

**Hancock County Board of Commissioners
Regularly Scheduled Meeting
December 15, 2020**

Commissioners met for a regular session. Those present were Board of Commissioners President John Jessup, Vice President Brad Armstrong, Commissioner Marc Huber, County Attorney Scott Benkie and Auditor Debra Carnes. Commissioner Jessup called to order the December 15, 2020 Hancock County Commissioners Board meeting at 8:01 AM.

Commissioner Jessup requested a moment of silence for Ronnie Mohr, who passed away Monday, December 14, 2020. He was a longtime friend, lifetime resident and community servant.

Highway Updates

- Highway Engineer reminded the Auditor there may be paperwork for vacation carry over.
- Mike Milner service years were prorated.
- Highway Engineer and Sheriff went through safety reports for 200 N and 400 East. Signs and flashers have been ordered to convert to a 4-way stop.
- Promoted Tim Lawson to Crew Leader. Mario Cavaletto was promoted to Heavy Crew Leader.
- Reviewing CCMG for next year. May convert chip seal to micro surface due to reimbursement from the state.
- INDOT funding request was granted (\$6.9M over 5 years).
- Highway Engineer requested commissioners open and accept bids to review and accept at next commissioner meeting scheduled December 29, 2020.
- Commissioner Huber read into minutes the following bids;

- Duncan Robertson Inc	Small dozer \$85/hr	Triaxle dump truck \$120/hr	
- Leonard Excavating Inc	Small dozer \$80/hr	Triaxle dump truck \$90/hr	
- Trisler Construction Co Inc	Small dozer \$70		
- CGS Services Inc		Triaxle dump truck \$94/hr	
- Irving Materials Inc	#11 Stone \$16/ton	#53 Stone \$8.50/ton	
- US Aggregates	#11 Stone \$13/ton	#53 Stone \$5.65/ton	
- New Point Stone Inc	#11 Stone \$14/ton	#53 Stone \$8.95/ton	
- CGS Services Inc	#11 Stone \$12.50/ton	#53 Stone \$8.00/ton	
- Harvest Land	Diesel fix var \$1.6585	Gas fix var \$1.8970	
	Diesel OR var \$2.2056	Gas OR fix var \$2.2329	
- Indiana Sign & Barricade Inc	Skip yellow \$.123 Solid white \$.094	Stop bar \$83	
- Accurate Striping Inc	Skip yellow \$.074 Solid white \$.074	Stop bar \$95	
- IN Traffic Services LLC	Skip yellow \$.085 Solid white \$.085	Stop bar \$120	
- Russell Standard Corp	Crack seal \$.837		
- Super Sealing USA	Crack seal \$.749		
- American Pavements Inc	Crack seal \$.72		
- Pavement Solutions Inc	Crack seal \$1.25		
- Reece Seal Coating Inc	Crack seal \$1.25		
- American Pavements Inc	Crack seal \$.728		
- All Star Paving Inc.	Crack seal \$1.93		
- Evans DBA Edco Gen Con	Crack seal \$.96		
- CGS Services Inc	#9 Surface \$41.65	#11 Surface \$43.35	
- Rush Truck Centers	A \$128,615	B \$130,118	C \$131,477 D \$131,650
- Stoops Freightliner	A \$120,365	B \$123,227	C \$123,400
- S&M Precast Inc	6X4 Concrete Box \$312		
- Civalcon	6X4 Concrete Box \$660.57	14G 12" Pipe \$12.90	

- Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to accept the bids as presented and allow for review, tabulation and recommendation at our next scheduled meeting. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- The Highway Engineer reminded all bid participants; bids will be finalized at the December 29, 2020 meeting.

RQAW Update on New Jail

- New Jail is progressing well. The steel for the administration building will ship Monday. Electrical panels are going in and waiting for gas this Monday.
- Community Corrections waiting on fence partitions, then power will be hooked up.

Maintenance Update

- Maintenance Department updated commissioners on projects in the county buildings.
- Johnson Controls said first week in January the units for Community Corrections will be installed.
- Prosecutor's office furnace is not working properly and will be assessed today at 11 AM.
- Purdue office northside trees continue to grow into fence and could fall on the building. The lowest estimate is \$24,600 to remove trees and the other estimate was \$30,000. Commissioners would like to revisit tree removal in January.

IT Department Request

- IT Director requested a line item in budget to pay for cell phones for employees. Cell phones are used to track service calls. Currently the IT Director and Administrator get reimbursed for using their personal cell phone. The IT desktop technician has a cell phone donated from the Sheriff's Department. The new technician does not want to use his personal cell phone for county business.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to allow IT Department Director to purchase a Verizon cell phone for the IT technician that does not have one, to be paid out of his cell phone line item, after appropriated, to be created January 1, 2021. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Ninestar wanted to know if they could have all rights to publish meetings on-line. They want to put NineStar in there somewhere to get free advertising. Commissioner Armstrong asked how quickly NineStar would have it available to the public. IT Director said it would be broadcast to NineStar, Channel 9 and redirected to YouTube live.

