

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Meeting

May 21, 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, Deputy Auditor Anna Voorhis and Deputy Auditor Trish George were present.

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's meeting began at 8:02 am. Commissioner Jessup called to order the May 21, 2019 Hancock County Commissioners Board meeting.

Highway

- Gary Pool (Highway Engineer) requested an Executive Meeting June 4th at 7:45 am for Bridge 57 design.
- One intern starts June 10th.
- Annual Operation Report verified with State. This was due June 1st.
- Requesting \$1M additional appropriation from County Council to buy ROW.
- Gary represented the County on the Jail Project at the Tech meeting. RQAW is in the process of securing the plat. Gary would like permission for the County Engineer to let the road construction portion of the project not to exceed \$900,000. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion authorizing the County Engineer to open the letting for the new road construction at the county farm, not to exceed \$900,000. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Third triaxle they have updated their trade-in to \$21,000 for a used triaxle (\$144K net truck cost).
- Shirley-Wilkinson trail there is an MOU. The county will not participate in the construction or maintenance of the trail. Some property owners not on board for trails.
- Paving a week early (5-16-19).
- Gun range created along 775 East (safety issues; shooting over a road). There are no approved gun ranges in Hancock County. IAC 14-22-31 allows Hancock County to legislate gun ranges.
- Trying to help Diane Smith on 150 West with water problems.

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 5/6/19 as presented. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Building Mowing/Snow Removal Transfer

Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to transfer \$15,000 from Building Maintenance to Building Mowing/Snow Removal. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

SRI Incorporated Service Support Addendum

Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the tax sale service support addendum with SRI Incorporated to manage and handle the tax sale. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Update RQAW Jail Project

- Dustin Fry (RQAW) continuing to work on design with coordinated meetings.
- Garmong Construction Services is working on cost estimates. The plat is next Tuesday. Scott Benkie (County Attorney) and Dustin are finalizing the contract and memorandum of understanding for Garmong.
- Commissioner Huber inquired if there were zoning changes for only the county farm area. Dustin explained there may be confusion with notices sent to adjacent property owners. The zoning is not changing and it will stay agricultural. Special Exception was added for the jail only and this is not affecting any adjacent property owners.
- Commissioner Armstrong questioned status on utilities. The utilities were agreed upon, but now it is something different. Scott (County Attorney) spoke with Gregg Morelock (City Attorney) and updated Commissioners' with status of utilities. Gregg is to send a revised MOU on connection fees. Commissioner Jessup clarified he wants it exactly as it was written without revision.

Maintenance Updates

- Dean Mullins (Maintenance) inquired if Commissioners knew how salt was paid for through highway. Commissioner Armstrong said Gary Pool (highway) has purchased salt in the past but was unsure. Commissioner Armstrong clarified Gary was salting neighborhoods now. Commissioner Jessup told Dean to forward questions to the auditor.
- Dean noted the Memorial Building steps has been patched. Commissioner Huber noted the new steps at the Memorial Building were pitted and damaged from the wrong salt being used. The Memorial building is used by the Parks Department without a lease. Dean suggested using sand and not salt. Commissioner Huber would like the steps power sprayed and sealed.
- Dean notified Commissioners the boiler is leaking in the Memorial Building. Dean has a quote to completely replace the boiler from Fitzgerald for \$163K. Commissioner Huber concerned with NW corner leaking, screens that need replaced and loose metal. Commissioner Armstrong questioned a third party to do assessment of capital needs for the Memorial Building. Commissioners would like to see another quote.
- Purdue roof is leaking and he has had three quotes. Dean is waiting on one more quote. The quotes are for replacement of 75 square foot of roof.

Senior Services

- Bob Long (Senior Services) requested signatures for several items. Bob is requesting \$250,259 from INDOT Federal Funds, \$67,150 from State PMTF Funds and \$118,720 from Capital Fund. Bob requested signatures for the following documents: Categorical Exclusion Classification of Capital Projects Checklist, Applicant's Certification of Use of Project Equipment, Facilities and Property, Local Assurances, Statement of Acceptance of the Special Section 5333(b) Warranty, Pass-Through Agreement, Authorizing Resolution and Category 1 Certifications and Assurances Required of Every Applicant.
- Commissioner Huber introduced Resolution 2019-5-5 an Authorizing Resolution to authorize the filing of an application for a grant under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act as amended.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-5-5. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept the Pass-Through Agreement where the county is the pass-through for any grants received by the Hancock County Senior Services. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Portalon Drive Private Drainage System

- Ed Simpson clarified at the Drainage Board Meeting that Portalon Drive was a regulated drain. Ed was concerned with the development that was coming his way and if water/sewer would come that way in the near future. Ed was concerned if their water would come through their system. Susan Bodkin (Surveyor) clarified it would go to Buck Creek.
- Ed requested the Commissioners assistance with flooding issues at Portalon Drive. Ed fails to understand why they can't get something done.
- Commissioner Huber asked what's your solution? We are in the same boat. Short of digging a retention pond to hold that water, he is not sure what to do. The tile has been plugged because you thought it was causing the issue.
- Ed asked if some studies were done, would the Commissioners' participate or listen to the ideas. Commissioner Huber said he would listen, but couldn't guarantee anything. Susan Bodkin (Surveyor) clarified this would be a reconstruction. Ed clarified he was just a homeowner trying to save his home, he is just looking for a solution.

Natural Gas Savings

- Michael Fahrback (Constellation Program) serves natural gas to various counties. This was originally introduced to schools and colleges. Michael audited eight previous county gas bills and found over a 28 month period he could reduce cost by \$18,000. Michael figures the county could save 16% on Natural Gas. Commissioner Jessup requested the County Attorney look over the agreement and they will review the information and place this on the Action Item List.

Non-navigable Funds to Remove Log Jam Brandywine Creek

Susan Bodkin (Surveyor) requested two log jam removals (Brandywine Creek & Sugar Creek near Eden Road). She would like to remove them. Commissioner Huber made a motion to use non-navigable funds to remove log jam at Brandywine Creek and Sugar Creek near Eden road. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Pictometry Agreement

Susan Bodkin (Surveyor) requested approval for the Pictometry Agreement. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to enter into the agreement with Pictometry International Corp for three years with annual payments of \$126,421. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Interlocal Agreement W/Cumberland (Vehicle)

Brent Eaton (Prosecutor) requested approval for interlocal agreement with Cumberland for use of a vehicle for 90 days with no financial obligation. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to enter into the interlocal agreement regarding use of a vehicle owned by the town of Cumberland. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Amateur Radio Week/Proclamation

George Stout requested approval for the Amateur Radio Week Proclamation. This simulates a disaster where there may not be any phone and power. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to approve the Proclamation for Amateur Radio Week (and read into minutes the letter). Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Resolution 2019-5-6

- Commissioner Huber introduced Resolution 2019-5-6 Preliminarily Approving the Lease Agreement.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-5-6. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Jail Inspection Report

Sheriff Burkhardt presented the Commissioners with the Jail Inspection Report. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to accept the Jail Inspection Report. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

July 2nd Commissioner Meeting Cancelled

Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to cancel the July 2nd Commissioners meeting and authorize the President to sign off on claims and payroll. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 10:52 am

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner John Jessup, President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice-President

Commissioner Marc Huber

Attest: _____

Debra Carnes
Hancock County Auditor