

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Meeting

May 15, 2018

Commissioners met in regular session. Those present were Board of Commissioner President Brad Armstrong, Vice President John Jessup and Commissioner Marc Huber.

Auditor Robin D. Lowder, Deputy Auditor Linda Jeter and Attorney Ray Richardson were present.

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's meeting began at 8:00 a.m.

Highway Department

Hancock County Engineer Gary Pool appeared before the Board of Commissioners to discuss:

- Legal Services Contract with Yasmin L Stump Group for Segment A ROW. Commissioner Huber made a motion to enter into the agreement with Yasmin L Stump Law Group for Right of Way acquisition legal services for Segment A in an amount not to exceed \$95,000. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- First Group Engineering subcontracting work on Pennsy Trail. This is to provide administrative services. There is no money involved. Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept the proposal from First Engineering Group to provide goods and services for the Pennsy Trail. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Right of Way active on Segment A at 600 West - 3 property owners disagree with appraisals, Gary will keep the Commissioners informed.
- BUILD and Trax Grants - McCordsville needs to apply for these grants since it is in their jurisdiction, the county will help with the bridge items.
- Voting Machine work – Discussed need to add to the Commissioners Budget for next year.
- Gas and Diesel costs rising - will see if this affects us.
- Glendale Connection - Cumberland area but a county road, there is a gap between the approaches of 100 square yards that needs to be milled, \$4,000 to complete.
- Bridge replacement SR 52 in New Palestine - Gary asked Commissioners to request INDOT to change it to a two phased bridge project.

Maintenance Department

Dean Mullins discussed the maintenance issues with the Commissioners.

Claims and Payroll

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

Minutes

Commissioner Jessup made a motion to approve the Commissioners' Minutes for the 4/25/18 and 5/1/18 meetings as presented. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

RH of Indiana LP Performance Bond

Commissioner Huber made a motion to release the Performance Bond to RH of Indiana LP for Bay Creek East Section 4 Monuments in the amount of \$4,887.50. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Cal Atlantic Homes of Indiana Performance Bond

Commissioner Huber made a motion to release the Performance Bond to Cal Atlantic Homes of Indiana for Bay Creek Section 5 Monuments in the amount of \$6,287.50. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

RQAW Hancock County Justice Campus Project Update

Pete Peterson and Sanjay Patel presented the final plan documents for the Hancock County Justice Project. Commissioner Armstrong stated that the Referendum failed by 600 votes, but believes there is enough support to move forward with this plan. The Commissioners and Attorney Richardson discussed the need to share this information with the Council. Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept the schematic design report from RQAW for the Hancock County Justice Campus per the contract dollar amount and to recommend to Council for the next phase of the design. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0. The Commissioners asked Pete Peterson and Sanjay Patel to attend the Budget Meeting on 6/6/18 to discuss this project with the Council.

Serendipity Farms MS/250 W South of US 40 Dedication of ROW

Harold Gibson presented the Right of Way for 250 W South of US 40 and asked the Commissioners to re-sign the ROW because there is a difference of 25 feet from the ROW originally signed October 2017. There was no motion because the original had not been recorded. Attorney Richardson indicated this should be dated 10/9/17 as the original ROW was.

Carol's Cornerstone Café

Carol Stover, the owner of the Cornerstone Café requested that something be done to relocate or stop the smoking and activities taking place by the 100 plus residents outside of the Community Corrections Facility, which is right next to her café. She presented pictures to the Commissioners as examples. She said she has been losing business for quite a while. Commissioner Armstrong stated his concern and agreed that this needs to be resolved within 45 days. They discussed amending the Smoking Ordinance. Major Brad Burkhart added that this has been an ongoing concern for DOC. It is not only a smoking issue but is also a drug related issue. He said the inmates at the jail are not allowed to smoke period. He suggested they just eliminate the residents of the facility from going outside at all. He confirmed that these individuals have been able to smoke all day while they were at work. The Commissioners and Major Burkhart agreed to ask Pat Powers or some other representative from Community Corrections to attend the 5/29/18 Commissioners meeting to propose a solution for this public nuisance issue.

EOC Out of State Travel

John Jokantas presented an out of state travel request for himself and some of his employees to attend the National Emergency Conference in Nashville, TN. They will be traveling by car. He added that Jason Haddix received a scholarship to go to this Conference which covers most of his expenses. Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the out of state travel for John Jokantas, Heather Fisher, Keri Brady and Jason Haddix to attend the National Emergency

Conference in Nashville, TN from 6/17/18 through 6/20/18. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

John Jokantas introduced 7 year old Joshua King and his Grandmother Christine Walker. John explained that on 5/1/18 at 6:00 p.m. Joshua called 911 and spoke with Greg Duda announcing that his Grandmother had passed away. Joshua was not sure of the address because they had not lived there long. However since Christine Walker registered with Smart 911 Service they were able to find the address on the Smart 911 screen. They were able to start help for Christine in less than a minute, McCordsville PD was there in less than three minutes, and the Fire Dept. was there shortly after. John Jokantas presented a Certificate of Recognition to Joshua King for his brave actions which resulted in saving his Grandmother's life. The 911 Department presented a certificate and gift to Christine Walker thanking her for registering with Smart 911 Service. She in turn presented the gift to Greg Duda to share with his department and thanked him for his compassionate service.

Our Brother's and Sister's Place Transitional Housing

Prosecutor Brent Eaton presented an Amendment to the two year Service Agreement entered into with Our Brother's and Sister's Place Transitional Housing. Auditor Lowder explained that this was originally approved by the Council and is in the minutes as \$48,000 for 8 beds, which has been put in the Food and Beverage fund. And this amendment is for an additional \$48,000 for 8 more beds. The Commissioners, Attorney Richardson and Auditor Lowder discussed this and agreed that the amendment should be changed to \$36,000 for the 2 year contract. Attorney Richardson stated the amendment will need to be signed by the Commissioners. Prosecutor Brent Eaton said he will revise the amendment, changing the amount to \$36,000 and present it to the Commissioners on 5/29/18. It will be presented to the Council at the 6/13/18 Council meeting for their clarification.

Commissioner Huber made a motion to recess the meeting at 9:55 a.m. and reconvene at 12:00 p.m. at the Hancock Regional Cancer Center Conference Room, 801 N. State St., Greenfield, IN 46140. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, President

Commissioner John Jessup, Vice-President

Commissioner Marc Huber

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor