

Hancock County Board of Commissioners
Regularly Scheduled Meeting
December 7, 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 December 7, 2021 Hancock County Commissioners Board meeting at 8:01 AM.

Highway Department

- Gary Pool (Highway Engineer) requested BOC retry the digital signing for INDOT. The DES numbers have been removed to simplify.
- Commissioner Huber introduced Resolution 2021-12-1, a resolution of Commissioners of Hancock County, Indiana concerning authorization for execution of INDOT agreements.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-12-1. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- INDOT Pennsy Trail and US 40 bids are out and will be accepted the first part of January and will let in January.
- Requested Commissioners signatures on a Pennsy Trail document for DNR that added a non-collusion statement that the County is not forcing landowners to sell their land.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the contract with DNR to add a non-collusion clause with the contract for purchasing ROW for Pennsy Trail. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Requested Commissioners signatures for Hancock County Senior Services to continue providing transportation for Hancock County Seniors.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion accept the Professional Services Agreement for the county to continue the Micro Transit Program as presented. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Updated Commissioners on Segment A (600 W); Concrete for underground storage has not been poured; they are confident it can still be completed. Realistically this may not open until after New Year's.
- Discussed Segment B ROW; 2 condemnations out of 20-30 properties. Engineer Pool plans to bid first of January 2022.
- Pennsy Trail and US40, INDOT may do this for free.
- Yearly bids for 2022 are scheduled for the Commissioners meeting December 21, 2021 and will be award at the January 4, 2022 meeting.
- Still waiting on single axle parts.
- Highway received 3 INDOT Grants.
- Engineer Pool reminded Commissioners the IEDC meeting is scheduled for December 22nd.
- Commissioner Jessup received a couple complaints about rumble strips at 234 and Fortville Pike. Engineer Pool said the strips should be worn down after snowplow traffic and he doesn't have to replace them, depending on accidents.

IT Department

- Director Harris presented Commissioners with a quote for dual fire wall for \$6,126.96 with expected delivery at 145 day out.
- Commissioner Spalding made a motion to allow Director Harris to purchase dual fire wall from CDW-G, LLC in the amount of \$6,126.96 to be paid out of the IT Computer Maintenance Fund in 2022. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

E-911

- Deputy Director Shamblin presented Commissioners with a Nelson Alarm Company agreement to place door access on the Memorial Building for the western door. The total was \$5289 to be paid out of the 2019 GO Bond and funds would be transferred from Furniture Project Savings to Capital Facility Projects. Commissioner Jessup said this could be paid out of Building Maintenance. Deputy Director Shamblin said this could be installed before 2022.
- Commissioner Spalding made a motion to allow Nelson Alarm to install a card reader on the Memorial Building western doors in the amount of \$5289 to be paid out of the Building Maintenance Fund. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Claims & Payroll

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

Commissioner Minutes

Commissioner Spalding made a motion to approve the Commissioner minutes for November 30, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Drainage Board Meetings/Solid Waste Management Board

- Commissioner Spalding said Drainage Board discussed and agreed to move their meetings to the first Tuesday of month starting at 8 AM before Commissioner's meetings.
- Commissioners discussed moving Solid Waste Management Board meetings to the third Tuesday of the month prior to Commissioner's meetings. Approval will not be known until December 13th when the board meets.
- Commissioners will discuss further at the December 21st meeting.

Fire Protection Services

- Commissioners reviewed the Jacob-Dietz proposal.
- Commissioner Spalding made a motion to accept the quote for Jacob Dietz, Inc. to service county fire equipment (i.e. fire extinguishers, sprinklers, kitchen hood inspection) for 2022 in the amount of \$6,532 to be paid out of Building Maintenance Fund. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

RQAW Update on New Jail

- Dustin Frye, Director of Construction Services for RQAW reported the jail continues to progress on schedule.
- The jail administration furniture is scheduled to be installed in two weeks. Detention furniture will ship January 20th.
- RQAW had a walk through with Fire Marshall; Fire Marshall had two requests.
- Quote from Utility Associates for \$36,803.34 to be paid out of soft cost; to fully fit 2 additional interview rooms.
- Commissioner Spalding made a motion to approve the sales estimate from Utility Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$36,803.34 which runs from 1-1-22 through 3-31-25 to be paid out of the new jail soft cost fund. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

- Director Miller thanked Commissioners for their support. She was excited to report CASA's 65% increase since January 2020. Judge Sirk credited Director Miller for the program's success and thanked Commissioners for their support.

