

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Meeting

November 4, 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 4, 2019 Hancock County Commissioners Board meeting at 8:00 am.

Highway

- Kim Davis (Office Manager Highway) requested signatures for the Pennsy Trails permits. Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept the Supplemental Agreement No. 1 Des No. 1700737 as presented. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Sego lien removed.
- We are well ahead of peers in pavement and bridge condition (we are in the top 20 in state).
- Bridge 49 set to close on November 18th opens January 31, 2020.
- Got the IPEP Grant \$2,900 for workers boots.
- INDOT will host a public hearing on Thursday, November 14, 2019 at the Greenfield Central Junior High School Cafeteria, 140 Highland Avenue, Greenfield, Indiana 46140, the hearing will begin at 6PM. The purpose of the public hearing is to offer all interested persons an opportunity to comment on current design plans for a State Road 9, hot mix asphalt (HMA) overlay between I-70 and US 52 in Hancock and Shelby Counties. The project is approximately 9.5 miles in length.

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 Huber made a motion to approve the Commissioner Minutes for 10/29/19 as presented. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Maintenance

Dean Mullins discussed maintenance projects.

RQAW Update

Pete Petersen updated Commissioners on the new jail. Ground breaking was last week and included a speech from Board of Commissioners President John Jessup. The pond is being excavated and the pad built. The road has stone and concrete prep will begin this week. It will be weather dependent, but we have a solid base and all drainage infrastructure is in. Garmong has filed for the full local building permit and we have received some minor comments from the building department. Most of them have to do with the landscaping plan and that is being updated with RQAW, so the formal building permit can be issued. The secondary plat of the property is being finalized and will be submitted in December at the next available planning meeting. The City has a bid for the water/sewer extensions and had a good bid day. We

requested documents and information from the City Engineering Office so we can begin coordination. We have not seen the final numbers, we were informed the county construction portion was around \$175K, which is under \$120K less than the engineer estimated from Garmong. We have the OAC meeting every two weeks with Garmong and the Sheriff, next meeting is 11/4.

Log Jams (Brandywine Creek & Sugar Creek)

- Susan Bodkin (Surveyor) requested authority to clear log jams on Brandywine Creek (Louis & Carole Blaser) and Sugar Creek (Highway department turned in).
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to remove the log jams from Brandywine and Sugar Creek to be paid out of Non-Navigable Streams and do all work the budget allows. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

INDOT ROW Courthouse

Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept the INDOT Easement Acquisition Offer for Project 1700896 for the ROW at US 40 and SR 9 by the Courthouse. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Carvana Rezone

- Rick Lawrence (Attorney) on behalf of Carvana requested approval for proposed expansion at I-70 and Mt. Comfort road. Carvana filed for a rezone application to bring in approximately 70 acres into what was already a PUD. In light of issues brought up at the last meeting, adjustments were made, the words “future development” have been removed from the plans and replaced with “open space”. If the open space was ever considered for development, it would have to be brought before the Board of Commissioners for approval. Landscaping has been adjusted as suggested. This will also bring more jobs to the facility. No further abatement will be requested. Commissioner Huber was concerned with open area looking manicured (like a golf course) for years and then the open area not being maintained.
- Commissioner Armstrong introduced Ordinance 2019-11-A.
- Commissioner Jessup opened the floor for anyone who would like speak on the Ordinance 2019-11-A, an Ordinance amending the PUD for Carvana. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-11-A. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Architectural Residential Standards

- Commissioner Armstrong introduced Ordinance 2019-11-B. An ordinance amending Architectural Residential Standards.
- Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-11-B. Commissioner Huber reminded Mike Dale to have flexibility in the transition to higher Architectural Residential Standards and to take into consideration those approved before these standards. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Walker Hughes Insurance Update

- Carol Beadle (Walker Hughes Agency) presented items for the Commissioners to decide on. Carol recommends the plan remain as is, but remove aggregate stop loss and remove spousal carve out. Remain with the Anthem Dental with an \$11,396 annual savings and no disruption. Also recommended to keep the current Wellness Program in place.

- Commissioner Armstrong made a motion renew with the Anthem Plan as presented, drop the aggregate stop loss, remove spousal carve out from the plan, renew with Anthem dental and keep the Anthem wellness in place with intent to streamline reporting. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Scott Benkie, County Attorney requested a copy of draft termination letter for Patriot Insurance from Carol.

Final Weed Report

Dean Folkening (Weed Specialist) presented Commissioners with the final weed report. Dean had a total of 94 properties inspected, 85 certified letters mailed, 8 properties contracted to mow, 7 mowing liens and 14 properties that did not require contract mowing.

Utility Road Closures

Commissioner Huber received a call from NineStar regarding traffic assistance with road closures due to downed electric lines. Commissioner Armstrong felt road closures due to emergency utility issues (power lines in road) should be handled by Sheriff's office. Commissioner Huber clarified the problem is contractors through the utility companies abusing road closures and managing traffic through the Highway Department, the Sheriff's Department and other departments. Sheriff Burkhardt said this has not been a problem in the past. Commissioner Huber would like to get a policy together for handling these situations.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner John Jessup, President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice-President

Commissioner Marc Huber

Attest: _____
Debra Carnes, Hancock County Auditor