

Hancock County Board of Commissioners Minutes

July 19, 2010

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

The meeting began at 7:33 am.

Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 8:02am.

In The Matter of) **Hancock County Highway)**

Change Order – Engineer Joe Copeland appeared before the Commissioners for approval of change order #1 on Contract No. SRS-32672 with the Indiana Department of Transportation. The change order was made with the requirement a shuttle buggy be used. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the change order with the condition a shuttle buggy be used. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Ground Water – Engineer Joe Copeland appeared before the Commissioners to present three possible cures for the ground water problem at 575 East. Mr. Copeland recommends the option from Milestone to seal the joints and seal the manhole cover. The quote for this work is for an amount not to exceed \$35,200.00. The Commissioners voiced their concern for the situation. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to proceed with option #2/Milestone to seal joints in the pipe and seal the manhole cover in an amount not to exceed \$35,200.00. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

HISP Funds – The HISP Fund/Federal Safety Funds will now cover new signs for 90%-10% match. The County will replace signs over ten years old or signs that do not meet new standards for the lower case requirement. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to pursue HISP Federal Funding for street sign replacement at 90%-10% match. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Release of Surety Bonds – Larry Bowmer of the Highway Department appeared before the Commissioners to request release of a surety bond to Gem Water for \$25,000.00 and one to Gem Utilities for \$25,000.00. The Highway Department recommends the bonds be released. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to approve release of the

surety bond to Gem Water in the amount of \$25,000.00. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to approve the release of the surety bond to Gem Utilities in the amount of \$25,000.00. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Schildemeier Woods Signs – The Commissioners were presented for execution, the agreement with Schildemeier Woods HOA, regarding signs.

**In The Matter of)
Commissioners' Minutes)**

Approval of Commissioners' Minutes of July 6, 2010 – Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the Commissioners' minutes. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Claims – Commissioner Towle, Commissioner Armstrong and Commissioner Stevens signed claims presented to them.

**In The Matter of Bids)
Pavement Traffic Markings)**

Bids – Bids were received from Indiana Sign & Barricade Inc. in the amount of \$61,944.04, Interstate Road Management in the amount of \$78,774.56 and Gridlock Traffic Systems Inc. in the amount of 79,100.42. Engineer Joe Copeland made the recommendation to go with the low bid of \$61,944.04 being Indiana Sign & Barricade Inc. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to accept the bid from Indiana Sign & Barricade, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$61,944.04. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**In The Matter of)
2011 E-911 Contract)**

Contract Renewal - The E-911 contract with AT&T will be coming up for renewal approximately August of 2011. Nick Gulling and Rex Pasko appeared before the Commissioners to present to them the option of going with another carrier that can match or beat the AT&T contract. Rex Pasko presented information on Indiana Fiber Network based in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Eric Hartman of INdigital gave a presentation of what they have to offer Hancock County. The Commissioners stated they look forward to hearing from them when time comes for the bids.

**In The Matter of)
Hancock Co. Education Alliance)**

Learning Center – Harold Gibson and Bob appeared before the

Commissioners to make a presentation on the Learning Center they would like to develop. Mr. Gibson asked the Commissioners for \$135,000.00 to begin the programs in temporary shelter. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to request the Council to appropriate \$135,000.00 for the Hancock County Education Alliance. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:16 am.

The recording ended at 10:16 am.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Derek Towle, President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President

Commissioner Tom Stevens

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor