

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Meeting

October 29, 2019

Commissioners met in regular session. Those present were Board of Commissioner's President John Jessup, Vice President Brad Armstrong, Commissioner Marc Huber, County Attorney Scott Benkie, Auditor Debra Carnes, Financial Administrator Mary Bowmer & Trish George Secretary to Commissioners & County Council. Commissioner Jessup called to order the October 29, 2019 Hancock County Commissioners Board meeting at 8:01 am.

Highway

- Gary Pool notified Commissioners snow plowing is advertised and will release the beginning of November
- Gary worked with the County Attorney and State Police to enforce weight limits on Bridge 62
- 600 West north of US 40 micro-surface project
- New triaxle received
- Sego lien release
- Bridge conference
- Utility billing Ordinance
- Jim Davis extended his FMLA, keep in thoughts and prayers
- Ambrose groundbreaking postponed Tuesday, November 5th from 9AM-10AM
- Calibrating and preparing winter equipment. Salt cost has increased.

Maintenance

- Dean Mullins requested approval for Blackmore & Buckner Roofing, LLC to replace tiles at the Courthouse for \$3,585. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to pay for the emergency roof repair on the Courthouse to Blackmore & Buckner Roofing in an amount not to exceed \$3,585 to be paid for out of the Building Maintenance & Repair line item 36800 in Food & Beverage. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Gilliam Janitorial, Inc. would like to get out of light bulb maintenance of their agreement. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to accept the revision to responsibilities for Gilliam Janitorial not continuing light bulb maintenance. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Memorial Building left a message they would like to have an engineer look at bulging wall. Dean had estimate for tuck pointing for \$25-\$30,000 and \$70,000 for tearing a wall out due to bulging. Commissioners would like this evaluated/assessed and do this early next year.
- Dean requested utilizing part of Assessors and Records cage area in basement for Probation. Commissioner Armstrong said he would take care of this.

Probation Department

- Josh Sipes (Chief Probation Officer) requested reinstatement for seniority status for Tabitha Davis a part-time employee for approximately 20 days past the 90 days allowed. She has worked for the clerk's office, the prosecutor's office, the jail and now probation. Josh requested waiving the current policy, due to her loyalty in working for the county. Commissioner Huber made a motion as of January 1, 2020 to reinstate Tabitha Davis, with full seniority status. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

- Josh requested additional Juvenile Detention beds. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion authorize Josh Sipes to go to Council to seek additional appropriation of \$20,000 in funding for Juvenile Detention for 2019. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Josh requested funding for the 2020/2021 on-going juvenile detention contract. Commissioner Jessup concerned with the \$25,000 deficiency in Juvenile Detention that needs to be addressed for 2020. This can be discussed in the next budget meeting. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to enter into a two year contract with Youth Opportunity Center for contract year 2020/2021 not to exceed \$225,000. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

E-911

Greg Shamblin (E-911) requested authorization for a replacement employee. Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the new hire for the replacement employee for the E-911 as presented. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

At-Will Employee Resolution 2019-10-1

Commissioner Armstrong introduced Resolution 2019-10-1 an Amendment of Employee Handbook to include At-Will Employment provisions. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-10-1. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Claims & Payroll

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

Commissioner Minutes

Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to approve the Commissioner Minutes for 10/15/19 as presented. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Sheriff's Department BodyWorn Camera System

- Sheriff Burkhardt presented to Commissioners the BodyWorn Camera System. Currently, the Sheriff's department stores thousands of videos.
- Bernie Harris (Director IT) said it can cost \$250,000 to store data, with this system it is cloud based. There is only a ten second delay in feed. Bernie said this is a win-win situation, this system will save money in storage and save the officer time.
- There are no bundle deals. Schools will need this system and it is estimated at \$10K each. Zoe's place is included in his cost estimate. Sheriff Burkhardt would like to look for grant money to assist with purchasing.
- Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to explore funding through Council, Commissioners propose the need for BodyWorn Camera System. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Walker Hughes Insurance Update

