

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Meeting

October 2, 2018

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

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's meeting began at 8:10 am

Highway Department

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

No signatures needed at this time.

ROW items on RDC will be coming up. Please note the listed price and the court appraised price. Waiting on a response from owners. Some are high, some are low, they even out. Delaying to pay on those because INDOT paying 80%, but have to wait for fiscal year to begin.

Gary plans to work on the Trax Grant Friday morning at INDOT with McCordsville. Also going over bridge inspection report with United.

RFP review recommendations. They went with people already designing them. The only interesting one is Bridge 62. Gary had concerns with efficiency but after discussion, efficiencies were addressed and this is good to go. Bridge 62 lost their bridge engineer, due to being hired elsewhere. USI lost their bridge engineer, but they have people to fill in.

Bridge 71 and 93 will be open to traffic October 19 (delayed due to rain).

Gary was disappointed in the Trail Study (near Bridge 71). He did his own data tracking. There is a tracker on cell phone which tracks walking, jogging or biking. The purple lines are people walking or biking. What struck Gary as interesting is 450 West has as many people walking, jogging or biking as Pennsy Trail (this connects to 100 South). Gary felt this would have been helpful when designing the bridge near there. Gary did a \$15,000 change order to widen the path and have a shoulder area added. At this point, he couldn't widen the bridge. There was a fatality in this area. Gary will point this program out to the trails group. Bridge 71 will have a widened shoulder.

CDL-A training for mechanic. This will take a week and cost \$3200.

Paving will be completed next week.

Claims & Payroll

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

Commissioners Minutes

Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve Commissioners' Minutes for 9-18-18 as presented. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Dean Mullins Maintenance

Courthouse project looks good so far (no leaks). Prosecutor's office getting ready to start restrooms. No birds and only a couple bats found. The ramp has been painted and boards are up. Dean would like the Commissioners to talk with someone at the Memorial Building about the child play area. There is a mouse problem due to food (candy, chips & cookies). Bait traps are out.

Commissioner Huber mentioned an email from Bob Workman, Veterans Service Officer regarding the parking for the Memorial Building. Commissioner Armstrong mentioned a complaint regarding the parking at the Memorial Building also. This building does not have a parking lot. Commissioners will talk to the city about making a non-timed limited parking in city lot across from the Memorial Building.

Bernie Harris IT Department

Bernie Harris requested \$2,400 for a replacement printer which prints the Hancock County ID Cards. Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve up to \$2,500 for the printer to make county ID cards out of Operating Supplies Commissioner's County General 1001.22300-0068. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

PDF Proposal for Boiler

Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept the proposal from PDF Mechanical, LLC in the amount of \$5,668.57 to replace the boiler valve to be paid out of the Commissioner's CCD Miscellaneous Building Expense 1138.45101-0068. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Josh Sipes Chief Probation Officer

Josh Sipes requested a credit card to pay for materials, items, travel expenses and training expenses. Commissioner Armstrong clarified he would like Josh Sipes to cautiously monitor this card as this an area easily abused. Commissioner Huber made a motion to allow Probation and Josh Sipes to apply for a credit card through GBC for a credit limit not to exceed \$2,500. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Our Brothers Place/Our Sisters Place/Loss of Certification

The FSSA notified Josh Sipes the recovery house Our Brothers Place/Our Sisters Place on Washington Street have lost certification. The contract is for 16 beds for \$48,000. The loss of recovery house certification is a breach of contract. This affects us because they can no longer receive recovery works money and this helps get people out of jail into a recovery house at no cost to the individual and the state pays for this service. Josh requested authority to review and terminate the contract if necessary. The recovery house appeal can take 30 days to 6 months.

Also, Josh would like to hold a current claim that could be claimed for October 1st. Per the contract, if the recovery house is ineligible to accept federal or state programming this is a cause for breach of contract. They are required to be notified by letter ten days before termination. Commissioner Huber made a motion to allow Probation to initiate the termination process with Our Brothers Place/Our Sisters Place Recovery House due to breach of contract. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

John Jokantas E-911

John Jokantas requested replacement for a full-time employee. Commissioner Huber made a motion to allow EOC to replace a full-time employee. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Armstrong recessed the Hancock Board of County Commissioners Meeting at 8:59 am. To conduct business for:

Board of Directors for the Hancock County Regional Water & Sewer District

Commissioner Armstrong reconvened the Hancock Board of County Commissioners Meeting at 9:03 am.

Temporary Jail Discussion

Commissioner Armstrong had a preliminary discussion with the President of RQAW regarding the temporary jail structure and implementing it into the permanent jail structure. Nothing concrete yet. One estimate was \$27,000 for figuring out utilities and temporary trailers on campus. The other contract is for \$100,000 for site study (Geo Tech) and infrastructure cost (utilities, road, etc.). This will be further discussed at the budget committee meeting tomorrow. Pete Peterson RQAW will get contracts and answers from the State Fire Marshall for the budget committee meeting tomorrow. Pete presented ideas for a temporary jail structure downtown, at the farm and a temporary solution that could then be put into a permanent solution. Dustin Fry, RQAW presented some preliminary solutions for the overcrowding. If we chose not to do the trailer option, whether downtown or at the farm, another more permanent option would be to tie into the permanent jail. RQAW could quickly build a half housing pod with dormitory housing (158 beds) with temporary kitchen & laundry services. This then would be become available for transition into the permanent jail. Further investigation at the site will be needed.