E-911

- Public Safety Consultant assisting the E-911 Director with the RFP process for the E-911 furniture. After review, scoring and employee virtual meetings with other locations; The Thomas Shelby Company was chosen along with Watson Consoles. Surprisingly this is who E-911 currently utilizes. This will require a phased-in approach to change out the furniture. Commissioner Huber would have liked to have seen a final cost before accepting the bid. The Public Safety Consultant explained there are many options and final cost will depend on options chosen.
- Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to authorize Thomas Shelby Company to negotiate a contract price for the console replacement at the E-911 Center. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

- E-911 Director requested to move forward with Henry County purchasing the surplus radios.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to declare 42 E-911 radios as surplus. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- E-911 Director thanked Commissioner Armstrong for the last six and half years. He pointed out Commissioner Armstrong was the last of the three Commissioners that hired him. Commissioner Armstrong thanked the E-911 Director and said it was a pleasure to watch him transform the E-911 into something we are proud of.

Adopt Resolution 2020-12-11 Ratifying Sale of BAN & Amendment No 2 to Lease

- Note counsel requested commissioners adopt a resolution ratifying the sale of the BAN and approve Amendment No 2 to the Lease. Note Counsel requested these be approved subject to legal review due to their late arrival. Note Counsel asked commissioners if they were aware of any environmental concerns on the jail site? Commissioners replied no. Note Counsel assured upon legal review some of the language will be taken out, there will be no additions.
- Commissioner Armstrong introduced Resolution 2020-12-11. A resolution of Board of Commissioners of Hancock County, Indiana, ratifying the sale of the Hancock County Building Corporation local income tax lease rental bond anticipation notes and approve the Amendment No 2 to Lease with Building Corporation and approve the financing documents for the BAN's, upon review and approval of bond counsel and county attorney.
- Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-12-11 as presented. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

PDF Mechanical

Representative from PDF Mechanical discussed contract for chiller work to be completed at the Annex Building. Commissioner Armstrong would like PDF Mechanical to provide the contract for work to be completed. The County Attorney and PDF Mechanical will work on a contract for December 29, 2020 Commissioners Meeting.

Commissioner Minutes

Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the Commissioners minutes for December 3, 2020 as presented. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Claims & Payroll

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

Accept Bond Deposits

- Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept the performance bond for Weaver's Landing Partners LLC for Weaver's Landing Sec 2 monuments in the amount of \$3,125. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept the cash bond for Adam Drotar for Rutledge 8" tile in the amount of \$2,800. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Circuit Court Request

- Circuit Court Judge requested to replace his Court Administrator who left (salary is \$38,233 a year).
- Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to replace the Circuit Court Administrator at the same salary. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

- Circuit Court Judge thanked Commissioner Armstrong for his 12 years of service to the county and said he will be greatly missed.

Sheriff's Department

- The Sheriff requested Commissioners declare surplus an old water softener that hasn't been in service for 9 years.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to declare the commercial water softener system at the jail as surplus. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- The Sheriff is working on a project to install six stationary license plate readers (LPR's). These are expected to be installed in January. Commissioner Armstrong asked if these are paid through a grant. The Sheriff said these will be paid out of his budget and commissary funds. Commissioner Armstrong asked how much are they? Sheriff said \$2,500 per year per camera. Commissioner Jessup asked if it reads all license plates. Sheriff clarified it only reads stolen plates, it takes a picture. Many counties are getting these so the search area could be large.

Introduced Ordinance #2020-12F Operation of Off-Road Vehicles

- Commissioner Armstrong introduced Ordinance 2020-12F for operation of off-road vehicles.
- Commissioner Armstrong requested this ordinance to be on the December 29th commissioner's agenda.
- Commissioner Jessup requested for the ordinance to be posted on the Hancock county website.

Auditor Requested Replacement Employee

- The Auditor requested to replace an employee.
- Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to allow the Auditor to replace an employee. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

EDC Board Re-appointment Request

- Counsel for EDC requested the Board of Commissioners appoint members at the December 29, 2020 meeting, due to the sunset placed on the members ending December 31, 2020. Counsel requested a Resolution on the Agenda for the next Commissioner meeting re-appointing the EDC Board Members. There are two projects continuing in 2021. Counsel clarified if there is someone the Commissioners want removed, there would have to be another nominee from the City or County Council. Commissioners requested the Resolution for the EDC Board re-appointment be for only the two projects (Gateway & NineStar) and sunset December 31, 2021.
- Counsel for EDC suggested drafting the appointment to the EDC and not attach projects but say each project has to be approved by the Board of Commissioners. Commissioners agreed and thanked EDC Counsel.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 10:31 AM.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner John Jessup, President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice-President

Commissioner Marc Huber

Attest: _____
Debra Carnes, Hancock County Auditor