

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Meeting

August 7, 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

Highway Department

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

- Bridge 49 contract between Hancock County and SJCA \$136,475. Commissioner Huber made a motion to enter into consulting contract with SJCA for Bridge 49 not to exceed \$136,475. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Bridge 50 contract between Hancock County and Clark Dietz \$135,965. Commissioner Huber made a motion to enter approve consulting contract with Clark Dietz not to exceed \$135,965. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- INDOT Bridge 18 Des#1600949 (grant). This is a contract between Hancock County and INDOT. INDOT was able to get us more money for Bridge 18 so we need to adjust our contract and say we follow rules, do all paperwork appropriately, there's no money coming in just that we follow the rules with Federal processes for buying ROW, building bridges, etc. Commissioner Huber made a motion to enter into the contract with INDOT Des #1600949 for Bridge 19. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Last contract for professional services agreement between Hancock County and United Consulting for Bridge Maintenance Program County wide for \$39,600. Commissioner Huber made a motion to enter into the contract with United Consulting not to exceed \$39,600 for the Bridge Maintenance Program. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- 375 East near Curry's Chapel will be closed September 8th from 7am-3pm for HAZMAT training. CW Murnan from GPD will handle the closing. This will be advertised.
- Dewatering noise at Bridge 93. Two homeowners had issues with the dewatering pump noise. This should run for about a month and half. Put straw around pump and this mitigated the noise to an extent they are comfortable with.
- Working on storm damage from last night's storm (trees down).
- Fatality and Injury in Madison County with one of AK Shannon's group (Dave Kirk (fatality), Brandon Hanson (serious injury). Will send something from County to the funeral. Car went through road closed and struck them.
- Done chip sealing soon and back to paving soon.

Claims

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

Minutes

Commissioner Jessup made a motion to approve the Commissioners' Minutes from the 7/24/18 and 7/31/18 meeting. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Recommendation County Board of Health Appointment

Commissioner Huber made a motion to appoint Darla Baker to the Hancock County Board of Health effective as of August 7, 2018 and ending December 31, 2021 replacing Tom Pearson. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Repair Electric Bill E-911

Invoice/bill presented for repairs at E-911. To be funded from E-911.

Brad Burkhart Sheriff's Department

Brad Burkhart and Keith Oliver requesting travel to Missouri to tour temporary jail structure. Commissioner Huber made a motion to allow out of state travel for Brad Burkhart and Keith Oliver to tour the Missouri temporary jail structure on tentative dates 8/20 & 8/21 based on scheduling. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Discussion of Bond

Attorney Richardson wanted to bring attention to the importance of time for issuing bonds it is running short. If you intend to do this, you want the bonds to be sold before January 1st so it can be on the tax rate for next year. You will need approval from DLGF to issue the bond before the 1st of the year. Ray asked Lisa Lee of Ice Miller to figure when the drop dead date is to begin the process. He is waiting for a response. The bond will need to be issued by the end of the year, but it is going to be tight because of the waiting periods (due to published notice, wait 30 days for public hearing). If you intend to issue bonds of any kind, it needs to happen quickly. Waiting would put it off another year.

If you can't get on next year's property tax rate then you are going to be paying off both the interest and principal if you bond early next year. Generally if you don't issue by the end of the year, you will want to wait towards the end of next year.

Temporary Jail Structure

Commissioner Jessup expressed interest in visiting the temporary jail structure in Missouri. Brad Burkhart mentioned Councilmember Shelby expressed an interest in visiting the temporary jail structure also.

Commissioner Huber stated this is a short-term option, this by no means fixes the problem, but gets us in compliance. Brad Burkhart is working with the jail inspector to get this within compliance.

Dean Folkening Weed Problems

925 East had a couple of complaints, neighbors complaining. PSI is not maintaining property (grass, shrubs etc. are grown over, not cutting grass as requested). Jessica Hoytt with Midwest Area Real Estate Specialists has been sent emails and this continues to be unresolved. Dean sent Hancock County General Regulations and their legal department believes this does not concern them. Dean has tried to compromise with them and they balked at this. Dean would like to bush hog, send certified letter to PSI and copy property manager. Attorney Richardson suggested sending a letter stating there is a property manager issue, property is not being taken care of. Dean will send a certified letter stating this, then he will bush hog and send a bill.

Celedon issues, they currently are only mowing every 3-4 weeks. It was agreed to be cut every 2 weeks. Dean will enforce.

Sick Leave Resolution

Commissioner Huber made a motion to introduce Resolution #2018-8-4. This is a resolution amending the personnel policy regarding payment for sick days. Basically full-time to elected official employment. In the event a full-time employee is elected to a full-time Hancock County elective office, such employee shall be compensated for any accrued vacation or compensatory time earned as a regular full-time employee. Such employee's illness and injury days will be frozen and available for use in the event the elected official returns to a non-elected full-time position within 90 calendar days. If such elected official returns to a non-elected full-time position his or her time in elected office will count as years of service for the purpose of returning, determining the amount of eligible vacation time or other benefits based on years of service with the county. If such elected official does not return to a non-elected full-time position within 90 days, he or she shall be paid for unused sick days pursuant to Section 4.3.C Resolution #2018-8-4. Commissioner Huber made a motion to adopt Resolution #2018-8-4. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0**

Next Commissioner's Meeting

Commissioner Huber made a motion to move the next Commissioner's meeting from August 21, 2018 to August 23, 2018. This is due to Commissioner Jessup going on a fact finding trip to Missouri to tour the temporary Jail Structures. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion.
Motion carried 3-0.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 9:13 am

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, President

Commissioner John Jessup, Vice-President

Commissioner Marc Huber

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor