

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Meeting November 19, 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 and Trish George Secretary to Commissioners and County Council. Commissioner Jessup called to order the November 19, 2019 Hancock County Commissioners Board meeting at 8:00 am.

Highway

- Gary Pool requested signatures for a 2002 bond release for Poindexter. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to release the bond for Poindexter Excavating for \$25,000. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Spring Lake requesting assistance with a culvert (they will reimburse for materials). The culvert is deteriorated and is a safety concern. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to authorize the culvert replacement to be reimbursed by the Town of Spring Lake at pass-through pricing not to exceed \$18,000. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Three snow bid openings were presented to Commissioners for review. Commissioner Huber read in the following bids:

	<i>Sugar Cr</i>	<i>Buck Cr</i>	<i>Vernon</i>	<i>Brandywine</i>	<i>Center</i>	<i>Brown</i>	<i>Parking Lot</i>
<i>Outdoor Exterior</i>	\$5,530	\$3,050	\$ 850	\$1,030	\$2,400	\$1,500	\$ 610
<i>V Feeney Inc.</i>	\$5,040	\$2,520	\$1,260	\$ 900	\$2,150	\$1,350	\$1,470
<i>JDE Maintenance LLC</i>	\$6,200	\$4,000	\$1,250	\$1,800	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$ 990

- Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to award the snow contract to the low bidders, pending attorney approval. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- INDOT Thurs, Nov 14th meeting you can read about in the newspaper
- Gary recommended to carry-over Asphalt Material. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to put up for bid all the annual bid items except for liquid asphalt material and attempt to secure 2019 pricing for 2020. 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 11/4/19 as presented. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Public Defender Board

Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to appoint Jonathan Albright to the Public Defender Board for term ending November 16, 2022. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Maintenance

Dean Mullins discussed maintenance projects.

RQAW Update

Pete Petersen updated Commissioners on the new jail. Road curbs are in, concrete paving will conclude this week (weather permitting), water retention pond is substantially complete and the pad site work continues.

Building Department

Scott Williams (Inspector) discussed job coverage for when he is off on medical leave. Dan Cameron and Debbie will cover, but with Commercial Reviews he will need additional coverage. He talked with Jacobi Toombs & Lanz and would like to have Shelly Wakefield cover his absence. Scott would like her to stay on as a consultant after his return, her code expertise would be an asset. He would like to pass-through the fees for Shelly as the Surveyors department currently does. Scott Williams gave Scott Benkie, County Attorney the Consulting Contract to review. Scott will return at the next Commissioner's meeting 12/3/19 to further discuss.

E-911

- John Jokantas (Director) requested a replacement employee and two new employees.
- Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to authorize a replacement for the position previously held by dispatcher John Collins. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to authorize a new hire for dispatcher position January 1, 2020. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to authorize the position of Office Manager to be hired December 28, 2019 salary to be paid from General Fund with a 50% reimbursement, Benefits to be paid out of 911 Surcharge & 911 Ops. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- John requested to enter into a PDC Pricing Agreement. Commissioner Huber made a motion to enter into the Price Agreement with Priority Dispatch in an amount not to exceed 14,400. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- John requested out of state travel for training. Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve out of state travel for Craig Lindsay, John Jokantas, Ashley Hamilton and Tabitha Ebersole to attend the Advanced Police Dispatch Course 12/8-12/9. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- John requested approval to purchase radios for the Health Department \$16,509.21. Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the purchase of the radios for the Health Department not to exceed \$16,509.21 to paid out of the GO Bond. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- John requested approval to purchase 800Mhz/VHF Pagers for the Volunteer Fire Departments for \$99,990. Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the purchase of 800Mhz radios for the Volunteer Fire Departments not to exceed \$99,990 to be paid out of the GO Bond. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- John requested approval to purchase 2 new chairs. Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the purchase of two chairs to be paid out of 911 CCD not to exceed \$3,200. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- John requested per Bernie Harris (IT Director) recommendation to purchase two new network switches. He could purchase one this year and one next year. Commissioner Huber

made a motion to approve the network switch upgrade for the 911 center, one to be paid out of 2019 911 CCD not to exceed \$11,190.34 and the second to be paid out of the 2020 911 CCD not to exceed \$11,190.34. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

- John requested to declare one old 911 chair surplus. Commissioner Huber made a motion to declare one 911 office chair as surplus with no value. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 9:10 AM.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner John Jessup, President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice-President

Commissioner Marc Huber

Attest: _____
Debra Carnes, Hancock County Auditor