

## Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Meeting

August 23, 2018

Commissioners met in regular session. Those present were Board of Commissioner's President Brad Armstrong, Vice President John Jessup and Commissioner Marc Huber. Auditor Robin D. Lowder, Deputy Auditor Trish George and Attorney Ray Richardson were present.

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's meeting began at 8:03am

### Claims & Payroll

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

### Highway Department

Gary Pool with the Highway Department appeared before the Board of Commissioners to discuss: Signature for the primary and alternate MPO Representative. Currently MPO representatives are Gary Pool and Mike Dale as the primary and alternate. Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve Gary Pool and Mike Dale our representatives for MPO primary and alternate. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.** At this time the term is left open.

Signatures for 10 different CCMG grant commitments. Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept:

**Community Crossing MicroSurface Grant #1443** total construction cost is \$108,649.22. Total funds requested \$54,324.60. Our total committed LPA match would be \$54,324.61. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept:

**Community Crossing Grant Sealcoat #1422** total construction cost is \$283,872.16. Total funds requested \$140,836.06. Our total committed LPA match would be \$142,836.10.

**Double Sealcoat Grant #1421** total construction cost is \$243,887.31. Total funds requested \$121,943.63. Our total LPA match would be \$123,943.68.

**Double Sealcoat #1312** total construction cost is \$265,411.93. Total requested funds \$132,705.96. Our total LPA match would be \$132,705.97.

**Crack Seal #1311** total construction cost is \$16,868.50. Total requested funds \$8,334.25. Our total LPA match would be \$8,534.25.

**Crack Seal #1302** total construction cost is \$50,965.20. Total requested funds \$25,482.10. Our total LPA match would be \$25,482.10.

**MicroSealing #1273** total construction cost is \$91,592.21. Total requested funds \$45,746.09. Our total LPA match would be \$45,746.12.

**Sealcoat and Strip Pave #1272** total construction cost is \$392,575.77. Total requested funds \$196,187.86. Our total LPA match would be \$196,387.91.

**Paving #1271** total construction cost is \$491,856.04. Total requested funds \$245,228.01. Our LPA match would be \$246,628.03.

**Crack Seal #1269** total construction cost is \$104,132.60. Total requested funds \$51,966.30. Our total LPA match would be \$52,166.30.

Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Chip seal not complete due to rain. It should be completed next week.

**Stellar Grant support.** You can support as many communities as you want but can only accept money if you're willing to forgo other grant applications in these areas. Use of Stellar money precludes us from CAT IV funding if used in CAT IV eligible area. (But can still use Community Crossings Funds). You can spend it for a non-transportation project. Money can be used for infrastructure but not for a roadway system (if so, you will be ineligible for 3 years for this grant). Grant cannot be used for roads, trails or bridges.

**Stinemyer connection** accidents in the last 5 years; 553 property damage, 17 injury and 3 fatalities. A lot of people are getting hurt and killed. There was going to be a widening through U.S. 52, but there was a dispute between INDOT and the town. The town wanted to sell ROW and there was an issue with the price. INDOT pulled the whole contract. Typically we don't sell ROW to other municipalities. Stinemyer connects to the schools south of New Palestine. New Palestine agreed to donate ROW to help in the construction of a new road. This will help locals bypass this dangerous area. This makes sense for public safety and for school safety. INDOT is trying to adjust roads in this area. If property owner will sell ROW, we could improve this area. This is based on a willing property owner and New Palestine donating ROW. Best way to build the road for least amount of money. If Gary Pool can work a deal he will present to the Commissioners.

**Performance Bond Release**-Dave Butler has a \$25,000 performance bond release for Peterson Company. This is for the utility crossings out on 300 W for sewer and water. Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the bond release for the Peterson Company LLC in the amount of \$25,000 for the ROW work, the water and sewer street crossings. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Fatal accidents solely on Hancock County Roads over the last few years. Average of 15 fatalities each year solely on county roads. Accident distribution is pretty much the same throughout the year. October/November tend to be the highest risk, not sure why, but will continue studying this.

