

## Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Meeting

February 19, 2019

Commissioners met in regular session. Those present were Board of Commissioner's President John Jessup, Vice President Brad Armstrong and Commissioner Marc Huber, County Attorney Scott Benkie, Auditor Debra Carnes and Deputy Auditor Trish George were present.

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's meeting began at 8:00 am. Commissioner Jessup called to order the February 19, 2019 Hancock County Commissioners Board meeting.

### Highway

- Gary discussed with INDOT the bridge closure in New Palestine. INDOT finalized the detour memorandum of understanding and added a 120 day minimum closure. INDOT authorized all payments for damages due to the detour route. Currently utilities are still in the way and this could bump the construction to March of 2020.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept Letter of Understanding from Indiana Department of Transportation for the bridge over West Sugar Creek DES #1400033 Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Sweet Creek Drive received complaints about water in ditches. Options are forced excavation of ditches or a letter requesting owners to clean out or remove pipe.
- Gary discussed employee turnover (2-terminations and 1-moving on).
- RQAW estimated the county farm roadway cost at about \$800K. \$3.7M received yearly in MVH funding. \$2.6M is current MVH balance. \$5.8M is the projected MVH spend.  $(\$3.7M + \$2.6M) - \$5.8M = \$0.5M$ . Gary has ideas for the shortfall, but this option will be tight. This does not include the median crossover on US40.
- When the temperature reaches 50 degrees, pot holes can be pursued more aggressively. To report pot holes call 477-1130.

### Claims & Payroll

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

### Moment of Silence for Two Employees

Commissioner Armstrong requested a moment of silence for two long-term employees Michael Shull and Donovan Lindsay that passed away this week.

### Commissioner Minutes

Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve Commissioners' Minutes for 2/5/19 as presented. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

### **Hancock County Council's Resolution 2019-2-4 Continue Design Work on Jail Project**

Commissioner Armstrong made a motion, due to the unanimous approval of County Council to fund and staff a new jail facility with the agreement on where that facility will be located and the design; they will continue to move forward on design for the jail project.

Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

### **Hancock Regional Hospital Board of Trustees**

Linda Zimmerman PhD, Chairperson Board of Trustees for Hancock Regional Hospital requested Board of Trustee appointments for Hancock Regional Hospital. Commissioner Jessup thanked Linda Zimmerman PhD for her many years of service. Commissioner Huber said 20 years is impressive. Commissioner Huber made a motion to reappoint Ann Vail to the Hancock Regional Hospital Board for a four year term July 1, 2019-June 30, 2023 and appoint Sara Joyner for a four year term July 1, 2019-June 30, 2023. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

### **Review Development of Standards for Subdivisions**

Commissioner Armstrong in the spirit of cooperation and collaboration after talking with President Bolander (Hancock County Council) they agreed and would like to review the development standards for subdivisions within the county. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to recommend Planning Commission review development standards for subdivisions. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

### **Remodel Bids for Community Corrections**

Pat Powers (Director Community Correction) presented three bids for remodel work. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to authorize RE Construction Services for remodel project as specified at Community Corrections, in an amount not to exceed \$15,777.40, the project is specified not to take more than seven days to be paid for out of Commissioners CCD Miscellaneous Building Expense. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

### **Fortville/Vernon Township Library Board**

Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to appoint Elizabeth Wyatt to the Fortville/Vernon Township Library Board for a four year term ending December 31, 2022. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

### Senior Services New Vehicles

Bob Long (Senior Services) requested approval and signatures to purchase four Dodge Caravans with ramps for Senior Services (\$37,843 each for a total of \$151,372, local match of \$27,800 from Senior Services). These vehicles will get the fleet from 8 to 13. Debra Carnes (Auditor) noted the Auditors office did not have VIN numbers for these vehicles. Another concern is the vehicles were not on the Senior Services inventory. Commissioners would like a list of vehicles, VIN numbers and who owns the vehicle. Commissioner Huber made a motion to enter into the purchase agreement for four vehicles with Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc. unit price is \$37,843 each with a grand total of \$151,372, subject to legal counsel's review of the contract, to be paid out of grant proceeds. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

### Sheriff's Department Certification Report/Out of State Travel/Maintenance Issues

- Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept the Annual Certification Report for the Equitable Sharing Agreement as presented. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve out of state travel for Deputy Nick Ernstes to attend The Street Smart Cop/Pro-Active Patrol Tactics from 3-13-19 to 3-14-19 in Brookville, Ohio for \$303 and Deputy Nick Ernstes to attend the National Interdiction Training & Networking Conference on 4-28-19 to 5-4-19 in Kansas City, Kansas for \$1,255. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Sheriff Burkhardt presented a proposal from Fitzgerald & North for the current Sheriff's Department HVAC system. The current HVAC system is obsolete and parts are no longer available. The replacement HVAC system is estimated at about \$120K.

### Prosecutors Office New Deputy Prosecutor/Vehicle for Investigator

- Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to authorize a Sheriff's Department vehicle designated for trade-in to be repurposed for the Prosecutors Investigator. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Commissioner Armstrong made a motion the Board of Commissioners determined a need for an additional Deputy Prosecutor. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

### FSG Agreement

Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to enter into an agreement with FSG Services for income tax bonds for financial consulting services not to exceed \$65,000 to be paid out of bond issue in regards to the jail project. In the event the agreement is terminated, the county agrees the amount due shall be \$10,000. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 10:30 am**

Hancock County Commissioners

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Commissioner John Jessup, President

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Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice-President

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Commissioner Marc Huber

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Debra Carnes  
Hancock County Auditor