

Hancock County Board of Commissioners Minutes

August 2, 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 Auditor Rosemary Melvin were also present.

Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 7:51 am.

The recording began at 7:31 am.

In The Matter of)

Hancock County Highway)

HSIP – Engineer Joe Copeland appeared before the Commissioners referring to the HSIP, funds of safety money from the State and MPO. The monies will be from the MPO. It includes three townships in the western part of the county. The first round authorization is due August 9, 2010. Engineer Copeland requested the authorization of Commissioner Towle to sign the MPO for the sign replacement. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to authorize Commissioner Towle to sign the MPO. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. Engineer Copeland will check with the State and see if INDOT will transfer the money for the remainder of the County.

Bridge # 100 – Engineer Copeland appeared before the Commissioners regarding Bridge #100 on 800 East approximately at 550 south. There is a bridge deck problem. Engineer Copeland asked permission to prepare spots, and then go over it with overlay to correct the problem. He is looking at different overlays. The bridge was constructed in 1978 and is structurally sound. If the bid is less than \$150,000, it won't need to be bid out individually. If the bid is over \$150,000.00 the contractor that has the bid for the County will be contacted. Engineer Copeland will research options and bring the numbers back to the Commissioners.

Ground Water – Engineer Copeland referred to the ground water at 575 E. The state has verbally approved change order 6 (-\$12,365.50) and change order 7 (-\$7,971.50) to seal joints. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to accept the change order 6 (-\$12,365.50), R-29648 to seal joints. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to accept change order 7 (-\$7,971.50), R29648. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

RSA's – Engineer Copeland attended a training session on RSA's. There has been a new manual issued. The name of the manual is "Highway Safety Manual". The context is primary data on roads and is very lengthy. He will bring it in to the Commissioners to discuss when he has read it.

DRAINAGE PROBLEM – On 600 N. near 700 W. in the Country View Sub-division there is a drainage problem between Lot 5 and Lot 6 with water standing. The lowest point is Lot 4. They want the County to cut the road. The water is not affecting the road. The Commissioners decided that it was not the County's responsibility.

VARIANCE – Larry Bowmer appeared before the Commissioners with a request for a variance from Brad Wilson and Steve Millar for a drive-way variance located on 200 S. west of 700 W. on a 10 acre lot. They are planning to build on the property within one to two years. The Highway Department recommends with six conditions met. The six conditions are attached to the variance request. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to grant the variance contingent on the six conditions that are listed on the variance request. Commissioner Stevens seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF)

VETERANS' PHOTOS)

Photos-Tammie McPherson appeared before the Commissioners concerning the displaying of the Hancock County Veterans photos in the basement of the Memorial Building's basement. She had talked to people that had relatives' photos in the basement. It was a consensus that the photos should be where the public could see them. Ms. McPherson agreed to form a committee with Commissioner Towle to decide where to display the veterans' photos.

IN THE MATTER)

SENIOR SERVICES)

Grant- Linda Hart brought in the application for Senior Services Grant for Public Transportation operating funds. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve Resolution 2010-8-1 for Senior Services Public Transportation. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER)

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT)

Enforcement of Ordinances-Colonel Donnie Munden appeared before the Commissioners concerning procedures to enforce County Ordinances. It was discussed by the Commissioners. Commissioner Towle agreed to discuss the procedures in depth comparing the City Ordinances with Colonel Donnie Munden.

Sheriff Vehicles-Major Donnie Smith appeared to talk about county sheriff's vehicles. Eight of the nine are on the road at this time. He requested to talk to Inskeep about getting rid of the old cars. An auction was difficult to deal with and when purchasing the cars they have to be traded in. He would like to get a price at Inskeep on a van. The Commissioners told him to investigate prices.

IN THE MATTER)

KIDS PLAY)

Kids Play-Christine Shouffer, Dennis Cole and Carrie McMichael appeared before the Commissioners to request renewal of their lease for another year at the Memorial Building. The Commissioners agreed for them to continue for one more year.

IN THE MATTER OF)

MINUTES)

Minutes-Commissioner Stevens made a motion to approve the Commissioners' minutes for July 19, 2010. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF)

PERFORMANCE BOND)

BOND-The bond release of Crossman Communities at Deer Crossing-Section 2, surface water drainage and storm sewers for \$112,169.00 was presented before the Commissioners. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to release the Deer Crossing Section 2, surface water drainage and storm sewers bond for \$112,169.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF)

AMERICAN LEGION)

Lease-It was determined that the building of the American Legion should not be leased for any organizations because of the condition of the building.

UTILITIES- Commissioner Stevens made a motion for the Auditor to call the Utility Department to turn off the utilities at the American Legion. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Legion Demolished- The demolishing of the American Legion was discussed by the Commissioners.

IN THE MATTER OF)

MEMORIAL BUILDING BOILER)

Boiler-A sworn statement in proof of loss of the Memorial Building Boiler was presented by Auditor Robin Lowder. The Insurance settlement in the proof of loss claim as follows: Claim \$5,854.37 – Deductible (\$2,500.00) – Payable \$3,354.37. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to accept the amount of claim. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The statement was notarized by attorney Ray Richardson and signed by president, Derek Towle.

IN THE MATTER OF)

MAXIMUS CONTRACT)

Maximus-Commissioner Stevens made a motion to renew the Maximus contract for one year not to exceed \$5,500.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF)

BUCK CREEK FIRE DEPARTMENT)

Reconveyance-Attorney Ray Richardson contacted Mel Branson, Buck Creek Township Trustee, concerning the name to put on the document for the reconveyance to Buck Creek Township. Commissioner Stevens made a motion to reconvey to Buck Creek Township the excess right-of-way pursuant to the agreement with the County and Township. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Ray Richardson will get in touch with Mel Branson for the legal name.

The meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Derek Towle, President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice-President

Commissioner Tom Stevens

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder

Hancock County Auditor