

## **Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes**

**March 29, 2016**

Commissioners met in regular session. Those present were Commissioner Brad Armstrong, President, Commissioner Marc Huber, Vice President and Commissioner Tom Stevens.

Auditor Robin D. Lowder and Deputy Auditor Emily R. Moore were also present.

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's meeting began at 8:00 a.m.

Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 8:20 a.m.

### **Highway Department**

County Engineer Gary Pool appeared before the Hancock County Board of Commissioners to discuss:

#### **Signatures-**

**I-70 Corridor Study Contract-** Hancock County Engineer Gary Pool appeared before the Commissioners to present a contract for the study of the I-70 Corridor with HWC Engineering for an amount of \$50,000. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of an LPA contract between Hancock County Commissioners and HWC Engineering for an I-70 Corridor Study for an amount not to exceed \$50,000. Commissioner Huber seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

**Bridge 71 Contract-** Hancock County Engineer Gary Pool appeared before the Commissioners to present a contract with United Consulting for Bridge 71 for an amount of \$276,325. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of FDA consulting contract between Hancock County Commissioners and United Consulting for Bridge 71 for an amount not to exceed \$276,325. Commissioner Huber seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

**Council Plan on Funding (3.6mil)-** Hancock County Engineer Gary Pool appeared before the Commissioners to discuss a presentation to Council about the plans for the funding the County will receive. (excess LOIT of approximately 3.6 million) The County Engineer gave an overview on what 1 million can buy: Crack seal and Rejuvenate seal every neighborhood (368 mile/years road life), micro surface 30 neighborhoods (320 mile/years road life), Force Pave 14 miles (add 210 mile/years road life), Force sealcoat 60 miles (480 mile/year road life). A discussion was had on this matter. Public comment: John Priore questioned the funding that would be given to the library.

**Bridge 91-** Hancock County Engineer Gary Pool appeared before the Commissioners to let them know that he has begun negotiations on Bridge 91.

**Cell Phone Towers-** Hancock County Engineer Gary Pool appeared before the Commissioners to discuss two cell phone towers that are involved in applying for use of public right of way. (several carriers/some are for profit) It's been recommended that the County Engineer speak with the Hancock County Attorney Ray Richardson about the legalities of allowing the cell towers to use the Public ROW near the I-70 Interchange.

**New Palestine/Stinemeyer Road-** Hancock County Engineer Gary Pool appeared before the Commissioners requesting permission to talk to New Palestine about extending to Stinemeyer Road and then connecting to roadway. Permission was given to speak with New Palestine concerning this issue.

**Potholes-** Hancock County Engineer Gary Pool appeared before the Commissioners with an update on potholes. Pothole calls are 50% less than last year. The highway crew is still working overtime on them. However, there has only been four claims so far.

**Fast Act Grant-** Hancock County Engineer Gary Pool stated that the Fast Act Grant application is due April 14, 2016. (segment B)

**INDOT Grant-** Hancock County Engineer Gary Pool stated that the INDOT Grant application is due May 16, 2016. (Bridge 62, segment B)

**Recognition of Joe Hollis-** Hancock County Engineer Gary Pool and the Commissioners recognized Joe Hollis and spoke of their appreciation for the years of service he has provided to Hancock County.

### **Greenfield Main Street**

**Riley Festival-** Tom Billings appeared before the Commissioners to request use of the courthouse lawn, to connect to the water, and would also like to use the annex for the Home Arts and Photography Exhibitions for Riley Festival Oct. 6 – Oct. 9, 2016. (access to annex on Oct. 4, 2016) Mr. Billings also requested use of part of the courthouse lawn for the Christmas Festival on December 3, 2016. Commissioner Stevens moved to authorize use of the Hancock County Annex and Courthouse lawn as requested for the Riley Days Festival (Oct. 6-9, 2016 with a set up date of Oct. 4, 2016) and for the Christmas Festival (Dec. 03, 2016). Commissioner Huber seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

**Child abuse Awareness Month-** Josh Sipes appeared before the Commissioners to request use of the courthouse lawn area for signage and a display of pinwheels in support of Child Abuse Awareness Month. The display and signage would run from April 1-May 1, 2016. (Event date April 27, 2016) Commissioner Stevens moved to allow pinwheels and signage to be placed on the courthouse lawn area for the month of April for Child Abuse Awareness Month. Commissioner Huber seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

### **Hancock Health Works**

**Hancock Health Works Clinic/McCordsville-** Kevin Mandrell and Angela Ridgeway from USI appeared before the Commissioners to present a Group Benefits Experience Report about the county use of the clinic. At this time, 42% of the county employees have made use of the clinic and the average cost of a 90 day script costs about \$17. Mr. Mandrell presented information about one entity dropping the clinic program and the effect this has had on the McCordsville facility. (closed facility) Also, information about Verve/Health Care Coach and the Highway Department setting up a computer terminal for easier access for healthcare was presented.

### **Hancock County Sheriff's Department**

**Concrete Surgeon Quote-** Major Brad Burkhart appeared before the Commissioners to request signing of a quote from Concrete Surgeon in an amount of \$400 for C/D Core Drilling at the Hancock County Courthouse. It was stated that Jim Scott will be completing the electrical work. Commissioner Huber moved signing of the contract with Concrete Surgeon for an amount not to exceed \$400 for core drilling for the setup of security machines at the courthouse. Commissioner Stevens seconded. Discussion: Commissioner Stevens brought up the issue about location of the main entrance for the courthouse. Ideas were discussed. At this time, the main entrance will remain at the East entrance. Motion carried 3/0.

