

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Meeting

June 5, 2018

Commissioners met in regular session. Those present were Board of Commissioner's Vice President John Jessup and Commissioner Marc Huber. President Brad Armstrong arrived at 8:10 a.m. 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:

- Signatures for First Group Signs and Guardrail - Gary recommended to release the project at Project at 600 West. Commissioner Huber made a motion to release the 600 West project south of US 40 to Broken Arrow, the contract number is 34806. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**
- INDOT Adjustment - INDOT is having trouble programming their money in fiscal year 2020-2021. INDOT's federal participation is \$2,428,000 in State FY 2020 and \$934,000 in State FY 2021. The county will need RFP's for Project DES numbers 1702754, 1702755, 1702756.
- 350 East Private Citizen Donation - Gary mentioned that a citizen wants to make a donation to increase the quality of the roadway. This citizen is requesting a tax deduction for the donation. Attorney Richardson confirmed that the county has no responsibility in regards to the tax deduction. Auditor Lowder said the check should be made to Hancock County Treasurer.
- Cranberry Street Block Party - Gary presented a request to close Cranberry Street on 6/16/18 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for Block Party. Commissioner Huber made a motion to allow closure of Cranberry Street on 6/16/18 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for Block Party. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Roadway Bleeding problems - Gary said they are trying their best to address these issues.
- USI supplement \$185,900. - Ross Snyder with USI described their processes for the survey. Gary confirmed he will review the survey guidelines and get back with the Commissioners with his recommendation.

Claims

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

Minutes

Commissioner Jessup made a motion to approve the Commissioners' Minutes for the 5/29/18 meeting as presented. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Maintenance Department

Dean Mullins discussed maintenance issues with the Commissioners. He requested approval to rent a lift for repairs to be done outside the Prosecutor's office building from Sunbelt Repair and Carpenter Scott Reynolds will do the repairs. Commissioner Huber made a motion to allow Dean Mullins to rent a lift from Sunbelt Repair and have the repairs made for the Prosecutors office to be paid out of Building Maintenance. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

FSG and Abstract Shack Invoices

The Commissioners discussed where to take the funds to pay the Abstract Shack invoice for title work for the jail design. They asked Auditor Lowder to ask Greg Guerrettaz, the Financial Advisor, what account the funds should be taken from for the Abstract Shack invoice. The Commissioners discussed the Financial Solutions Group invoice of \$6,470. Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the invoice from Financial Solutions Group in the amount of \$6,470. from the Financial Consulting account 30011. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

Reappointment of Timothy G. Clark and Jim Miller to Hancock Regional Hospital Board of Trustees

Linda Zimmerman presented their request to reappoint Timothy G. Clark and Jim Miller to Hancock Regional Hospital Board of Trustees for a four year term beginning 7/1/18 and ending 6/30/22. Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the reappointment of Timothy G. Clark and Jim Miller to Hancock Regional Hospital Board of Trustees for a four year term effective 7/1/18 and ending 6/30/22. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

Surveyor Susan Bodkin Request

Auditor Lowder presented a request from Surveyor Susan Bodkin to obtain quotes. The contracted farmer of the county farm is requesting to widen the county farm driveway to accommodate his combine and other farm equipment. Commissioner Huber made a motion to allow Surveyor Susan Bodkin to obtain quotes to expand the width of county farm driveway and present the quotes to the Commissioners for consideration. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

911 Center

Clark Mercer presented an issue they have been having with a dispatcher at the 911 Center who has been sharing privileged information on social media. This does not violate county policy as the employee was not on duty at the time the information was posted and information obtained was not from the 911 Center. Attorney Richardson and the Commissioners discussed the need to implement a non-disclosure agreement in which the employees and volunteers would need to sign. Mr. Mercer also communicated his recommendation for Director John Jokantas to have a take home vehicle for emergencies as they occur. Commissioner Armstrong stated that he appreciated his input regarding the need for John Jokantas to have a take home vehicle and will definitely consider his request.

Vacate Alley 600 West, Lots 7 & 8

Warner Monroe presented his request to vacate the alley at his residence at 3301 North 600 West. Attorney Richardson and the Commissioners discussed what needed to be done to move forward with this request. Commissioner Huber made a motion to allow Warner Monroe to advertise for vacation of the alley at 3301 North 600 West, Lots 7 and 8 and set a hearing to be held at a normal Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

Jail/Homes on Meek Street

Shelley Clark appeared on behalf of the homeowners on Meek Street asking about the timeline on the pending jail project. Commissioner Armstrong explained it depends on the Council's decision whether to move forward on the project. He said he would be happy to keep her informed of the timeline of the project.

Jail Resolution of Need 2018-6-9

Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to Introduce Resolution 2018-6-9 by reading the resolution as follows: A Resolution Requesting Approval of Funding for the Criminal Justice Project. Whereas, it is acknowledged by all parties that: (1) the county jail is greatly overcrowded, (2) the Probation Office should not be located on the ground floor of the Courthouse, (3) the Prosecutor's Office is overcrowded and not handicap accessible and (4) space should be made available for a future fourth court in the Courthouse, and (5) Community Corrections be extended into the existing jail facility. Whereas the Board of Commissioners has studied these problems and proposed a solution as set out in a schematic drawing, and Whereas, no further progress can be made without funding for the proposed solutions, and Whereas, the State Jail Inspector is preventing us from turning the recreation room into a recovery room without commitment to a new jail (and he has the authority to be even tougher than that), and Whereas there is no advantage to be gained by further delay and, in fact, the cost of construction is significantly rising each month in an amount calculated by Turner

Construction Index to be \$229,625. per month. Now therefore be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Hancock County, Indiana, that the Board of Commissioners hereby requests that the County Council forthwith address the funding for the proposed solutions to the criminal justice problems. Commissioner Jessup made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-6-9 as presented. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, President

Commissioner John Jessup, Vice-President

Commissioner Marc Huber

Attest: _____
Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor