

## **Hancock County Board of Commissioners' Minutes**

**October 3, 2017**

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

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

Anna L. Voorhis was also present.

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's meeting began at 8:05 a.m.

Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 8:16 a.m.

Commissioner Jessup arrived at 8:28 a.m.

### **Highway Department**

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

**Community Crossing Grant** – Hancock County was awarded \$2.5 million in Community Crossing Grant funds to be allocated to the following:

Hancock County- \$627,236.39

New Palestine- \$330,000

Cumberland-\$327,291.75

McCordsville- \$279,588.75

Fortville- \$436,500.00

Greenfield- \$281,606.30

Shirley- \$124,627.50

**Snow Plow Contract**- contract has been advertised with open date of November 21, 2017. Contracts will be based on lump sum amounts, not hourly rates as in the past.

**Backhoe Quotes**- Backhoe quotes have been advertised with open date of November 21, 2017.

**Photo request**- An official photograph of Commissioner Jessup was requested for TIGER Grant.

**Paving**- projected to be complete this week, weather dependent.

**TIGER Grant**- Engineer Pool will petition RDC for fiscal commitment on Tiger Grant which is due October 16, 2017.

**Personnel**- Two employees will be out of the office after upcoming surgeries. One will work from home during recovery.

**Driveway Fraud**- Update provided regarding person impersonating a highway worker who sealed a local resident's driveway for inflated pricing. That person has been located by law enforcement. Victims unit is assisting to help recover costs incurred to homeowner.

**Recurring Bids**- Engineer Pool recommended that the Commissioners consider carrying over recurrent bids for HMA, Asphalt Liquid and Stone.

**Bridge 91**- opening October 31, 2017.

**Bridge 16**- opening October 15, 2017 (delayed one month due to rain).

**Rumble Stripes**- Rumble Stripes have been installed at various locations in the county at 2-way stops to help reduce accidents.

**Conflict of Interest Ordinance**- Engineer Pool suggested establishment of a conflict of interest ordinance to set boundaries. Currently, there is a policy that sets some guidelines, but there is no ordinance in place. County Attorney Ray Richardson will draft an ordinance for Commissioners to consider at a later date.

#### **Alternatives Inc. – Crosses on Courthouse Lawn**

Rachel Dennis, Alternatives Inc. asked for Commissioners' approval to place crosses on the courthouse lawn to promote Domestic Violence Awareness month. Each cross represents a person who has died as a result of dating violence or domestic violence. Commissioner Huber made a motion to allow the placement of crosses on the courthouse lawn to promote Domestic Violence Awareness month October 9-31. Commissioner Jessup seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

#### **Claims and Payroll**

Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve claims and payroll as presented. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

#### **Commissioners' Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve Commissioners' Meeting Minutes for September 19, 2017. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

## **Bonds**

**Cash Bond-** Commissioner Huber made a motion to release a cash bond for Eric Brumley, 6795 W. Stansbury Blvd/8 " Drain Tile \$2760. Commissioner Jessup seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

**Performance Bond-** Commissioner Huber made a motion to release a performance bond for Wyndstone Devellopment, Wyndstone S-3, erosion control, \$64,943.50. Commissioner Jessup seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

**Maintenance Bond-** Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept a maintenance bond from Russell Excavating, Meadow Lake Est S-4/Storm Sewers, \$10,000. Commissioner Jessup seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

**Performance Bond-** Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept performance bond for Harvey Contruction, Wyndstone Sec 3A & B/Monuments, \$1,125. Commissioner Jessup seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

**Maintenance Bond-** Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept maintenance bond for Harvey Contruction, Wyndstone Sec 3A & B/ Storm Sewers, \$63,883. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

## **McCordsville Interlocal**

Commissioners briefly discussed the McCordsville Interlocal with consensus that funding sources still need to be explored.

## **2018 Holiday Schedule**

Auditor Robin Lowder presented the 2018 Holiday Schedule to the Commissioners for review.

## **Senior Services/INDOT Agreement**

Linda Hart requested Commissioner's signatures for the 2018 INDOT agreement that designates Hancock County as a pass-through for the public transit system. Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve signatures of the 2018 INDOT agreement. Commissioner Jessup seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

## **Hancock County Regional Water & Sewer District**

Commissioner Armstrong recessed the meeting at 9:00 a.m. for the opening of the Hancock County Regional Water & Sewer District meeting . That meeting adjourned at 9:04 a.m. Commissioner Armstrong reconvened the Commissioner's meeting at 9:04 a.m.

### **Group Health Insurance/Patriot Insurance**

Brian Brees of Patriot Insurance provided information on 2018 Health Insurance Renewal. Rate increase of approximately 4% was projected. Prescription costs have gone down. There is a minimal increase to vision and dental plan cost. Increase of \$10 for co-pays. Mr. Brees reported there would be a "slight uptick" to employees on monthly costs, but overall he was very happy with numbers citing Anthem as having provided the best rates for the county by far. Commissioner Jessup made a motion to approve what was presented and requested that a renewal contract be presented by November 3, 2017. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

### **Sheriff's Department- Workers Compensation**

Major Brad Burkhart discussed a recent workers compensation/health insurance claim issue. The Auditor was instructed if the employee's insurance did not pay the medical claim she was to pay the claim from Insurance Liability in the Commissioners' Budget General Fund.

### **Jail Financing**

Commissioners discussed Jail financing, concurring that accurate soft costs need to be obtained.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 10:53 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