**Bridge 93** One person upset over noise. Addressing this by enclosing area. Should have this done in about one month. Weather is hampering work completion.

**Tracks Grant**-Gary Pool with Highway spoke for Ryan Crum McCordsville. Interested in pursuing the Tracks Grant within their jurisdiction to separate the rail crossing of 600 W and CSX railroad. The intent is to not do the bypass because they can't afford it. Their intent is to take the bypass over the railroad tracks and down on its current alignment. Which will involve design for grade (it will need a 9-10% grade). This will be a little steeper than bridge in New Palestine at Bitner Road. McCordsville will make sure it is salted in the winter. The biggest difficulty will be for truck users. If they win that grant, it will be an 80/20 split. Our part would be about \$2 Million. This would be a 4 lane bridge over the railroad tracks. The town will purchase or condemn a couple properties. They are asking for the bridge and they will address road issues to the South. The Grant is due within 2 weeks. The Council will need to come together to sign for this. This will be a \$12 Mil project. Approaches approved by town of McCordsville and bridge design approved by Gary Pool. The railroad has written approval for this project (no money commitment).

### **Dean Mullins, Maintenance**

Court House Roof update; missed about 8 days due to rain, still doing well, they replaced about 40 tile and stopped one big leak on the South side. They should not have a problem completing before Riley days. They will be moving the crane to the North side. There was some concern about the tunnel, they will talk to the city and remove weights before moving. Almost done with Prosecutors office. Wood replaced on windows and sealed with caulk. Birds are gone, bats will be gone soon. Still some work at the prosecutor's office. Finished up the ramp. Getting prices on the boiler at the Memorial Building. Had a couple people give estimates.

A credit card was needed from Home Depot for \$3,000 to complete the Prosecutors Office. Commissioner Jessup made a motion to retroactively authorize the application to Home Depot for \$3,000 credit line for maintenance and cleanup. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

### **AFLAC At Work Participation Agreement**

Commissioner Jessup made a motion to enter into the AFLAC at Work Participation Agreement for our insurance on boarding as presented. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

### **Scott Williams Discuss New Legislation**

State level passed new Legislation requiring local jurisdictions to report to local E-911 center and Fire Departments any structure that has what they call Advanced Structural Component which means a light weight I-joist or roof truces. The purpose is they burn much hotter and these structures have this material. The Commissioners suggested he work with John Jokantas. Commissioner's agreed this would be a new Procedure.

### **John Milburn Rest Services**

John Milburn with Rest Services and Skip Kuker with Hancock Economic Development Commission discussed Community Analyst an on-line application which shares demographics. This demographic tool could help with development and to estimate drive times and the cost is \$500. Skip Kuker would like to purchase but the County would hold the license. Skip is creating these for each community. The licenses are based on credit. Each report cost credit. Currently Hancock County has 2 licenses. This would not be available to developers just the county, Rest Service and HEDC . Commissioner Huber made a motion to allow HEDC to pay \$500 for access to our Community Analyst software on the GIS. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 3-0.**

Rest Services have outreached to several counties to supply the most coherent hydrant policy. Allen County was the only response and they said we regulate policy on data not actual delivery method and they gave an on outline on how they do this. John Jokantas has done reports for rural fire departments to show where the nearest hydrants are. Commissioners would like to hear more on cost.