- Commissioners thanked Director Miller for her service to CASA.

Schwier Meeting Minutes Request

- County Attorney Benkie said he formally talked to all parties involved and the consensus is to return to our original meeting minutes of July 20, 2021. It is our understanding then that they would have the opportunity to refile an amended petition.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to amend the July 20, 2021 Commissioners meeting minutes regarding the Schwier rezone request to show amended as the project was rejected under Section 608. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Utility Easement

Commissioner Huber made a motion to grant the 60' utility easement to NineStar for the utilities that cross over the shooting range to the new jail project. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Janitorial Bids

- Commissioner Spalding read into minutes 4 companies that placed bids for janitorial for the county buildings.
 - Gilliam Janitorial, Prosecutors Office monthly \$770 (1X weekly)
 - Coverall Health Based Cleaning, Prosecutors Office monthly \$528 (2X weekly)
 - Corvus Janitorial Systems, Prosecutors Office \$1425 (5X weekly)
 - Office Pride, \$12,250 (Monthly All Buildings)
- Commissioner Spalding requested the county buildings to be priced individually with times cleaned per week.
- Commissioner Spalding made a motion to accept the janitorial bids and take them under advisement; to be reviewed at the December 21, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Hartman Capital

- Scott Kunkel, Chief Executive Officer representing JSM Living and Hartman Capital. They have land east of McCordsville, Sagebrook Subdivision, 68 acres east of that. For this area, he presented build for rent communities, single family homes developed as a subdivision with all homes intended for rent. This is a fast growing segment of the housing market. It fills a unique need in the housing market.
- Commissioner Huber asked what ensures the rentals are maintained. Mr. Kunkel said this is an asset and if they are not kept up they lose value if not maintained. Commissioner Huber asked what keeps the next investor motivated to maintain the rentals. Mr. Kunkel said there are property maintenance provisions in place, covenances associated with upkeep, landscaping, etc. Commissioner Huber said the concept is interesting. Mr. Kunkel said 24/7 on-site management and maintenance associated with the rentals.

Animal Management Agreement

- Gregg Morelock, Attorney for the City of Greenfield requested Commissioners signatures on the amended interlocal agreement regarding Department of Animal Management Services and to share the cost.
- Commissioner Spalding made a motion to accept the amended interlocal agreement regarding the department of Animal Management Services with the City of Greenfield and Hancock County in the amount of \$350,000 for the calendar year 2022. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

READI Grant Information

Tom Miller with Thomas P. Miller & Associates updated Commissioners on the READI Grant process. A READI presentation was given last week and it went well. Proposals were made public record at this time.

Probation Department

- Josh Sipes, Chief Probation Officer in support and cooperation with the Sheriff's department are attempting to employ and precipitate a parenting program for inmates as well as probation offenders. The program is called Parenting Inside and Out. Chief Sipes introduced Tabitha Davis, the newest Probation Officer and said she will head up this project. A \$900 grant has been obtained to assist with starting this program. Chief Sipes requested a new fund to be started for this program.
- Commissioner Spalding introduced Ordinance 2021-12A an ordinance establishing the Hancock County Parenting Program Grant Fund 9120.
- Commissioner Spalding made a motion to suspend the rules on day of introduction and allow for adoption for Ordinance 2021-12A. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Commissioner Spalding made a motion to accept Ordinance 2021-12A. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 10:35 PM.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner John Jessup, President

Commissioner Marc Huber, Vice-President

Commissioner Bill Spalding

Attest: _____
Debra Carnes, Hancock County Auditor