- Kevin Mandrell (Walker Hughes Agency) updated Commissioners on the insurance renewal. Kevin is working with Steve Long (CEO Hancock Hospital) to set-up a hospital tier for Hancock County Employees to get specific discounts. Kevin is also working with Anthem to create a

tier with Hancock Hospital. Anthem did not know if we had enough employees to create this tier, but he feels they want to accommodate. Kevin said Anthem knows we have the ability to go to other companies to assist with the Hospital tier. This will allow us to build a lower price point for employees. This year was a really good year for claims, while last year was not a good year. Kevin requested the Commissioners consider dropping the Aggregate Stop Loss Premium. Commissioner Armstrong asked what is the drop-dead date with what plan we go with. Kevin said we are moving as fast and aggressively without making enemies, open enrollment is schedule for 11/15/19. Springbuk is the company Kevin would like to use and this would cost \$5/per person/per month for analytics and data. This would allow Kevin to more aggressively project savings. Kevin asked if the annual check-up, tobacco and HSA was this something Commissioner's wanted to maintain moving forward. Commissioners had mixed feelings. Spousal carving was questioned would this help or hurt.

- Commissioner Armstrong made a motion for Kevin to pursue agreement with Springbuk for obtaining analytical information not to exceed \$5/per employee/per month for one year. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Renewal with Anthem subject to dental, but Commissioners will wait until Monday, November 4th to vote. Kevin said Carol Beadle will be at this meeting.

Pensy Trails Next Level Trails

- Mary Ann Wietbrock (Pensy Trails) updated Commissioners on the Next Level Trails Grants. Mary Ann would like to proceed with Gary Pool (Highway) writing the RFP. Then Denny would need to present. Then at the December 17th Commissioners would approve/or not approve.
- The design contract is the main purpose of today's meeting. We need to request a contract. Mary Ann questioned if it needed to be advertised. Scott Benkie, County Attorney said yes it needs to be advertised. Mary Ann said with the Commissioners approval, she will have Gary Pool proceed.
- Mary Ann will need to meet with Debra Carnes, Mary Bowmer, Anna Voorhis and Janice Silvey to lay out a plan for the money transactions. She will schedule a meeting before the end of the year.

NASA Local Drug Free Grants

Christine Rapp requested approval for distribution of NASA local drug free grants. 17 grant request were made. All requested amounts have been granted but not in full. Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept the 2020 Local Drug-free Community Fund Grant Recommendations as presented. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Accept Maintenance Bond Indiana Excavating Services LLC for \$28,656

Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept Maintenance Bond Indiana Excavating Services LLC in the amount of \$28,656 for Stone Ridge Section 4 storm sewers. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Release Cash Bonds Harvey Construction for Wyndstone 4A/4B for \$900/\$600

Commissioner Huber made a motion to release cash bonds for Harvey Construction for Wyndstone 4A/4B for Monuments \$900 & \$600. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Courtside Ministries

Deb Hickey requested a warm place to pray November, December and January. This is done every Tuesday, we do not run people down. County Attorney Scott Benkie thought a tent and heater outside the courthouse would be a good solution. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to authorize Courtside Ministries to place a tent and heater as needed on the Courthouse lawn Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Budget Transfer

Commissioner Huber made a motion to transfer \$6,014.08 from Secured Detention to Court Ordered Care of Children. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Sheriff's Department

- Sheriff Burkhardt presented a recovery program for the new jail. This program is FARM (form a rehabilitative mindset) growing food for therapy. He would like to look at the early stages for setting this program up. This is for low level or nonviolent offenders. There are only a handful of jails participating in this program. The Sheriff will be looking into grants to fund this. Commissioners agreed this was a worthwhile program to pursue.
- Sheriff discussed the need for a barn at the new jail. Commissioner Armstrong said the BOC recognizes the need for a barn up to \$500,000, there could be efficiencies planning ahead.
- Sheriff discussed problems with hot water piping in the current jail. He discussed reaching out to RQAW for hot water piping problems. Commissioners thought this was a good idea.
- Sheriff is upgrading fire arms from 45 to 9 millimeter. These fire arms will need to be declared surplus. This will cost around \$23,000 for weapons, holsters and trade-in.
- Sheriff discussed a new shared shooting range with Greenfield Police. The current range will be used for training. The Chief of Greenfield police would like in writing an MOU for this range.

Purdue & Hancock County Extension Contractual Services Agreement

Commissioner Huber made a motion to enter into the County Extension Contractual Services Agreement between Purdue University & Hancock County Government for the year 2020 as presented. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

NineStar Agreement

Commissioner Huber made a motion to enter into the Statement of Services with NineStar for primary rate interface in an amount of \$1,140. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.** Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner John Jessup, President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice-President

Commissioner Marc Huber

Attest: _____
Debra Carnes, Hancock County Auditor