

Minutes

January 5, 2016

Commissioners Present: Brian Robertson, Phillip Riegler and Mark Gazarek

Also Present: Philip Johnson, Steve Wilson, Chris Long, Sharon Stilipec, Sondra Bixby and Linda Bishop.

Commissioner Robertson opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the commissioner's 1st floor conference room. Minutes from the December 29, 2015 meeting were read with Mark Gazarek making the motion to approve, Phillip Riegler seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Clerk presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #1-16 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioner's to appropriate to Flood Mitigation. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Phillip Riegler seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #2-16 – Additional appropriation within the Auditor's certification-Commissioner's to appropriate to Flood Mitigation. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Phillip Riegler seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Resolution #3-16 – Authorizing payment of the listed and/or attached purchase orders. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Phillip Riegler seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The Commissioners approved travel requests from the Treasurer and Sheriff. The clerk presented the Subgrant Award Agreement for the Prosecutor's office Juvenile Diversion Program for the chairman's signature. The agreement amount is \$46,667.00 with 25% (\$11,667.88) being OCJS funds and 75% (\$34,999.12) being a cash match from the Prosecutor's general fund. Phillip Riegler made the motion to authorize Brian Robertson's signature, Mark Gazarek seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

The commissioners signed a "Notice of Filing an Annexation" form. It was filed in our office January 4, 2016, petitioned by Tina L. Morger and Terri L. Arrington in Marion Township. Philip L. Rooney is the attorney. The hearing is set for March 17, 2016 at 11 a.m. in the Commissioners conference room.

Philip Johnson presented the following resolutions for consideration:

Resolution #4-16 – Authorization to enter into a contract with Peterman Associates, Inc. for provision of architectural services regarding the Hancock County Probate & Juvenile Court. The total cost is not to exceed \$33,580. Mark Gazarek made the motion to approve, Phillip Riegler seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Chris Long said his guys are trimming trees and dipping ditches.

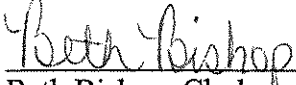
Three residents addressed the Commissioners with concerns regarding flooding. Sharon Stilipe, Sondra Bixby and Linda Bishop. Several years ago, they voted for the sales tax but didn't think it would be used against them by taking peoples farms and livelihood. They think the money could be better used locally by cleaning the river and not using the federal government. They inquired about the ditches along Township Road 215. Phillip Riegle said if it's the ditch along the road, contact the township trustees, they are responsible for cleaning those, if it's along a county road, contact the county engineer. Also, Phillip Riegle said some of the big ditches have been cleaned and are on maintenance through Soil & Water. They also asked about the conservancy and who funds it. Mark Gazarek stated that it was formed back in 1913 and they handle and deal with water, flooding, water flow, etc. They asked if the river clean up is still a go. Phillip Riegle said we accepted a contract; however, there are errors that need to be addressed with the six county Board of Commissioners. That conference call will be this Thursday.

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Phillip Riegle said there is a meeting scheduled this Thursday with the BRSEP Board to discuss concerns with the vendor that was awarded the contract to clean the river.


Brian Robertson wished everyone a happy new year with this being the first meeting of the year.

Respectfully submitted,



Beth Bishop, Clerk

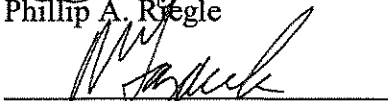
Reviewed and approved by:



Brian J. Robertson



Phillip A. Riegle



Mark D. Gazarek