### **Mike Dale Agribusiness**

Mike Dale expressed concerns over complaints with the Agribusiness Ordinance. The BZA would like the Board of Commissioners cooperation to establish a sub committee to review the Agribusiness Ordinance the propose possible revisions to the ordinance. This was a majority vote, not established if it was unanimous. Commissioner Huber inquired if the complaints were just one consistent complaint from one person. Mike said this was one consistent complaint from one person. Commissioner Armstrong is proud of this Agritourism Ordinance that was studied in depth. A lot of time, effort and money was invested in creating the Agribusiness Ordinance. The intent of the Ordinance if you have an agriculture product that you sell on a farm, we will allow you recreational activities to help sell this product. Where did it go so far off track that the BZA is so concerned about a movie that you need proof there is a clip of a farm in the movie. This is a celebration of who we are in Hancock County. We are allowing people to come from out of county and enjoy a farm in our county to promote the sale of products; to derail this with constant BZA meetings. Commissioner Armstrong would like for the BZA to interpret, be more steadfast and not criticize every single activity. If it's assisting to make it a better environment to sell product that's produced here it is allowed. Commissioner Huber added we cannot appease every single complaint, at some point it becomes a civil matter. Commissioner Huber made a motion that the Commissioners do not feel the Agritourism

Ordinance needs to be revisited. The Commissioners feel it is being interpreted to narrowly, this ordinance works throughout the rest of the community, this is an isolated incident and we would encourage them to promote Agritourism. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

George Langston with Tourism Commission Board spoke. Agritourism is a big deal in the State. One of the jobs of tourism is to promote this, make it easier to support economic growth and see more people pulled into the County to spend their money. If a committee is established George would like to see a Tourism Commission Board Member appointed.

#### **Dave Book Mt Comfort Steller Group**

Dave Book with Mt. Comfort Corridor Steller Group consisting of New Palestine, Cumberland and McCordsville requesting a letter of support for Steller effort. Larry Longman town of McCordsville, Jan Jarson town of New Palestine, April Fisher town of Cumberland. Commissioner Huber read the letter into the record. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to sign letter of support for the Steller Grant. Commissioner Huber seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

#### **Commissioners Minutes**

Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve Commissioners' Minutes as presented for 8/7/18 with no revisions. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

#### **Group Health Insurance Presentations**

October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 a.m. will start presentations for Group Health Insurance. Group Health Insurance needs to be turned in before Thanksgiving.

#### **Discussion**

The Commissioners met with the Greenfield City Council and presented them with a Resolution. The City Council appeared negative for a jail within city limits. We have 240 inmates for a 157 bed jail. Once started it will take 2 years to complete with an estimated \$100 Million to move all of the Justice Center to the County Farm. Commissioner Jessup clarified building the jail at the County Farm does not double the cost of the Jail. What doubles the cost of the overall project is in order to regain efficiencies that we lose for putting it at a different location. This means long term we move everything at the farm (county offices, courts, everything). Don't misconstrue the \$55 Mil project is not now \$100 Mil project because it was moved 6 miles. The jail itself will be redesigned and come in at about the same cost. But because we move it out there by necessity we will be moving probation, building courts and moving prosecutor's offices there. Commissioner Armstrong struggles with moving jail out of town, the cost would be half to add to the current location. It's a shame to abandon the current infrastructure. Off-site location will need transportation vehicles, kitchen and more jailors. On Monday total inmates were 240.

**Temporary Jail Unit-** Commissioner Jessup was impressed with the Temporary jail Unit. They were all stainless steel, nicely air conditioned, they were clean, easily expandable and moveable. They were loud inside, but no noise outside. There were a lot of blind corners. Temporary jail unit can be purchased for \$5.2 Mil buy out or \$13 Mil to lease. \$100-150,000 to relocate the unit. Council will need to fund 12 new jailers for the temporary unit. \$780,000-\$800,000 cost yearly will be needed for this temporary jail unit.

Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to provide a Resolution of Need for a \$5 Mil Bond for emergency temporary jail housing units provided County Council agrees to fund 12 new jailers and any additional staff needed for housing. This is not a permanent solution, but is a temporary fix. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Armstrong summarized this is strictly trying to find a short-term fix; Long term needs to be researched to find a permanent fix.

**The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm**

Hancock County Commissioners

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Commissioner Brad Armstrong, President

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Commissioner John Jessup, Vice-President

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Commissioner Marc Huber

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Robin D. Lowder  
Hancock County Auditor