

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

July 18, 2017

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

Auditor Robin D. Lowder and Accounts Payable Deputy Supervisor Anna Voorhis was also present.

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

Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 8:10 a.m.

Highway Department

Representing County Highway was Randy Moore and Kim Davis who appeared before the Hancock County Board of Commissioners to discuss:

Bond Release – Commissioner Huber made a motion to release a \$20,000 Performance Bond for the Peterson Company for Drive and Paving at 700W and 200N. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

Credit Application Submitted- Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept and sign credit application for County Highway with County Materials Corporation. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

Pennsy Trail Mowing- The question was raised who would be designated to mow the Pennsy Trail land deeded over to the County. The Commissioner's consensus was the County will do the mowing and it should be paid from the Contractual Mowing line item in the Commissioner's Budget.

Council Budget Hearings- Randy Moore and Kim Davis will represent the Highway at the Council Budget Hearings on July 20th. Gary Pool will be in attendance by phone if necessary.

Public Notary-Kim Davis will replace Timi Wood as the notary. It will be \$105 from license and fees.

600W- The pre-final is waiting on INDOT. A five work day punch list till Engineer can accept work.

Bridge Out (Bridge by Sugar Creek Elementary)- Bridge will be out for first 4 weeks of school.

Bridge 93- Right of Way acquisition.

Bridge 16- Bridge 16 is underway. (1000N over Sugar Creek) The old structure is removed.

New Palestine Community Crossing Grant- Engineer is assisting New Palestine with their Community Crossing Grant. This will turn \$70,000 into \$280,000 worth of street work.

County Highway Budget/Salary 144- The Commissioner's discussed the Highway Budget and Salary 144 submitted. The purchase of more efficient equipment resulted in less overtime. This enabled the highway to give raises from the overtime line without increasing the bottom line. This was done to make the highway more competitive in salaries. The Salary 144 showed no new hires.

Claims and Payroll

Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve Claims and Payroll. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

Commissioner's Minutes

Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve Commissioner's Minutes July 6, 2017. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

Budget Transfer

Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to approve a \$13,000 Budget Transfer from Commissioner's Budget in County General account number 1001.12700.000.0068 Unemployment to 1001.13301.000.0068 Severance Sick Pay. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

Heating/Air Conditioning Repair

Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve and sign the proposal from PDF Mechanical LLC to replace Cooling Tower Water Fill Valve for \$1,049.63 to be paid from Building and Maintenance in the Commissioner's Budget. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

Changes in Legislation for Coverage of Reserve Deputies

County Attorney Ray Richardson discussed with the Commissioners the changes in Legislation that covers Reserve Police Officers for Injury and Illness resulting from participation in a Covered Activity. Attorney Richardson secured a proposal from Walker and Associates for \$130 per officer and the cost at this time to cover our Reserves would be approximately \$2,600. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to accept Walker and Associates proposal to comply with the new Legislation for \$130 per Reserve Police Officer, to be paid from the Commissioner's Budget from the Liability Insurance line item and be effective January 1, 2018. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

RFP for Turn-Key Warning Siren System for the HC Emergency Management Agency

Misty Moore the EMA Director requested the Commissioners approval of the RFP for the Turn-Key Warning Siren System for the HC EMA. Changes were made in highlighted portions of the following sections-1.5 Basic Requirements-Accessibility, 2.0-Basic Requirements-Full Specifications, 5.0 Central Control Station, 18.0 Failure to Complete on time (verbiage changed from will to may), 2.0 Exceptions and 21.0 Proposal Evaluation (entire section is highlighted). Copy of RFP with highlighted portions is available at the Hancock County Emergency Management Agency Office. Bids are scheduled to be opened at the HC Commissioners Meeting August 15, 2017at 8:30 a.m. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to accept the RFP with the new changes as presented. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0. Misty Moore commented it was going to be a tight window to finish in 120 days.

Facility Building and Maintenance Manager

Dean Mullins discussed general maintenance issues with the Commissioners. Commissioner Huber made a motion to allow him a \$40 reimbursement on his personal phone for County Business use. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

Zoning Change

Indiana Automotive Equipment-Shane Tatum from Indiana Automotive Equipment 212 N. Main St. Maxwell, Indiana appeared before the Commissioners because he wants to take down two of his old buildings and build a new better building. When he bought the property he thought it was Commercial but has discovered it is not. The Commissioners recommended he have it rezoned Commercial because that would stay with the property, a special exception would only be good for him. He will have to go through the zoning process the Commissioners cannot just make his property Commercial but it will eventually come back to them.

Senior Services 2nd Quarter Claim

Senior Services/Linda Hart- Linda Hart presented the Commissioners with the Senior Services 2nd Quarter Claim. Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the Senior Services 2nd Quarter Claim in the amount of \$93,981.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

Out of State Travel/Surveyor

Surveyor- Susan Bodkin requested permission for Out of State Travel for a Surveyor's Meeting at NACO in Columbus Ohio on July 22 and 23rd 2017. Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve Susan Bodkin's request for permission for Out of State Travel for a Surveyor's Meeting at NACO in Columbus Ohio on July 22 and 23rd 2017. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

Commissioners Salary 144 Recommendations

Highway- accepted as presented (including raises)

Salary 2% Increases- all County Employees and Department Heads

Exceptions are: Elected Officials/No increases;

Salaries Mandated by State- receives no County 2% increase

State Mandated if not equal to 2% County increase to total of 2%

The Sheriff- receives no County 2% increase

Jail Officer's- receive 2% increase

Merit Deputies- 4% increase

New Hires-Two new Jailers only-with a plan to hire two Jailers for the next four years. There will be a total of eight new Jailers at the end of four years.

Nasa Director- County pays ½ Salary

Council Group Insurance Request- Council requested Commissioners find savings in Group Health Insurance- Possible savings/ County no longer distribute money to County Employees HSA accounts. It would be approximately a savings of \$180,000. Also discussed possible other types of cuts to Insurance Plan.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, President

Commissioner Marc Huber, Vice President

Absent
Commissioner John Jessup

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor