

**Hancock County Board of Commissioners**  
**Regularly Scheduled Meeting**  
**October 5, 2021**

Commissioners met for a regular session. Those present were Board of Commissioners President John Jessup, Commissioner Vice President Marc Huber, Commissioner Bill Spalding, Auditor Debra Carnes and County Attorney Scott Benkie. Commissioner Jessup called to order the October 5, 2021 Hancock County Commissioners Board meeting at 8:00 AM.

**Recess Board of Commissioners Meeting**

- Commissioner Jessup made a motion to recess the Hancock County Board of Commissioners at 8:00 AM for the Hancock County Drainage Board.
- Commissioner Jessup reconvened the Hancock County Board of Commissioners at 8:04 AM.

**Claims & Payroll**

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

**Commissioner Minutes**

Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the Commissioner minutes for September 21, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**Highway Department**

- Gary Pool (Highway Engineer) requested signatures for snow contract renewal.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the snow contract renewal for V. Feeney, Inc. for the county roads with them carrying over their 2019-2020 bid prices into 2021-2022 winter season. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Segment B ROW within the TIF district is accelerating and costs are higher than anticipated. Engineer Pool plans to request additional appropriation of \$1M at the next Council meeting. If the ROW is in place, this will avoid utility issues and a road closure.
- Micro surface is underway on Fortville Pike, 600 North and 1050 East and should be complete in two weeks. Closures if needed, should only take 45 minutes.
- Preparing annual bid documents for release around November 25<sup>th</sup> and award them around Christmas.
- Quarterly reports are in.
- Someone may inquire on the fair housing for OOR grant (\$400,000) that was to be used at the Memorial Building. The grant can be used in other areas of the county but may need administration assistance.
- Main goal for Highway Department is to complete detours.

**Schwier Request**

- Eric Allen, Attorney for Ronald Schwier and Randy Schwier requested “Motion to Reconsider and Correct Minutes” for the July 20, 2021 minutes. After research from the Planning Commission, as a result the motion ended in a rejection and could not go back to the Planning Commission. A petition was filed to correct the minutes.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to amend the meeting minutes for July 20, 2021 referencing the Public Hearing on the Schwier Rezone at CR 400 South and 100 West for the motion to reflect that the petition was not rejected but continued with the intent it be returned

to the Planning Commission due to the amendment of the original petition. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

### **Request to Council**

Commissioner Huber made a motion the Hancock County Board of Commissioners request Hancock County Council place a hold on any preliminary pre-approvals for any requests for an abatement for Logistics Realty Capital LLC until more information is obtained on the project and the request abatement is fully completed by the petitioner. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

### **Recess Board of Commissioners Meeting**

- Commissioner Jessup made a motion to recess the Hancock County Board of Commissioners at 8:59 AM for the Hancock County Regional Water & Sewer District.
- Commissioner Jessup reconvened the Hancock County Board of Commissioners at 9:01 AM.

### **Probation Department**

- Josh Sipes, Chief Probation Officer requested a New Adult Officer.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the New Adult Officer for the Probation Department and request County Council make the necessary salary ordinance changes to use the therapist position to fund the new Adult Probation Officer. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Requested updated Wifi for the Courthouse.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the increase in our internet bandwidth with NineStar from 100Mbps to 500Mbps increasing the monthly total to \$795 to be paid out of the Utility line item. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

### **IT Department**

- Bernie Harris, Director of IT Department requested to increase internet bandwidth.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve increasing bandwidth with NineStar from 100Mbps to 500Mbps for \$795 a month. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

### **Facility Management**

- Dean Mullins (Facility Manager) updated Commissioners on county buildings.
- The two concrete sidewalk sections have been replaced around Courthouse. The front sections are scheduled to be replaced soon.
- Community Corrections controls for heating and air conditioning are not working properly. PDF is looking into a server and will submit a quote. Commissioner Jessup will refer this issue to Johnson Controls.
- Premium Mechanical is working on the lights at the Courthouse through Johnson Controls. Commissioner Spalding and the Facility Manager will review work completed by Johnson Controls.
- Commissioner Jessup requested the Auditor hold everything with Johnson Controls.
- Clerk files moved from the courthouse attic storage, so the fire hazard problem is resolved.
- The City returned 14 large framed historic veteran pictures that were previously stored in the Memorial Building. Commissioners would like the pictures tracked and logged.
- Received two proposals from ASAP Seal Coating Specialist; Corrections Jail Lot South (Sheriffs) \$2,371.80 and Corrections Jail Lot II \$3,366.50. Commissioners agreed to hold off until Spring and reevaluate.

### **RQAW Update on New Jail**

- Dustin Frye, Director of Construction Services for RQAW reported the jail continues to progress on schedule.
- The original intent was to seal the concrete corridors at a cost of \$30,000; but found these are not long lasting. Garmong proposed a 3-coat epoxy at a total cost of \$52,000 for a longevity. Dustin will provide Commissioners with an updated proposal of recommended epoxy areas for the new jail.
- Presented Commissioners with a soft cost update for the admin furniture.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept the proposal from Kent Wood Office Furniture for furniture for the new jail in an amount not to exceed \$222,727.51. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Presented Commissioners with Construction Manager/Advisor Proposal for old jail to complement DLZ's contract. Commissioners approved Dustin to prepare a contract for the next meeting.

### **County Insurance Renewal**

- Kevin Mandrell, Director of Employee Benefits with WalkerHughes Insurance presented county employee insurance renewal information to Commissioners.
- Commissioners will review information and discuss at the October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Clerk's Office**

- Clerk Lofgreen discussed with Commissioner's election voting locations.
- Commissioners agreed to share the Commissioners Court with the Clerk for the early election voting. Clerk Lofgreen agreed to flex hours of voting to accommodate regularly scheduled meetings.

### **Dedication of ROW**

- Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept the 35' half ROW for Carder Minor Subdivision as presented. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept the 35' half ROW for Keith Wilson Minor Subdivision as presented. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

### **SBOA Capital Assets & Depreciation Policy**

- Auditor Carnes requested approval to accept Peterson Consulting Service's engagement letter for assistance with Capital Assets for 2021.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve Peterson Consulting Service's engagement letter to assist with Hancock County's annual update of Capital Assets information for financial reporting for physical year 2021 not to exceed \$10,000. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Commissioners will review policies and ordinance for the October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Memorial Building Gymnasium**

- Commissioners discussed non-profit use of Memorial Building Gymnasium.
- Commissioners agreed to allow a key for the non-profit group.

### **Memorial Building Veterans Services**

Commissioners would like to hold allowing use of Veterans Services front office.

**Barnes & Thornburg Invoice**

Commissioner Huber made a motion to pay the Barnes & Thornburg Invoice for \$3,683.50 out of the Work Comp Line. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

*Commissioner Huber left the meeting at 11:47 AM.*

**Ordinance Establishing The Hancock Insurance Grant (Vaccine) Fund 8961**

- Commissioner Spalding introduced Ordinance 2021-10A.
- Commissioner Jessup made a motion to suspend the rules and adopt Ordinance 2021-10A on day of introduction. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**
- Commissioner Jessup made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-10A as presented. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

**The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 11:54 AM.**

**Hancock County Commissioners**

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Commissioner John Jessup, President

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Commissioner Marc Huber, Vice-President

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Commissioner Bill Spalding

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Debra Carnes, Hancock County Auditor