

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Meeting

May 1, 2018

Commissioners met in regular session. Those present were Board of Commissioner President Brad Armstrong, Vice President John Jessup and Commissioner Marc Huber.

Auditor Robin D. Lowder, Deputy Auditor Linda Jeter and Attorney Ray Richardson were present.

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

Highway Department

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

- Signatures - Construction of Bridge 59 at 200 N south of I70 completed 11/9/14. Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept Bridge 59 as complete. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- ROW acquisition services Segment A (RDC project north of the roundabout) - preparing to begin ROW acquisition, three property owners disagree with appraisals, will present to RDC, Commissioners to review and vote at next meeting.
- Portalon Plains - Findings are the same as December 2015
- New Assistant Mechanic - interviewing, need mechanic with ASC certifications.
- Triaxle - asked permission from Commissioners to petition Council to appropriate additional \$35K in the Equipment line to replace triaxle due to fire.
- Annual Training - completed customer service, chip seal, budget truck, small equipment, traffic safety and injury prevention training.
- Paving - will begin in 2 weeks.
- BUILD Grant - Researching this new Federal grant and projects it may apply towards, McCordsville needs to apply for grant in their area.
- New Palestine Summer Fest June 22-23rd - They will supply us with road closing plans and we will help them out.
- Rail Crossings updates - Tracks Grant need to be applied for by McCordsville.
- SR 9 intersections - Reviewing 3 North and SR 9 project, should be complete this summer.
- Gunnite Repairs - new method to repair starts today, will save the county money, flagging only when concrete truck is present.
- Bridge replacement SR 52 in New Palestine – The Engineer disagrees with our Engineer about safety concerns. Gary asked Commissioners to contact INDOT to review this project regarding the need to keep this road open during the construction.
- Payment was made to Gary Pool for appearing in court - he returned the check to Auditor Lowder because he should not be paid by them. The check will be deposited in County General.

Claims and Payroll

Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the claims and payroll. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Minutes

Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the Commissioners' Minutes for the 4/17/18 meeting as presented. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Talitha Koum

Auditor Lowder asked Commissioners about the second \$75,000 funding request from Talitha Koum for operating expenses. The funds are currently in Food and Beverage. Attorney Richardson discussed with Commissioners and will request legal contract. They determined it is not open at this time and therefore should not require operating expenses. Commissioners directed Auditor Lowder not to process claims until further notice.

Maintenance Department

Dean Mullins asked Commissioners if they had any concerns. Commissioner Armstrong announced that a roofing company is coming this month to inspect and secure the loose tiles on the roof of the Courthouse to be sure it is safe for Entertainment on the Plaza.

Judicial Project

Pete Peterson with RQAW announced that they are ready to move forward with the Jail project as described in the joint meeting on 4/25/18. He asked the Commissioners if RQAW had the approval to proceed with the plan. Commissioners confirmed that they believed the project as presented meets the needs of the county and they would have a decision by the next meeting.

Portalon Pleasant Plains/Drainage concerns

Ed Simpson, a resident at 1130 N Portalon Drive, expressed his concern regarding the drainage issues on his property and several other surrounding properties. He said it involves the Mt. Comfort rebuild. He understands they were hooked into this drain in 2010 but they were not aware of it until 2015. He is requesting that something be done to alleviate the flooding. His proposal was to completely disconnect the affected properties from this drain. Commissioner Armstrong said that any solution will need to be fact based and agreed to supply Mr. Simpson with the original design plans from 2010, the report from two engineers that was completed in 2015-2016 and the funding information associated with the plans. Mr. Simpson agreed to review these documents and share the information with the other property owners. Commissioner Armstrong said Mr. Simpson could meet with him or another Commissioner individually after reviewing the documents and noted his phone number.

Judicial Requests

Major Brad Burkhart asked for approval for Ted York to travel out of state for instructor K9 training in August. Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve out of state travel to Washington D.C. for Deputy Ted York for K9 training 8/13/18 through 8/18/18. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Major Burkhart announced that an Auction is tentatively planned for 5/19/18 and the road at 200 N between 400 and 500 West will need to be closed due to safety concerns. Commissioner Huber asked for it be noted that he is not involved with this auction. Commissioner Huber made a motion that tentatively on 5/19/18 to allow the road to be closed at 200 North between 4 and

5 West at the recommendation of the Sheriff's Department due to safety concerns for parking and pedestrians. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Major Burkhart asked for approval to surplus a Chevy Tahoe, VIN number ending in 342803. Commissioner Huber made a motion to declare surplus to 2013 Chevy Tahoe, VIN number ending in 342803. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Major Burkhart also asked for approval to surplus a list of miscellaneous items. Commissioner Huber made a motion to declare surplus the list as presented on the Sheriff's surplus items list. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Riley Festival

Tom Billings reported that the Riley Festival is planned for 10/4/18 through 10/7/18 and asked to use the Commissioner's Court room, the hallway and connection to water at the Courthouse. Commissioner Huber made a motion to allow the Riley Festival to use the Commissioners Court Room and the Hallway beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday Oct 2nd through Sunday October 7th and use of the water hookup at the Courthouse on the Southeast corner and the Courthouse lawn. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Myers and Ostermeyer Dedication of ROW

Harold Gibson presented ROW for Zack Myers Minor Subdivision at 1000 N. This is 7 acres dividing it into 2 lots with a 35 foot dedicated half ROW on the north side for the thoroughfare plan. Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept the 35 foot dedicated half ROW for Zack Myers subdivision. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Mr. Gibson also presented ROW for Ostermeyer 2nd Minor Subdivision at 600 W north of County Line between Stinemeyer Rd. and 600 S. This is a 70 foot dedicated half ROW. Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept 70 foot half ROW for Ostermeyer 2nd Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

EOC Request

John Jokantas requested approval for out of state travel to go to Denver Colorado 5/16/18 through 5/18/18 for a 911 innovation focus group. This will be at no cost to the county. Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve out of state travel for John Jokantas from 5/16/18 through 5/18/18. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Rezoning Frank Green

Mike Dale presented a request to rezone the A.I. Innovations project at 7795 North 200 West. The planning commission gave favorable recommendation to rezone this from Commercial Neighborhood and Agricultural to Industrial General. Commissioner Huber made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2018-5A to rezone at 7795 North 200 West from CN and A to IG. Commissioner Huber also made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-5A including the zoning commitments as presented. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Group Health Insurance recommendation for Budgets

Brian Brees introduced Diane Titchenell with Anthem who presented a packet of information documenting the last 12 months of insurance claims data verses the current 12 months. She mentioned the clinic is a great service for the employees and they need to be aware of this

benefit. They also noted our Pharmacy cost were down which is unusual. The medical and RX 2019 renewal projection included a 5.31% increase overall. She introduced an AFLAC online enrollment system being offered to the county at no cost with not only their product but also the life, medical, dental and vision products. Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve to move forward with the online AFLAC enrollment platform being offered at no cost to the county enabling employees to enroll for all of their insurance benefits online and review as needed. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Auditor Lowder told the Commissioners that some departments will need to prepare their own budgets and asked for a recommendation of the insurance increase that should be communicated to them to include in their budgets. They agreed on a 7% increase for the 2019 budget for insurance expense. Auditor Lowder stated she would include that number in their packets.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, President

Commissioner John Jessup, Vice-President

Commissioner Marc Huber

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder

Hancock County Auditor