

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Meeting

March 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 8:03 am. Commissioner Jessup called to order the March 19, 2019 Hancock County Commissioners Board meeting.

Highway

- Gary Pool (Highway Engineer) confirmed with warmer temps the pothole blitz has begun.
- Dispute with Sagebrook #4 Developers over a 50' horizontal curve on a 25 mph street. This was called out in the primary and wasn't corrected. They are making the claim they should be entitled to use this curb, but this is a public safety hazard with a 24% predicted increase in accidents. A cul-de-sac or stop condition will be required.
- County farm roadways are estimated at \$665,611 (without drainage). The impact if funded through county highway would be; re-arrange equipment purchases (risk on equipment) and re-arrange maintenance programs. There is unexpected ROW grants from highway for Bridge 62 and design items on Bridge 49 & 50, this would provide \$200K possibly and could roll into maintenance. The impact over two-three years for this capital project would be \$300-400K maintenance to defer.
- Public art in RAB at 300 N 600 W to promote the corridor.
- House Bill 1025 & Senate Bill 517. The county gets reimbursed \$20K for Gary maintaining his license and this is increasing to \$40K. Gary does not support the mandatory raise phrase.
- House Bill 1266 removes control of our MS4 items. This could affect water quality. Gary clarified Hancock County exceeds the state standards. Gary has discussed this bill with Susan Bodkin (Surveyor).

RQAW

- Pete Peterson (RQAW) confirmed Commissioners received the requested email with a timeline that he will pass to Dustin Fry (RQAW) to begin.
- Dustin Fry (RQAW) updated Commissioners and requested a decision on items. Dustin has been meeting weekly with a sub-committee of the Jail Committee regarding design. The subcommittee consist of Dustin, RQAW design team, sheriff, jail commander and Commissioner Jessup. Dustin advised it was decided having a design committee would allow them to report to Jail Committee monthly with updates to present to Board. The zoning process has begun and will be presented to the BZA this month. We are requesting special exception of the jail in an agriculture district. The first step is to seek approval for site layout from the Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners

unanimously approved the site layout as presented. Dustin will begin the process of plat layout.

- RQAW and Gary Pool (Highway Engineer) will look at road layout.
- Utilities will need to be laid out.
- Next big step will be hiring a Construction Manager and this was discussed at the last Jail Committee Meeting. Dustin has started compiling an RFP draft for the Commissioners review. After approved he would like to present the final to the Commissioners as well as County Council. Dustin then needs to work with Council to get proper notices and time lines in place. He is hopeful that a construction manager would be in place by April. The Construction Manager will assist in getting better estimates. An Evaluation Committee will need to be put together to evaluate the proposals and select the Construction Manager. Dustin believes it can be the three Commissioners on the Evaluation Committee but others can be on the committee.

Regional Water and Sewer Discussion

Commissioner Huber notified Commissioners he was contacted by Dan Strahl regarding the Regional Water and Sewer Board Public Hearing. Greenfield was not present for the public hearing and they have hired council to dispute the territory change. The next Regional Water and Sewer District Board meeting was rescheduled from 4-2-19 to 4-16-19.

Claims & Payroll

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

Maintenance/Declare Surplus

Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to declare items in document prepared by Dean Mullins (Maintenance) to be surplus. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Probation Discussion

Josh Sipes (Probation) contacted Commissioner Huber to discuss the need for additional work space. Probation needs a couple of rooms to discuss privacy issues and 4-6 desk spaces.

Commissioner Minutes

Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to approve Commissioners' Minutes for 3/4/19 as presented. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. Commissioner Huber abstained since he was not present for this meeting. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Hancock Public Library Annual Report

- Dave Gray (Director Hancock Public Library) welcomed Zach Schroer (Board Member) and Cindi Faunce (Librarian) to the Hancock Public Library.
- The Hancock County Library is funded through 59% (LIT) local income tax, 35.17% is from CAGIT, 5.09% from License Excise, 2.36% from Fines & Fees and .09% from FIT.

- The Budget is at 59% for Salaries and Benefits, 20% for Library Collection, 17% Other Services and Charges, 2% Supplies and 2% Capital Outlays.
- Hancock Library is below on State Averages for Salaries & Benefits (62.38%) and Library Collection is considerably higher at 20%.
- New Sugar Creek Branch on 5.25 acres, 15,000 sq. ft, 3 small study rooms, large meeting room, youth program room, geothermal heating.
- Dave would like to thank Hancock Health for the Youth Program Room, Greenfield Banking Company for the Community Room, Hancock County Community Foundation for the Study Room. Martha Willis for the Study Room, Dr. Ralph and Grace Rea for the Memorial Building.
- Commissioners thanked Dave for an expedient informative Annual Report.

RDC Meeting/Expanding TIF District Discussion

Commissioner Armstrong discussed the last RDC meeting and TIF Districts. RDC discussed expansion versus making a new TIF Districts. Randy Sorrell, Director Hancock Economic Development Council (HEDC) discussed the drive for this new TIF District is the hospital project at south of I-70. This is an economic area. The RDC would like the approval from the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to instruct the RDC to explore the new creation of a TIF district south on 600 West south of I-70 to the Sugar Creek boarder. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Board of Commissioners Executive Session

Commissioners scheduled an Executive Session for the Board of Commissioners Tuesday, March 26th at 5 or 5:30 pm. County Attorney Scott Benkie will advertise the meeting.

Walker & Associates Insurance

Doug Walker (Walker & Associates Insurance) presented a 2019-2020 Insurance renewal. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to accept the renewal as presented with Burman & Flowers as public risk underwriters with Walker & Associates Insurance as the agent. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Election Equipment Contract

Lisa Lofgreen (Clerk) appeared last week before the County Council to change vendors of E-poll books to Knowink. MicroVote is the distributor for Knowink and they are an Indiana based company. Lisa reminded Commissioners of the issue with the poll books last year. The cost is \$77K and \$45K was already appropriated in Food & Beverage Fund, so Lisa's request is for additional appropriation. Commissioner Jessup thought the 2013 Election Bond had \$87K left for election equipment. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to enter into a contract with Knowink for E-poll books to be paid out of remaining 2013 Election Bond proceeds and remainder paid how County Council decides pending legal counsel review. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Sheriff's Department Surplus Vehicles

- Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to declare the following vehicles surplus; 2007 Dodge Charger VIN# 5710, 2011 Dodge Charger VIN# 9128, 2005 Ford F350 Van VIN# 5005, 2012 Dodge Charger VIN# 0866, 2012 Chevrolet Tahoe VIN# 6149, 2012 Chevrolet Tahoe VIN# 2761, 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe VIN# 0211, 2014 Chevrolet Tahoe VIN# 3667, 2014 Chevrolet Tahoe VIN# 3923 and a 1991 Utility Van (pending highway needs). Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to declare surplus items specified in County Auction Items (Auction #3) document. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Nexus Group for Assessor/Auditor

Debra Carnes (Auditor) and Katie Molinder (Assessor) request approval for Nexus Agreement. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to enter into the agreement with Nexus for one year not to exceed \$5500. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Lewis Minor Subdivision Dedicate 35' Half ROW

Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to accept the 35' half ROW for Lewis Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 10:15 am

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner John Jessup, President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice-President

Commissioner Marc Huber

Attest: _____

Debra Carnes
Hancock County Auditor