

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Meeting

July 31, 2018

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

Auditor Robin D. Lowder, Deputy Auditor Trish George and Attorney Ray Richardson were present.

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's meeting began at 8:05am

Highway Department

Gary Pool with the Highway Department appeared before the Board of Commissioners to discuss:

- No items for signatures at this time.
- Speed study at 500 S 50 W to 100 W. No adverse findings. Three accidents in ten years. Federal recommends 50. Gary Pool recommends leaving it at 45. Requested to change to 35, but see no reason to change. Will revisit next year.
- 3 Condemnations on SEG A 600 W RDC project. 2 court appraisals ordered. Third will be in August. RDC funded.
- New Palestine RAB soil borings. August 6th soil borings at bridge 18 (road closed) 600 E over sugar creek. Short-term lane restrictions.
- Ditch Filling on 900 N. Gary explained to landowner he filled in a flood plain area and used incorrect pipe and did not get a permit. Will return in the Fall and pull his piping. Rerun drainage numbers in the Fall.
- Advisory signs (Caution children, deer crossing signs) 99% sure they have no effect. FHWA recommends dropping these signs because they make no difference. Following FHWA (Federal Highway) standards.
- Received complaints about bridge, dewatering noise at bridge 93.
- Moving on schedule moneywise and timewise. 48% physical left to do and 53% season left. Asphalt increased from \$39 to \$44 a ton. Fogging later this week.

Claims and Payroll

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

Minutes

Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the Commissioners' Minutes from the 7/17/18 meeting. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Maintenance

Dean Mullins with maintenance has been waiting on certificate of insurance to start the prosecutors roofing project. The delay is due to finding a policy to cover equipment up to \$250,000, currently it only covers up to \$150,000. The cost is \$200 additional.

Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve up to \$200 additional to cover insurance liability. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Unsafe Buildings

Scott Williams for unsafe buildings notified Commissioners the unsafe building in Fortville had been demolished.

Zoning Code Amendment/Residential Treatment Center

Mike Dale with Zoning requested amendment to the zoning code for the Residential Treatment Center. An advertised hearing has been completed for this ordinance.

Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2018-7C amendment to the zoning ordinance regulating the residential treatment center. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-7C. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Terry Sweet with Planning requested a refund for Dustin Davis, Quality Builders. Dustin informed the office his check did not clear and returned with cash to pay the \$680. After paying with cash, he found his check had clear his bank and now is needing a refund. Terry went to see Treasurer Janice Silvey about the refund and Janice Silvey referred her to State Board of Accounts.

Gallahue Annual Report

Dr. Allison Bordeaux, Chief Operating Officer for Gallahue presented information on services provided to Hancock County. 1,441 Clients served. With MOR matched dollars have been able to take the county dollars and match with federal dollars. Services include crisis services, inpatient services, vocational rehab and school programs. Melissa Davis, Program Manager has been able to double her staff in past year to provide more services. Worked on partnership with probation, drug court treatment team, DCS, participate in community events, the recovery home. School based systems currently has 5 full-time staff at Mt. Vernon with possibility of adding another staff member soon. One full-time staff member is at Eastern Hancock County.

Commissioner Huber inquired as to why Greenfield and New Palestine were not more receptive to Gallahue? Dr. Bordeaux assured interest is growing.

Josh Sipes with Probation credits Melissa Davis, Program Manager with the success of this program. 2 years ago there was no substance programs, with the current program they meet 2-3X a week. Melissa is a part of the Core Treatment Team and active with motivational interviewing, community projects, walks and the recovery house.

Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept Community Health Behavioral Services, Gallahue report for 2017. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Recovery House for Women/\$75,000/Usage of Funds

Linda Ostewig with recovery house requested release of \$75,000. Linda is ready to hire and start training staff. She would like to hire before they open the second week of September. Recovery house will be a Level 3 recovery house. Commissioner Armstrong and Commissioner Huber would like to have a Certificate of Occupancy before another check is released. No Certificate of Occupancy has been obtained at this point. This will be discussed at the next meeting August 7th or the 21st.

Waive Filing Fee/Special

DJ Davis on behalf of E-Motors, Inc., 414 Garden Street, Fortville in regards to violation they needed a special exception for \$365 filing fee. They have been running this business for 9 years and now they are told they need a special exception. The town of Fortville told them they were not in compliance with terms of the earlier approval. This is an enforcement and zoning problem. This property has been rented since July 1st 2009. Commissioners discussed was this an owner or applicant problem? Commissioner Armstrong believes the problem lies with the owner. The current renter plans to put up fence and do some landscaping as town has requested.

Commissioner Huber made a motion to waive \$365 fee for E-Motors 414 Garden Street, Fortville, due to operating for 9 years at this location with the assumption they were in compliance. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

2019 Salary 144 Recommendations to Council

Commissioner Huber made a motion to adopt the 2019 Salary 144 recommendations to Council with the revisions of \$1,000 increase for Commissioner and for Council salaries instead of 2% and the Commissioners are still requesting 4 jailers instead of 2. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Resolution-Sick Time Policy

Robin Lowder, Auditor requested sick days accrued as an hourly employee allowed under old employee policy still on books to be paid out at separation from County.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 10:45 am

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, President

_____Absent_____
Commissioner John Jessup, Vice-President

Commissioner Marc Huber

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor