

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Meeting

September 4, 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 8:14am, 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:

No signatures needed at this time.

Discussed accepting private roads into county inventory. Gary Pool would urge the Commissioners not to accept private roads into county inventory. These roads are not maintained, taxes are not collected on them and maintenance on some roads have not been done in 20 years. These non-maintained private roads can be expensive to repair. Gary expects requests for private road maintenance to increase in the future.

Several RFP review recommendations. Three items on 600 West and one on Bridge 62. The people I am recommending to review them are Gary Pool, Susan Bodkin and Ryan Hartley. These projects are underway right now.

McCordsville Trax Grant. Gary was unable to verify if McCordsville was successful in submitting their Trax Grant. The RDC made a commitment not to exceed \$2 Million for a bridge that will go on the existing alignment for 600 W over the railroad tracks and then tie back into 67. The intersection will raise a little bit by the gas station just south of the railroad tracks. It will be a very steep grade. It will be their project to design. This will be the RDC Budget.

Hot mix asphalt has increased \$49/Ton from \$39/ton. Gary is transferring funds around and should not need additional appropriation for the \$10/ton increase.

Finishing the chip seal operation. A small portion was added on 550 South to the West of a homeowner to connect them to Greenfield. Chip seal should be completed today which is a record. 15 more miles of paving to complete. \$600,000 left in budget to complete and should be able to pull funds from other areas without problems.

Commissioners Minutes

Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve Commissioners' Minutes for 9-23-18 as presented. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Accept Bonds

Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept the maintenance bond from Clayton Properties Group DBA Arbor Investments for the amount of \$34,770.00 for Sagebrook Section 2 for 3 year storm drainage. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept the performance bond from Clayton Properties Group DBA Arbor Investments for the amount of \$4,719.00 for Sagebrook Section 2 for monumentation. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Clean James Whitcomb Riley Statue

The Commissioners received a request to clean and wax the James Whitcomb Riley Statue. Robin offered to take care of this for the Commissioners.

George Langston, Tourism

George Langston reconciled bank statements back to the first of the year. There were a couple things missing that were added. A \$47,000 check will be deposited in the new bank. George reports there should be enough in the account to make it till the end of the year.

Commissioner Brad Armstrong arrived 8:15am

Fortville Public Library Board Member

Commissioner Jessup made a motion to approve Catherine Witsman Fortville-Vernon Township Public Library Board for the completion of Alyson Zelencik term that will end December 31, 2018. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Dean Mullins Maintenance

Dean will have a contractor look at decorative stone repairs at the court house. Commissioner Jessup made a motion to authorize any individual commissioner to approve incidental expenses up to \$5,000 for stone repairs at the court house out of the Commissioners' Building CCD Fund. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Finishing up the ramp at the prosecutor's office. The bathrooms will be started next.

Linda Ostewig, Talitha Koum Women's Recovery House

Linda Ostewig is requesting the \$75,000 operational funds for the Talitha Koum Women's Recovery House. They now have the Occupational Certificate and October 1st they should be able to accept the first applicant. The contract will be 4 beds for \$75,000 for 1 year. They will return today with contract.

Claims & Payroll

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

Joanie Fitzwater, Planning Director/Steller Grant

Joanie Fitzwater, Planning Director for Greenfield requested the Commissioners' and the County to join them in the Steller Community Agreement. Joanie read a letter she brought to the Commissioners'. Commissioner Armstrong thought the letter sounded nice. Commissioner Jessup and Huber agreed. They are requesting 2 members for the joint board (Jim Shelby and Gary Pool). This could include two possible projects the memorial building, partner to make it a more accessible building and a veteran's center for countywide use. A potential for \$2 million in INDOT funding. If we can find a way to use it that doesn't impact Hancock County's other grants, it would be a 20% match. INDOT money won't be available for 5 years. Commissioner Armstrong would like to introduce Resolution #2018-9-1 Resolution of Hancock County Commissioners to Enter into an Inter-Local Governmental Agreement. The Ordinance was introduced.

Linda Ostewig, Talitha Koum Women's Recovery House

Commissioner Armstrong read into minutes an agreement with Talitha Koum Recovery House. Commissioner Huber made a motion to enter into a contract with the Talitha Koum Recovery House in the amount of \$75,000 for a minimum of 4 beds as presented in the contract to be paid out of the Food and Beverage Fund. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Harold Gibson

Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept the 50 ft. half ROW for the Kyle & Michelle Watson Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept the 35 ft. half ROW for the Otis & Sarah Burdine Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Bernie Harris Door Access Software and Equipment/Annex

Bernie Harris reported 14 year old door access software and equipment at the Annex equipment died. Bernie contacted Nielsen Alarm and the cost is \$4,240 to get it up and running. The \$4,240 will give us new controllers. Cameras at the courthouse will need replaced at an estimated \$5,000 cost. Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept the proposal from Nielsen Alarm Company to upgrade the door access at the Annex not to exceed the amount of \$4,240 to be paid out of the Commissioners Building CCD Fund. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Brad Burkhart Out of State Travel

Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve out of state travel for Lt. Donnie Munden for CVSA Re-certification Program 9/24/18 thru 9/27/18. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Emergency Temporary Jail Unit Discussion

Attorney Richardson inquired if progress had been made on approval from the State Jail Inspector for the Emergency Temporary Jail Unit. Brad Burkhart reported State Jail Inspector approved one set of plans. The second set has not been approved. The State Fire Building Commissioner and State Jail Inspector are different inspections needed for this Emergency Temporary Jail Unit.

Brad Burkhart requested Attorney Ray Richardson's legal counsel signature for 2 papers. US Treasury seizure working with the US Federal Treasury requires legal counsel signatures. Homeland Security does the US Treasury and DEA does the US Federal Treasury seizures. Every seizure case we request 55% of the seized money and this requires legal counsel signature.

Commissioner Armstrong would like a commitment from Councilmembers for 12 new jailers to properly staff the Emergency Temporary Jail Unit. We do not want to take employees from the existing jail to staff the Emergency Temporary Jail Unit. Commissioner Huber would like the commitment for 12 jailers and the Temporary Jail located downtown. Commissioner Armstrong thinks the best financial temporary solution is to locate it downtown. The buildings are moveable.

Commissioner Huber firmly believes the downtown location is the best, most cost efficient place for the Temporary Jail Unit. Commissioner Jessup would like to look at all options and keep the County Farm open for discussion for placement of the Temporary Jail Unit.

Commissioner Armstrong introduced Resolution 2018-1-B and read it into the record.

Commissioner Jessup made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-1-B. Resolution of Need for Project. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup mentioned voting no against only accepting downtown location for the temporary jail site.

Commissioner Armstrong made a motion that the Hancock County Board of Commissioners recognizes that the Emergency Temporary Jail solution is best located adjacent to the current jail facility (due to utilities access). Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. Attorney Ray Richardson would like to start paperwork, inspections and prep work for this temporary Jail Unit. Commissioners discussed a project manager coordinator for the temporary Jail Unit. Commissioner Armstrong continued the Motion. Commissioner Jessup voted NO. **Motion carried 2-1.**

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 10:50 pm

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, President

Commissioner John Jessup, Vice-President

Commissioner Marc Huber

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor