

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Meeting

February 5, 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 8:08 am. Commissioner Jessup called to order the February 5, 2019 Hancock County Commissioners Board meeting.

Highway

Gary Pool (Highway) presented several items for signature.

- Commissioner Huber made a motion to enter into the project closeout letter for DES #1500443 basically stating all physical commitments have been fulfilled. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the document for DES #1500442, basically stating all physical commitments have been fulfilled. DES #1297608 for utilities, basically stating there are no more utility cost; DES #0400037 basically stating all invoices have been paid; DES #1383325 statement that all invoices have been paid. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Gary questioned the appraisal and payment to be completed at the county farm. Commissioner Armstrong said they will clarify if Gary needs to complete this task.
- Submitted paperwork for the Community Crossing Grant \$2M at 50% match (\$1M max) for three projects. Not a lot of competition.
- Gary is working overtime to repair pot holes created due to the current weather changes.
- Road School is March 5-6. Truck show is March 7th.
- Gary continues to negotiate the new truck purchase. They will pay all the upgrade costs and are offering \$15K for trade in. The truck purchase would require \$160K.
- Gary proposed since RQAW are working on the layout of the site that they draft up the roadway and get the plat ready for him. Gary would like to coordinate with RQAW to get the road construction estimate with MVH Funds and work toward recording the plat. Commissioners agreed Gary can proceed with this course of action.

Ordinance 2019-2A IPEP Grant (Fund #8950)

Commissioner Huber made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2019-1D. This is setting up Fund #8950 for the IPEP Grant. Commissioner Huber made a motion to suspend the rules and adopt on the day of introduction. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Ordinance 2019-1C Establishing Sub Fund MVH Restricted (Fund #1173)

Commissioner Huber made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-1C. This is setting up Fund #1173 establishing the Sub Fund MVH Restricted. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

E-911 Out of State Travel Request

- John Jokantas (E-911 Director) requested out of state travel for Greg Duda, Master Public Information Officer (PIO) class, Elgin, Illinois, cost \$1627.80, March 3-8 of 2019. Commissioner Huber made a motion to allow Greg Duda to attend Master Public Information Officer course, a five day course in Elgin, Illinois, March 3-8 of 2019, \$1627.80 to be paid out of E-911 budget. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- John requested two Surface Pro Computers (grand total of \$2696.36) to be paid out of CCD. Commissioner Huber made a motion to authorize the purchase of two new Surface Pro Computers not to exceed \$2696.36 to be paid out of E-911 CCD. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Maintenance

Dean Mullins (Maintenance) requested approval to proceed with Smith's Bell and Clock Service to repair the hands and replace the motor for \$2950. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to approve new hands for the clock tower repair not to exceed \$2950 to be paid out of Commissioners Miscellaneous Building Expense CCD striking the request for 40% down payment. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Green Township Volunteer Fire Department Funding

Lisa Mohr, Trustee Green Township requested assistance with funding for the volunteer Fire Department. Commissioner Jessup directed Lisa to the Council for further assistance.

RQAW Utilities Update

Pete Peterson with RQAW presented updates on utilities at the county farm. This information has been shared with the Jail Committee. There are a number of alternatives to look at; water service, treatment plant, including two wells, water service extension from US40 from the city, wastewater service treatment plants at the county farm and wastewater extension from US40. The two that reside on the site would total \$3.7M-\$4M. The duration approaching the wells is 900 days due to IDEM restrictions and red tape, as well as set-backs. This would be a lot of time and effort and RQAW does not recommend this path. The extension is under a \$1M. Pete will get with Gary Pool (Highway) with information he is requesting for the plat plans.

The schematic design and site cost estimated is at \$36,282,079M (not including the road or utility hook up lines). The road cost is estimated at \$1.1M. Pete will forward this information to the Commissioners today.

Claims & Payroll

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

Commissioner Minutes

Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve Commissioners' Minutes for 1/29/19 as presented. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Board of Directors for the Hancock County Regional Water and Sewer District

- Commissioner Jessup **recessed at 8:56 am** the Hancock Board of County Commissioners meeting to conduct business for Board of Directors for the Hancock County Regional Water and Sewer District
- Commissioner Jessup **reconvened at 9:15 am** the Hancock Board of County Commissioners meeting.

