith has contacted Midwest Claim Services.

In the Matter of)
Minutes)

A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens to approve the minutes of the February 17 Commissioner's meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Towle and motioned carried 2-0.

Attest: _____
Auditor, Linda Grass

