

## Hancock County Board of Commissioners' Minutes

February 21, 2017

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

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

Hancock County Board of Commissioners' Meeting began at 8:00 a.m.

Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 8:13 a.m.

### Highway Department

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

#### Signatures:

**Bridge 16 Title Sheet-** The title sheet for Bridge 16, located at 1000 N over Sugar Creek between 800 E and 900 E, was presented for signing by the Commissioners. (\$750,000 which is a little over the estimate)

**Jani-King Contract-** Commissioner Huber moved to approve the agreement with Jani-King Unique Concepts for cleaning at the Highway Department. Commissioner Jessup seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

**US 52 Closing in New Palestine-** New Palestine festival will close US 52 and have a detour on June 17, 2017. HC Engineer will work with the town on this matter.

**HC Highway Truck Drivers-** HC Engineer is looking for two new truck drivers and will begin interviewing interns and summer labor help soon.

**Bill 1002-** HC Engineer stated that he and Commissioner Armstrong will be going to the Statehouse on March 1, 2017 to discuss Bill 1002.

**Patching-** HC Engineer stated that there is only three pages of patching work orders. (usually about 20 in February)

**Spring Flood Season-** HC Engineer stated that the spring flood season is coming. These were some things discussed to help during this time:

- \*clean your grates
- \*clean your drive pipe
- \*root killer helps a lot
- \*get yard debris away from drain system
- \*weed killer helps

### **Hancock County Public Library**

**Annual Report-** Director David Gray & Beverly Gard appeared before the Commissioners to present the Hancock County Public Library's Annual Report. (Copy located in Auditor's Office) Many topics were discussed.

**Library Board Re-Appointment-** Beverly Gard's term will be up in May. The Commissioners thanked her for her hard work and dedication. The Library Board will be recommending David Roberts from New Palestine to take her place. There was a discussion had. This item will be on the Commissioners Action Items at the next Commissioners' Meeting on 3-06-17.

### **Maximus**

**Reimbursement of Child Support IV-D Administration-** Ken Moeller from Maximus appeared before the Commissioners to present a new contract for signing. Mr. Moeller gave a short overview of what Maximus provides for Hancock County. He also presented information on the recoveries for HC over the past five years which have averaged \$59,808. Commissioner Huber moved to enter into a contract with Maximus for the 2017 year with a not to exceed amount of \$5,600. Commissioner Jessup seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

### **Hancock County Emergency Management**

**Severe Weather Siren Project-** Misty Moore appeared before the Commissioners to present a plan overview on the Hancock County Emergency Management Severe Weather Siren Project. (hand out located in Auditor's Office) Ms. Moore presented her findings on the present working capabilities of the emergency sirens in HC. She also presented information on two different plans on replacing and updating the emergency sirens in HC. (1 year/3 year plans) Discussion was had. Commissioner Jessup made a motion to proceed with moving forward with a County wide severe weather siren project as specified to the Hancock County Council and the Commissioners recommend the one year program but the three year plan would be acceptable. Commissioner Huber seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

### **Hancock County Courthouse Lawn**

**Courthouse Lawn Treatments-** Tina Howard from Howard Services, Inc. appeared before the Commissioners to present an agreement between HC and Howard Services, Inc. for the lawn treatments for the 2017 season for signing. Agreement consists of a plan consisting of a time line for

six applications and a core lawn aeration program for an amount of \$714. Commissioner Huber moved to accept agreement from Howard services, Inc. for the lawn treatment for the 2017 season in an amount not to exceed \$714. Commissioner Jessup seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

### **Hancock County Community Corrections**

**Employer Group Insurance Portion-** Pat Powers appeared before the Commissioners to present information about the Community Corrections being \$59,000 in the negative for the employer group insurance portion. Discussion was had on solutions for this matter. Pat Powers is to return in May with an update. Commissioner Huber made a motion to pay Community Corrections health insurance expense out of Commissioners Budget Group Insurance Line for March, April, May, and June 2017. Commissioner Jessup seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

### **Hancock County Surveyor's Office**

**Sugar Creek Study-** Susan Bodkin appeared before the Commissioners to present a hydraulic modeling for Sugar Creek in HC professional services proposal from Christopher B Burke Engineering, LLC. Hancock County would serve as a pass-through for grant money. (\$131,500) The details are still being finalized and so this served as an informational session for the Commissioners.

### **Action Items**

**Claims and Payroll-** Commissioner Huber moved to approve claims and payroll as presented. Commissioner Jessup seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

**Minutes-** Commissioner Huber moved approval of the 2-07-17 Commissioners' Minutes as presented. Commissioner Jessup seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

**Performance Bond Release-** Commissioner Huber moved to release a Performance Bond to Harvey Construction Co. Inc. for Wyndstone Section 1A for monuments in the amount of \$600. Commissioner Jessup seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

**Performance Bond Release-** Commissioner Huber moved to release a Performance Bond to Harvey Construction for Wyndstone Section 1B for monuments in the amount of \$1,450. Commissioner Jessup seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

**Memorial Building Steps-** Commissioner Huber gave an update on the steps at the Memorial Building. He stated they should be completed the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week of March.

**Tourism Commission-** Commissioner Armstrong stated that he attended the Tourism Commission meeting on February 14, 2017. The Commission is seeking guidance from the Commissioners on awarding grants that affect hotels.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 10:15 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 John Jessup

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Robin D. Lowder  
Hancock County Auditor