

December 1, 2009

Commissioners met on this day with the following members present: Paul Wilson, Jeff Hardin and John Richwine. Also present were County Attorney Jerry Shine, County Auditor Kathy Stoops-Wright, Deputy Auditor Jane Lyons and Commissioners Office Manager Linda Smith.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioners approve the minutes of November 3, 2009, November 17, 2009 and November 20, 2009 upon motions made by John Richwine and seconded by Jeff Hardin. Motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST FOR E911 FUNDS FOR FRANKTON VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICES

Linda Dietz, came before the Commissioners requesting E911 funds to replace radio equipment and pagers for the Frankton Volunteer Fire Department. Motion was made by Paul Wilson and seconded by Jeff Hardin to approve \$5,000.00 to replace said equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF LEASE AGREEMENT FOR CONTRACT WITH CISCO FOR NETWORK EQUIPMENT LEASE

Jerry Branson, IT Director, came before the Commissioners with the Lease Agreement with Star Financial for leasing network equipment. The amount of the Lease is \$178,121.41, and is for 36 months. Motion to approve Agreement made by John Richwine and seconded by Jeff Hardin. Motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF HOPPES VALLEY ADDITION UPDATE

Cory Wilson, Planning Commission Director, reported to the Commissioners that the Planning Department has sent notices to the property owners in Hoppes Valley Addition in Union Township concerning cleaning up their properties of debris and trash. They have given them the appropriate time to respond and they are now ready to file action with the courts for clean up. In regards to the unsafe buildings, Mr. Wilson stated that the Planning Commission inspector has deemed these properties unsafe and should be torn down and removed which would cost approximately \$30,000.00. Commissioners stated that there is only \$15,000.00 in the Unsafe Building Fund and they had a lengthy discussion on whether they should use the money they have in the fund to tear down only some of the properties or move ahead with filing action for clean up. Some of the property in question is going to be up for Tax Sale in February 2010. If they are sold at the Tax Sale then the clean up and removal of debris would be up to the purchaser after a one year redemption time. Commissioner Wilson directed the Planning Department and the County Attorney to come up with a timeline memo as to what and when everything can be done. He also asked the Planning Department if they will reinspect the worst property that is an immediate danger and contact the fire department for them to inspect it too.

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IN THE MATTER OF MADISON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
AWARD OF 2009 SIGN BID

Engineer Chuck Leser, recommended to the Commissioners to accept the low bid of \$152,966.76 from Kleem Inc. for the 2009 Sign bids. Motion to approve made by John Richwine and seconded by Jeff Hardin. Motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF MADISON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
AWARD OF 2010 ANNUAL BIDS

Engineer Chuck Leser recommended the Commissioners award the following for the 2010 Annual Highway bids:

Item No. 1

Stone, Sand and Gravel
Irving Materials, Inc.
Us Aggregates, Inc.

Item No. 2

Labor and Equipment Rental
George Eltzroth Excavating
AK Shannon Excavating, Inc.

Item No. 3

No Lead Gasoline
Harvest Land Co-Op

Item No. 4

No. 2 Diesel Fuel
Harvest Land Co-Op

Item No. 4 Alternate

2% Soy-Methyl Ester
Harvest Land Co-Op

Motion was made by John Richwine and seconded by Jeff Hardin to approve bid awards recommended by the Highway Engineer. Motion carried unanimously.

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IN THE MATTER OF MADISON COUNTY BRIDGE NO 159 LETTER OF AGREEMENT WITH HANCOCK COUNTY

Madison County Bridge No. 159, CR 1100 South over Sugar Creek is in need of being replaced. Hancock County is agreeing to share the cost of the replacement. The cost will be approximately \$525,000.00 – 61% Madison County and 39% Hancock County. Commissioners signed a Letter of Agreement and then the Engineer will forward to Hancock County for their signature. Motion to approve made by John Richwine and seconded by Jeff Hardin. Motion carried unanimously.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF DRIVEWAY PERMITS

Commissioners approved the following Driveway Permits upon motions made by Jeff Hardin and seconded by John Richwine. Motion carried unanimously.

D09-28	Jerry Highleg	600N, ½ mi E of SR9, S side	Richland
D09-29	Jeremy Denton	800W, 200 ft S of 10N, W side	Jackson

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF UTILITY PERMITS

Commissioners approved the following Utility Permits upon motions made by Jeff Hardin and seconded by John Richwine. Motion carried unanimously.

U09-22	And Light and Power	100E to 500S then across SR 109 To American Way	Adams
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Commissioner Paul Wilson wanted to confirm with the Auditor that she prepare some sort of statement for the Commissioners to sign verifying that all offices have complied with the Councils order of furlough and if anything changes that the Council vote on the change.

He also had some concerns with the County borrowing from the Indiana Bond Bank. His opinion was that the borrowing has been too loose and that the Commissioners should vote on the \$ amount that is borrowed for the General Fund and that the Council should present to the Commissioners that there is a shortfall in cash flow. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to direct the County Attorney to set up procedural documents for the Commissioners to be involved in the borrowing of funds. Motion seconded by John Richwine. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