The money spent would contribute to the overall permanent solution. If utilities are removed from the estimate the cost comes close to the cost of the temporary per bed cost.

Mike Dale Planning Department

Mike Dale spoke regarding petition by Clay Smith with Ferguson Construction for amendment to the zoning commitment at 200N & 700W to allow local storage. As requested, the petitioner consulted with local property owners association (Alliance Park Properties). Brian Seitz with Alliance Park Properties states on behalf of the association we are completely in support of the special exception for the contractor's yard and outside storage. Commissioner Huber made a motion to amend the commitment concerning the use and development of the real estate at the southeast corner of 200N & 700W, the petitioner is Clay Smith and this amends striking the commitment #7 as presented. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Accept Bond Cal Atlantic Homes of Indiana, Inc.

Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept a performance bond for Cal Atlantic Homes of Indiana, Inc. for McCord Pointe Section 1A Monuments for \$3,912.50. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Harold Gibson, H Gibson Land Surveying

Harold Gibson requesting plat signatures for Watson MS/Wallace MS/Burdine MS.

Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept the 35' 1/2 ROW for the Wallace Sugar Creek Farms Minor Subdivision on 675 E. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept the 50' 1/2 ROW for the Sarah Burdine Minor Subdivision on 1100N & 1000N. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept the 65' 1/2 ROW for the Watson Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Tim Retherford Director NASA

Tim Retherford requested Commissioners to accept the NASA grant for \$16,000 to be used by the end of the year. This is the same grant we have received for last several years to help with underage drinking cost through the JAG funds. This was late due to delays with sanctuary cities. The reward letter was just received and hoping for an extension as this was just approved by the State Attorney General August 23rd. After review, no action was needed by the Commissioners. The form needs signed by the Sheriff's Department, Auditor and County Attorney.

Brad Burkhart Sherriff's Department

Brad Burkhart let the Commissioners know an employee will be having shoulder surgery and he will be out 4-6 weeks and return in a sling with limited duty. Brad may need additional help interim.

Brad went to jail conference and looked at Solar Thermal Panels. The panels would hook up to a boiler system and this would reduce the heating cost by 50%. Brad requested an estimate to see what the cost would be. The rough estimate would be \$67,000. This cost would be recouped over years. Brad felt this may be something to consider for the permanent jail site.

Patriot Insurance Group

Diane Titchenell and Richard Sutton with RA Sutton discussed the current insurance. Diane is pleased with the implementation of AFLAC and making enrollment electronic. Enrollment is up 2.5%, medical claims are up 4.5%, prescription drugs are down 3.3%. This year is below trend. They are currently pursuing negotiations with carriers (they prefer 60 days of claims). September numbers are not yet in. With better data, you get better rates. By using Hancock Hospital it saves 15%. They will have more information to come as the September numbers come in.

Walker Hughes Agency

Kevin Mandrell, Director Employee Benefits with Walker Hughes Agency presented. Currently they handle the property causality, work comp, professional automobile insurance for the county. Walker Hughes Agency decided to set-up an employee benefits division and they have many resources. Recently Butler Financial Services was acquired across from the hospital, so there is a local presence. Kevin feels there are opportunities with PVM (pharmacy), stop-loss coverage and alternative pricing with hospitals. Kevin offered to hold everything we are currently paying and would not bill any service fees till January 1st. This would get us through the transition and he would not raise fees from what they are currently.

Insurance Discussion

Commissioner Armstrong summarized they have a renewal with preliminary numbers and a proposal for change of our health insurance agent for review. Commissioner Armstrong inquired when enrollment date would be. Tentatively first of November.

Mary McCoy, Payroll/Human Resources clarified open enrollment on AFLAC (this is a huge benefit) needs 10 days to upload information electronically. Enrollment is usually first part of November, but will depend on what Commissioners decide. Employees need time to look over benefits and enroll. A decision needs to be made by October 16th to begin enrollment first week of November. Mary said there will be 3 open enrollment meetings for each department. If needed, each employee will be assisted with enrollment. AFLAC is doing this at no charge to us. Mary was excited to report over 80% of the wellness forms were turned in.

Ordinance 2018-10A Amend Campaign Signs & Materials at Polls on County Property

Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2018-10A. This is an Ordinance to introduce amendment regulating campaign signs and materials at polls on county property. Commissioner Armstrong read into minutes the Ordinance.

Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to suspend the rules and allow for passage on the day of introduction Ordinance 2018-10A. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-10A. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 11:00 am

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, President

Commissioner John Jessup, Vice-President

Commissioner Marc Huber

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor