

**March 2, 2009**

The Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, March 2, 2009. Those present were Commissioners Derek Towle, Tom Stevens, and Brad Armstrong. Also present were Deputy Auditor Trish Holliday and attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 8:00 am.

**In the Matter of the )  
County Highway )**

INDOT will be closing a portion of US 52 from 500 W to Gem Road during the summer months and were looking for a recommendation for an unofficial detour. It is believed the most used route around the construction would be 300 S.

A study was done of the speed limit along a stretch of 600W between US 40 and 300S. The current posted speed is 40mph. Copeland will return next week with an ordinance to recommend increasing the speed limit along this stretch to 45mph.

The environmental study is complete on the Fortville Pike-300 N project. Right of way will be purchased by the county and the city will reimburse for their portion of right of way. Stevens moves to allow county highway to begin purchasing right of way for the project. Motion was seconded by Armstrong and passed 3-0.

**In the Matter of )  
Vacation of Street )**

An advertised public meeting was held as to the vacation of a portion of Fairway Drive south of 600 N. Commissioner Towle opened the meeting for public input and there was none. Commissioner Armstrong moves to introduce Ordinance Number 2009-3-A while Commissioner Stevens seconds. The motion carries 3-0. Commissioner Stevens motions to table the discussion until more information is available. Commissioner Armstrong seconds and motion carries 3-0.

**In the Matter of )  
Weights & Measures )**

Richard Lewman appeared to present the monthly Weights and Measures report.

**In the Matter of )  
America in Bloom )**

Ed Veenhizen appeared on behalf of the America in Bloom committee to request the Commissioner's support for the project for this year. Commissioner Stevens motions to authorize an expenditure of \$1000 to the America in Bloom project. Commissioner Armstrong seconds and the motion carries 3-0.

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**In the Matter of** )  
**GIS Department** )

John Milburn of the GIS Department and Susan Bodkin, County Surveyor appeared to discuss pricing of GIS drawings.

**In the Matter of** )  
**Sheriff Car Bids** )

Major Donnie Smith appeared on behalf of the Sheriffs Department with a recommendation to purchase 4 two tone Dodge Chargers, 1 solid color Charger and 3 two tone Ford Crown Victoria's. The bid specifications required 90 days delivery and Maj Smith has been advised that the Chargers would be 150-180 days plus for delivery. It was recommended by the Commissioners that since Dellen was the low bidder with Dodge Chargers that Maj Smith obtain a letter from Dellen agreeing to allow the purchase of the Crown Victoria's due to the delivery date. Maj Smith will return next week with that letter.

**In the Matter of** )  
**SWAT Team Training** )

Commissioner Armstrong motions to allow the Hancock County SWAT team to use the County Courthouse after hours on March 5, 2009 for training. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Stevens and carries 3-0.

**In the Matter of** )  
**Health Insurance** )

Jim Benge of Unified Group Services appeared to give an update on the negotiation of coverage for a specific instance.

**In the Matter of** )  
**Building Department** )

Rusty Burgess appeared from the Building Department to discuss withholding future building permits from a problem builder. The building has not had final inspection on multiple properties that are believed to be occupied. The Planning Department has attempted multiple times to contact the builder. If a property owner occupies a property without occupancy certificate a fine of \$150 a day is applicable to the home owner. The Commissioners encouraged contacting the home owners and scheduling a final inspection.

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**In the Matter of Commissioners )**  
**Minutes of February 23, 2009 )**

Commissioner Stevens motions to approve the minutes of February 23, 2009 and it was seconded by Commissioner Armstrong. The motion carried 3-0.

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Linda J. Grass, Auditor

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