

Hancock County Board of Commissioners
Regularly Scheduled Meeting
October 19, 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 19, 2021 Hancock County Commissioners Board meeting at 8:02 AM.

Highway Department

- Gary Pool (Highway Engineer) requested signatures for Pennsy Trails addendum for signs, striping, etc.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion approve the Pennsy Trail Supplement #1 Revised in the amount of \$9,852 for striping of crosswalks and flashing signs for the Pennsy Trail. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Commissioner Spalding said with the trails in the unincorporated parts of the county, he believes a Parks Board discussion is warranted. Engineer Pool feels it is warranted.
- Segment A is under construction. AT&T is an obstacle, they are not communicating again. INDOT and several others have issues too. May need assistance from the County Attorney.
- 700 West is holding. 500 West fixed some areas. 400 W lots of traffic on the gravel road.
- Micro surface is underway on Fortville Pike, 600 North and 1050 East and should be completed this week.
- Requested five old radios to be declared surplus.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to declare surplus five old radio sets in Highway Department. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Claims & Payroll

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

Commissioner Minutes

Commissioner Spalding made a motion to approve the Commissioner minutes for October 5, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Senior Services

- Suzanne Derengowski, Executive Director for Senior Services requested approval and signatures for first quarter operating expenses.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve Hancock County to be the pass through for Hancock County Rural Transit payment in the amount of \$104,417 for the first quarter of the second year. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

DLZ

- Commissioners discussed the DLZ Agreement.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the DLZ Consulting Agreement for remodel of the existing jail and Community Corrections, pending legal counsel final approval. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Dedication of ROW

- Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept the 40' half ROW for Hedge D3 East Minor Subdivision as presented. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

2022 Holiday & Meeting Schedule

- Commissioners discussed the Board meeting on May 2, 2022 at 1PM or May 4, 2022 at 8AM. Commissioners agreed and decided on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 8AM. The Budget meeting will have to be adjusted.
- Discussed Commissioners Conference November 30th - December 2nd. Commissioner Huber said typically we attend our regularly scheduled meeting and then go to the Commissioners Conference.
- Commissioner Huber would like to discuss with Solid Waste Board and Drainage Board meeting before Commissioner's meetings. Commissioner Spalding suggested holding Drainage Board and Solid Waste Board meetings on a Thursday, due to Commissioner's meetings running lengthy at times.
- Commissioners will revisit on November 15th to approve the 2022 Holiday & Meeting Schedule.

RQAW Update on New Jail

- Dustin Frye, Director of Construction Services for RQAW reported the jail continues to progress on schedule.
- Discussed 3-Coat epoxy base for concrete areas in the jail.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the epoxy floor coating with 4" intrical base for the main booking areas, hallways, medical hall and two exam rooms per the quote in the amount of \$55,450 to be paid out of the construction contingency budget. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Commissioners notified Dustin, when utilities went through they hit a private drain and he needed to talk to Surveyor Bodkin.

PDF Mechanical, LLC

Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the PDF Mechanical, LLC Proposal to replace Community Corrections HVAC controllers; 3 VAV controllers and 1 Programmable HVAC controller in the amount of \$16,791 to be paid out of Building Maintenance with the intent to discuss with Johnson Controls why this was not handled in the upgrade. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Opioid Settlement

- County Attorney Benkie updated Commissioners on participation in the Opioid Settlement.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the participation in the Opioid Settlement. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Memorial Building

- Commissioner Jessup made a motion to allow Commissioner Huber to make a decision on the Memorial Building carpets. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Commissioner Jessup made a motion to allow Commissioner Huber to make a decision on the Veterans Services request for additional front office space. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

ARPA Resolution

- Commissioners discussed the ARPA Resolution and changes.
- Commissioners requested Auditor Carnes remove the ARPA questionnaire from the website.

Corvus Janitorial

- David Villafana introduced Corvus Janitorial and requested the opportunity to give a janitorial quote for the County Buildings.
- Commissioners agreed to allow a walk through the buildings with the Facility Manager, to turn in a bid and references by December 1, 2021, for review at the Commissioners December 7th meeting.

