

**Hancock County Board of Commissioners  
Minutes**

**June 22, 2009**

Commissioners meeting was called to order. The recording started at 7:32am.

**In the Matter of Buck Creek Township )**

Mel Branson Buck Creek Township Trustee appeared to discuss the potential sale of township owned property at the site of the former Buck Creek Township office and Fire Department. The Commissioners had discussed the possible future purchase of the office building and right of way for a future 600 W project. The Commissioners advised Mr. Branson to proceed with his plans for sale as they are not prepared to purchase right at this time.

**County Highway**

**Joe Copeland, Hancock County Highway Engineer**

**In the Matter of Stimulus Money Projects )**

Potential stimulus money projects were presented for signatures. Those projects included resurfacing of 300 N from 300W-200W, 300N from 300W-400W, 600W from 500N-650N and 300N from 800W-700W. Commissioner Stevens motioned to sign the stimulus project plan sheets presented by Mr. Copeland. Commissioner Armstrong seconded and motion carried 3-0.

**In the Matter of Highway Funds Transfer )**

Commissioner Armstrong motioned to recommend to the Council approval of the transfer of \$100,000 from the gasoline line item 0702-533-200021 to Group Health 0702-533-100026. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stevens and carried 3-0.

**In the Matter of Mowing Contract )**

A quote from V Feeney Inc was presented for mowing from 300N to 650N on 600W. Commissioner Stevens motioned to approve the mowing contract not to exceed \$1,000. Commissioner Armstrong seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

**In the Matter of 2008-2009 Winter Season )**

A recap of the winter season was presented. The recap indicated that for the entire winter season of 2008-2009 the Highway Department spent \$156,531.89 which included sand, calcium, mixing costs and trucking costs. Copeland also presented the contractor amounts for snow removal for the season in the amount of \$23,138.00. Copeland indicated that he has still not received an invoice from one contractor.

**In the Matter of A & F Engineering LLC )**

An open end engineering agreement from A & F Engineering LLC was presented to work on signal timings as needed. Commissioner Stevens motioned to approve the agreement with A & F Engineering LLC for signal timing not to exceed \$15000. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

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**In the Matter of Temporary Salt Structure )**

Four quotes were received for a temporary salt structure to be constructed by highway employees. Commissioner Stevens moved to approve the acceptance of a quote from TEK Supply for the purchase of a 42x60 foot structure in the amount of \$15,633.42. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Armstrong and carried 3-0.

**In the Matter of Rebar-Bridge 700W South 400N )**

Two companies submitted quotes for rebar for a bridge project at 700W south of 400N. Commissioner Stevens motioned to allow the purchase of necessary rebar for this project from Gerdau Ameristeel. Commissioner Armstrong seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

Attorney Ray Richardson arrives at 8:00am

**In the Matter of 700W Bridge Steel Quotes )**

Sealed quotes were opened for the steel for the bridge project at 700W south of 400N.

Marcum Welding and Steel Processing	\$ 43,700.00
E & H Bridge and Grading Inc	\$ 41,260.27
Contec Construction Products Inc	\$ 88,678.77
CPI Supply	\$ 84,766.01
Architura	NO BID

Commissioner Stevens moved to take the bids under advisement until the next meeting so that the County Engineer can review them. Motion is seconded by Commissioner Armstrong and carries 3-0.

After review by County Attorney Ray Richardson it is determined that the bid from Marcum Welding is not signed and there is a provision that the steel price is subject to change at time of delivery. Therefore, the quote is disqualified for both reasons.

**In the Matter of Country Lane Drainage Issue )**

Pictures were sent for a drainage issue at Country Lane off of 200W north of US 40 to the east. The water is not properly moving under the road. After discussion Commissioner Stevens moves to allow Engineer Copeland to design a structure to take care of these issues. Armstrong seconds and the motion carries 3-0.

**In the Matter of Pavement Marking Bids )**

A date was set for the opening of pavement marking bids for July 20, 2009 at 8:30am.