CASA Relocation

Marciann McClarnon Miller with Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) requested consideration to relocate from the basement floor to the third floor. There is no expense to this move. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to authorize CASA to move to the third floor. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Hancock County Ag Association

Barb Pescitelli (Hancock County Ag Association) presented the Board of Commissioners with the fairgrounds agreement, adopted December of 2016 along with the proposed design and placement of center. Barb requested consideration as to where the new fairgrounds and exposition center will fit into the new plans for the proposed location of the new jail. Commissioner Armstrong ask for the status on legislature for fund raising for the new fairgrounds and exposition center. Barb clarified it is hard to fund raise without a location. Commissioner Armstrong stated this Board of Commissioners was unanimous in not wanting to build a new jail at that facility. We were forced into it by the city and our council, we could fight one entity, but not both entities. That was the only way to get the facility built was at this site. Commissioner Armstrong said he was not thrilled about the site chosen. Barb clarified there is 14 months left on the agreement. Barb requested when this information is available, she would like to be notified, so the task of fund raising can proceed.

Hancock County Area Planning Commission

- Mike Dale (Executive Planning Department) notified the Commissioners the Planning Commission gave a favorable recommendation to an amendment for an existing zoning commitment for Peterson Property Group. Mike introduced Larry Siegler with Peterson Property Group to discuss amendments to zoning at 4700 N 600 W. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to revise the commitments on the property known as 4700 N 600 W by changing commitment #3 to 399,000 square foot and #4 dropping the phrase “and roof design standards”, #5 dropping the phrase “prior to building occupancy” and adding between “approved” and “by the county” adding the phrase “and required” to say “approved and required by the county”. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Mike notified the Commissioners the Planning Commission gave a favorable recommendation to an amendment for an existing zoning commitment for Grandview Park. Mike introduced Russell Jeffrey for Grandview Park at 6500 N Fortville Pike. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to amend the zoning commitments for Grandview Park #3A by changing the minimum ground square footage requirements to “1,000 square feet”. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Go Rail

Michael Gaynor (Go Rail) notified Commissioners of the Federal issues impacting railroads. Congressman Pence serves on the Transportation Board and Michael is assisting to help raise awareness.

FEMA Buyout of Houses in Flood Plain

Susan Bodkin (Surveyor) has been talking with the town of Cumberland about three vacant homes located on Buck Creek Road (North of 40) that have flooding issues. Susan recommends a FEMA buyout. If homes are in a floodplain the county pays 25% and FEMA will pay 75% to buy out. FEMA buyout property only can be used for government, possibly a parking lot for trails. Town of Cumberland cannot annex property until 2020. The town agreed they would enter into a Memorandum of Understanding and they would reimburse the county and annex these properties. Appraisals would be an out of pocket expense. Commissioners agreed Susan could check into pursuing this.

Resolution of Need 2019-2-1

Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to pass a Resolution of Need 2019-2-1 for the jail project to cover a proposed facility at the county farm for \$43,139,383M. Commissioner Armstrong read into minutes the Resolution of Need 2019-2-1. Discussion: Commissioner Jessup stated he does not intend to ever pass another one, this is the fourth or fifth time. Commissioner Huber stated he is not in love with this plan, but this is where we are at, they

have tied our hands. This is unfortunately the best we can do. This is pretty disappointing, that's where they pretty much put us. Remember this when you go to the election box. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to revoke all prior Resolutions of Need regarding the jail and pass the Resolution of Need for the jail project at the county farm for \$43,139,383M. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Tourism

- Briggette Cook Jones (Director of Tourism) presented updates on various advertising such as; Indiana Travel Guide, Festival Guides, Indiana Road Map, two new brochures for Agritourism Guide, Brewery & Winery Guides and the Golf Guides, Kiosk, Radio ads and digital ads. Briggette is working on a new visitor's guide and brochure.
- The new Tourism Board has had their election of officers. George Langston is President, Will Ronan is Vice President, Carolyn Flynn is Secretary and Bob Mattsy is Treasurer. Bob is revamping the Policy and Procedures Manual and establishing some internal controls.
- Briggette said Tourism ended 2018 with \$165,000 in the bank (this does not include the fairgrounds). The fairgrounds money is over \$176,000. The total income for 2018 was \$498,469.82.
- The first Grant for 2019 is to renovate the old Carnegie Library and advertising.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 11:10 am

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner John Jessup, President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice-President

Commissioner Marc Huber

Attest: _____
Debra Carnes
Hancock County Auditor