Community Corrections

- Wade Kennedy, Executive Director updated Commissioners on Community Corrections.
- Commissioners discussed Community Corrections opening Work Release in 2022.

Animal Control

- Commissioners discussed the Amended Interlocal Agreement for Animal Control.
- County Attorney Benkie found inconsistencies in the Agreement.

Office Pride Commercial Cleaning

- Julie Hoover introduced Office Pride Commercial Cleaning and requested the opportunity to give a janitorial quote for the County Buildings.
- Commissioners agreed to allow a walk through the buildings with the Facility Manager, to turn in a bid and references by December 1, 2021, for review at the Commissioners December 7th meeting.

Coverall Commercial Cleaning

- Corey Schrader introduced Coverall Commercial Cleaning and requested the opportunity to give a janitorial quote for the County Buildings.
- Commissioners agreed to allow a walk through the buildings with the Facility Manager, to turn in a bid and references by December 1, 2021, for review at the Commissioners December 7th meeting.

READI Grant Information

Jack Woods, Senior Project Consultant and Tom Miller with Thomas P. Miller & Associates updated Commissioners on the READI Grant process. Auditor Carnes requested a copy of the grant application submitted.

County Insurance Renewal

- Kevin Mandrell, Director of Employee Benefits with WalkerHughes Insurance presented additional county employee insurance renewal information to Commissioners.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to renew with Anthem for the county's health insurance with the recommended increased employee participation, adding the aggregate stoploss and keeping the dental, vision with Anthem. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion.
Motion carried 3-0.

Final Weed Report

- Dean Folkening, Weed Specialist presented Commissioners with the Final 2021 Weed Report. Discussed the need for a registry for rental properties. Sadly some owners use his department as a mowing service and increasing fines could eliminate this.
- Commissioners agreed there was a need to increase fines. Dean will follow-up in the Spring with the Commissioners to increase fines.

Logistics Realty Capital Abatement Request

- Ben Applebaum, Managing Principal with Hennepin Industrial discussed the abatement process for Logistics Realty Capital and steps taken to mitigate disturbances for neighbors.
- Commissioner Huber expressed frustration that meetings had not been held earlier with surrounding landowners to discuss concerns.
- Commissioners agreed discussion could continue to the November 2nd Commissioner meeting.
- Commissioner Spalding made a motion to continue discussion with Logistics Realty Capital abatement request on November 2nd at the regularly scheduled Commissioner's meeting. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Remonstrators appreciated the opportunity to speak at the meeting because they could not appear at the November 2nd Commissioner meeting. Several Marion County landowners expressed concern and frustration.

Planning Department

- Mike Dale, Executive Director Area Planning Department & Board of Zoning Appeals introduced Larry Strange, the new Deputy Director.
- Discussed Animal and Animal Products Processing is allowed only in the county's IG (Industrial General) zoned areas with Board of Zoning Appeals approval of a special exception. Planning received a request for custom butchering and they are zoned Agricultural. The Planning Commission is contemplating a zoning amendment.
- Actively looking for a consultant for landscape, buffers and exterior lights for a fee of \$10,000.
- Discussed code amendments for construction activity, lighting and noise. Planning and Zoning have received complaints. Commissioners did not want to pursue at this time. Chicken coops were discussed; Commissioners did not want to pursue amendments at this time.
- Comprehensive Plan for McCordsville Mt Comfort Corridor was discussed. Commissioner Huber clarified this is not something that the County requested be done. Commissioners requested Director Dale send copies to them.

SBOA Capital Assets & Depreciation Policy

- Auditor Carnes discussed SBOA Capital Assets and Depreciation Policy and Ordinance.
- Commissioners requested Auditor Carnes resend the information for review and work with the County Attorney for a final Ordinance and Policy.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 12:21 PM.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner John Jessup, President

Commissioner Marc Huber, Vice-President

Commissioner Bill Spalding

Attest: _____
Debra Carnes, Hancock County Auditor