

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Meeting

March 4, 2019

Commissioners met in regular session. Those present were Board of Commissioner's President John Jessup and Vice President Brad Armstrong. Commissioner Marc Huber was not present. 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 4, 2019 Hancock County Commissioners Board meeting.

Highway

- Gary will begin the Environmental Mitigation Project for RDC on March 12th. A contract will need to be signed for this project. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to approve the contract with CHA Consulting not to exceed \$40K for DES #170239. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**
- The County purchased a house on 600 W. The house will be used by Police and Fire Department for training purposes before being demolished.
- Two property owners on Fortville Pike have a dispute regarding trees blocking the road. Gary showed Commissioners video of the area of concern. Commissioners and Gary felt there was no immediate safety concerns. Gary said the property owner has agreed to cut the trees back.
- Gary recommended that Commissioners start considering the next capital project such as 300 North or 600 East.
- Gary is attending road school this week and will be in office Thursday.
- Due to the cold weather Gary will keep an eye out for the pot holes already repaired.

Claims & Payroll

Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to approve claims and payroll as presented. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

RQAW

Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to request RQAW to put together Specifications for an RFP for Construction Manager Services for the jail project. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Public Hearing to Re-Establish Cumulative Funds

- Commissioner Jessup introduced Ordinance 2019-3A. Ordinance 2019-3A re-establishes the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. The proposed fund will not exceed \$.0333 on

each \$100 of assessed valuation. Said tax rate will be levied beginning with taxes for 2019 payable 2020.

- Commissioner Jessup introduced Ordinance 2019-3B. Ordinance 2019-3B re-establishes the Cumulative Bridge Fund. The proposed fund will not exceed \$.05 on each \$100 of assessed valuation. Said tax rate will be levied beginning with taxes for 2019 payable 2020.
- Commissioner Jessup **opened Public Hearing at 9:00 am** for the establishment of these Cumulative Funds. There were no public comments. **Public Hearing closed at 9:00 am**. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to allow for passage on day of introduction for Ordinance 2019-3A and 2019-3B. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**
- Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-3A and 2019-3B. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Portalon Drive Drainage

Joseph Simpson presented the Commissioners with pictures of the drainage issues at Portalon Drive. Mr. Simpson stated he approached the Commissioners a year ago with these drainage issues and Commissioners did not follow-up. Commissioner Armstrong notified Mr. Simpson three engineers looked at this problem and he has to rely upon the results given along with the expertise of the County Surveyor and County Highway Engineer. Mr. Simpson was upset the neighborhood was connected into the county drainage systems without prior notification. Mr. Simpson clarified this drainage system belonged to the neighborhood and it was not the County's to connect to and there was no problems until the County connected. Mr. Simpson's yard is ruined, his outbuildings are ruined and property values are dropping. Mr. Simpson suggested slowing down the drainage and asked that they consider this option. Commissioner Armstrong said he would prefer to regulate the drainage. He asked if we disconnect your neighborhood from drainage how will you fix this drainage issue. Mr. Simpson said the homeowners will get together and fix these drainage issues. Commissioner Jessup suggested Drainage Board look further into this. Commissioner Armstrong suggested a time line with results. Commissioner Jessup took Mr. Simpson's phone number and will follow-up. Mr. Simpson thanked Commissioners for their time.

Penny Trail Art Fair & Music Festival

Kim Hall, Executive Director of Mental Partners requested to use the parking lot and courthouse yard for the Penny Trail Art Fair & Music Festival July 27, 2019 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Setup begins at 6:00 am and they are finished by 7:00 pm. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to authorize the Penny Trail Art Fair and Music Festival on July 27th using the courthouse yard and parking lot. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Commissioner Minutes

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

Thomas Carter Bond

Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to release the Thomas Carter Cash (Performance) Bond in the amount of \$4,095. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements

Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to accept Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements for Steve Vail, Mary Zurbuch and David Sutherlin for the RDC Board. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Fire Alarm Monitoring/Contract

Bernie Harris, IT Director informed Commissioners the estimate for Fire Alarm Monitoring Equipment is \$750 per building and \$35 per month monitoring fee. Bernie is still finalizing the contract.

Follow-Up on Fairgrounds at County Farm

Barb Pescitelli and Susan Schultz with the Hancock County Ag Association followed-up on the new fairgrounds located at the county farm site. Barb presented an idea of the fairgrounds at the front of the property. Commissioner Jessup advised that the Board of Commissioners had no control over the new jail being built on county farm, but at this time due to utilities and current plan they would not be able to change that site. Susan asked if the architects had an idea where the fairgrounds would be located at this site. Commissioner Armstrong feels they may have an idea later this year as the layout progresses. Commissioner Armstrong asked if they had a funding source. Barb said not at this time, they are waiting on a legislative update. Barb would like to have a facility worthy of our county, youth and citizens. Commissioner Jessup feels this is a good investment in the youth.

DOC Grant Letter

Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to sign the support letter from the Hancock County Commissioners for DOC Grant Funds. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

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

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner John Jessup, President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice-President

_____ Absent _____
Commissioner Marc Huber

Attest: _____
Debra Carnes
Hancock County Auditor