### **Plat Signatures**

**Jason Holmes Minor Subdivision ROW Dedication-** Phil Goings appeared before the Commissioners to request Jason Holmes Minor Subdivision Plat signatures and to dedicate 35' Right of Way for 5357 M 300 E. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of dedicated ROW for Jason Holmes Minor Subdivision of dedicated 35' ROW for 5357 N 300 E. Commissioner Huber seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

### **Hancock County Water Systems**

**Office H2O/Water System/Offices-** Colin McSharar appeared before the Commissioners to request permission to tap into any office water line in the county buildings that may be interested in a free trial of their product. They would need to tap into each offices' water line in order to install their water system. Office H2O stated that the line is easily hidden or if any office decides to not keep their product it can easily be returned to original condition. Commissioner Stevens moved to allow Office H2O to make modifications to existing water lines in county buildings as necessary. Commissioner Huber seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

### **Hancock County Emergency Operations Center**

**E.O.C. Contract/Edge IT-** Bernie Harris appeared before the Commissioners, on behalf of John Jokantas, to request signing of a contract with Edge Information Technologies for a period of ten hours a month, for twelve months at a \$1000 per month (total \$12,000) for technology services.

Mr. Harris will keep a close watch to make sure overtime charging of \$100 per extra hour is not a problem. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of contract between Hancock County E.O.C. and Edge Information Technologies for an amount of \$1,000 per month with a charge of an extra \$100 charge for each hour in excess of ten hours a month. (payable out of E.O.C. Funds) Commissioner Huber seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

### **Action Items**

**Claims and Payroll-** Commissioner Huber moved approval of the claims and payroll as presented. Commissioner Stevens seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

**Minutes-** Commissioner Huber moved approval of the March 15, 2016 Commissioners' Minutes as presented. Commissioner Stevens seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

**Ordinance No. 2016-3D-** Commissioner Stevens introduced Ordinance No. 2016-3D an Ordinance prohibiting stray dogs that Section I Chapter 90 of Title IX of the Hancock County Code is amended by the addition of a new Section 90.03.

**Tourism Commission Resolution-** The Commissioners, County Attorney Ray Richardson, Council President Bill Bolander and members of the public had a discussion on passing/wording of a Resolution to Retain Innkeeper's Tax For Fairgrounds. Bill Bolander stated that there is an agreement between the Council and the Tourism Commission that when the Innkeeper's Tax was raised that the Tourism Commission would hold monies until they could be distributed for use on Hancock County fairgrounds. The Council and Mr. Bolander's main concern is that the monies being held by the Tourism Commission **only** be used on the Hancock County fairgrounds. Walt Waitt voiced that he has some concerns about the fairgrounds. Commissioner Stevens said his main concern with the wording of the Resolution is to make sure that **all** accrued bills be paid, including the \$30,000 contract between the HCECC and Triad. He also feels that the project is moving at an expected speed and that the HCECC and Triad are making progress on a new plan. Commissioner Armstrong stated that he feels after two years it's time for the Commissioners to take over this project. He feels that there has not been any plan submitted that is fundable. He also stated that the submitted plans need to have a cost of around \$12,000,000 in order for the Food and Beverage Tax, possibly raised next year, to be able to cover the cost of the plan. He also said that he did recently have a meeting with the President of the Ag Association and feels that their concerns are growing. (namely a place for the fair to be held) Commissioner Armstrong stated that, in his opinion, there are three options: 1. Invest in current fairgrounds. 2. Invest on segment in new fairgrounds that can be paid in \$1,000,000 sections. 3. \$12,000,000 for new fairgrounds if Food and Beverage Tax can be approved next year. Commissioner Huber stated that if tax dollars are being used to fund this project he feels that elected officials should be in charge. He feels that the HCECC and Triad have had two years and have yet to turn in a fundable plan and maybe it's time to ask for bids to complete a plan for new fairgrounds.

After a lengthy conversation between all parties it was decided that Commissioner Stevens will have a status report on the plans and bills accumulated from the HCECC and Triad at the next Commissioners Meeting. There will also be a meeting scheduled between the Commissioners, HCECC, and the Ag Board so that all matters can be taken under advisement so that a solid plan to move forward can be established. Also, at the next Commissioners' Meeting a Resolution to guide the Tourism Commission will be passed.

**Howard Services Quote/Lawn Treatments-** A quote from Howard Services for fertilizer/weed control on the courthouse lawn for four applications throughout the season in an amount of \$119 per treatment was submitted to the Commissioners for signing. Commissioner Stevens moved approval of contract extension with Howard Services for four lawn treatments during the year of 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$119 per treatment for the courthouse lawn. Commissioner Huber seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

**Worker's Compensation Insurance/Accounting Transaction-** A request for a budget transfer for the County Commissioners General Fund Budget for a shortfall of \$28,009 from account 1001.34101.000.0068 liability insurance to account 1001.34200.000.0068 worker's compensation was submitted for signing. Commissioner Stevens motioned to transfer \$28,009 from Liability Insurance to Worker's Compensation. Commissioner Huber seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

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Commissioner Brad Armstrong, President

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Commissioner Marc Huber, Vice President

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Commissioner Tom Stevens

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Robin D. Lowder  
Hancock County Auditor