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**In the Matter of Appraisal Pricing )**

Appraisal price quotes from Real Estate Pricing and Beam, Longest and Neff were submitted to the Commissioners. Copeland recommended accepting the price quotes from both companies due to the possibility of a large volume of right of way purchase. Commissioner Stevens moves to accept both quotes presented for appraisal pricing. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

**In the Matter of 400 W & 100 S )**

A problem exists with the overgrowth of woods at the intersection of 400W and 100S. Copeland verified that the area in question is not in county right of way and therefore cannot be cleared by the county.

**In the Matter of Ordinance No 2009-6E )**

Commissioner Stevens motioned to introduce Ordinance Number 2009-6E, an amendment to the Smoke Free Workplace Ordinance and moves to allow for passage on the same day as introduction. Commissioner Armstrong seconded and that motion carries 3-0. Commissioner Stevens motions to approve passage of Ordinance Number 2009-6E, an amendment to the Smoke Free Workplace Ordinance. Commissioner Armstrong seconds and the motion carries 3-0.

**In the Matter of E911 Center )**

E911 Center Director Ty Wooten appears to present statistical data that has been compiled in regards to the new center from January 1, 2009 to May 31, 2009. Also Director Wooten recommends approval of two new employees Jodee Evans and Courtney Shively to fill two vacancies. These hires were approved by the County Council. Commissioner Stevens motions to approve the hiring of the two employees per recommendation and the motion is seconded by Commissioner Armstrong. The motion carries 3-0.

**In the Matter of Drainage-County Farm )**

Susan Bodkin, County Surveyor appeared to discuss blowholes that have appeared in the Andrew Briney regulated drain on the county farm. Bodkin recommends that the ditch be made into an open ditch to address the issues. Commissioner Stevens motions to recommend to the Drainage Board to open the ditch on the county farm property. Commissioner Armstrong seconds the motion and it carries 3-0.

**In the Matter of Railroad Appraisals )**

Surveyor Bodkin was given the directive to proceed with hiring of the two appraisals as previously discussed for the railroad tracks.

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**In the Matter of Smoking Ban )**

Rachelle Turner appeared on behalf of her business Ro's Bar. She has been cited by the Health Department for violations of the Smoking Ban specifically smoking within 25 feet from the entrance to her business. The Commissioners agreed to follow up with the Health Department to verify the enforcement of this 25 foot rule of the Smoking Ordinance.

**In the Matter of Minutes )**

Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2009 Commissioners meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Armstrong and carried 3-0.

Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2009 Emergency Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Armstrong and carried 3-0.

Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2009 Specially Called Commissioners meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Armstrong and carried 3-0.

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

Richard Lewman submitted the June 2009 Weights and Measures Report.

**In the Matter of Health Department Fees )**

Commissioner Stevens motions to approve a resolution as presented in a letter dated June 18, 2009 to increase fees for the Health Department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Armstrong and carried 3-0.

**In the Matter of County Surplus Property )**

A request was made by County Employee Lorraine Clutinger to purchase surplus file cabinets. The Commissioners have contracted with SRI Inc to conduct a surplus property auction and all items shall be purchased in this manner.

**In the Matter of Auditor Linda Grass )**

A letter was presented on behalf of Hancock County Auditor Linda Grass that she resigns her duties effective twelve o'clock noon on June 22, 2009. It is the duty of the County Commissioners to appoint a person to assume the Auditor duties to serve until a new Auditor is appointed at caucus. As a result the Commissioners meeting is temporarily adjourned so that President Towle can discuss with the Auditor's Office the appointment of a temporary Auditor. The recording is temporarily stopped at 9:39am.

The meeting is re-adjourned at 9:45am and the recording resumes.

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**In the Matter of Appointment of Temporary Auditor )**

A motion is made by Commissioner Stevens to appoint Rosemary Melvin to assume the duties of Hancock County Auditor effective twelve noon on this date until a replacement has been named by the Hancock County Republican Party. The motion is seconded by Commissioner Armstrong and carried 3-0.

The meeting is adjourned and recording is stopped at 9:49am.

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_



