

Hancock County Board of Commissioners
Regularly Scheduled Meeting
May 4, 2021

Commissioners met for a regular session. Those present were Board of Commissioners President John Jessup, Commissioner Vice President Marc Huber, Commissioner Bill Spalding, County Attorney Scott Benkie and Auditor Debra Carnes. Commissioner Jessup called to order the May 4, 2021 Hancock County Commissioners Board meeting at 8:08 AM.

Highway

- Gary Pool (Highway Engineer) upgraded roads to a higher functional classification and requested to add Malcolm Grass Way to the roadway inventory.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept and dedicate Malcolm Grass Way as a public road maintained by the county; this is a new road going to the new county jail. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Gary requested a motion to allow the Highway County Engineer to petition the State of Indiana to upgrade the functional classifications of 500 W, 300 N and 200 W.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to allow the Highway Engineer to petition the State of Indiana to upgrade the functional classifications for county road 500 W, 300 N and 200 W. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Gary continues to monitor the Walmart road damage and is requiring them to maintain the area in front of their construction site.
- Next week will start to receive RFP's for county bridge inspection, construction inspection of Seg B, construction inspection of school and guardrail signs project.
- Then releasing new RFP's for preliminary engineering design for 300 N to West of RAB, Bridge 46 and Bridge 148 (expected to be built in 2025-2026).
- Received Community Crossings Grant for \$665,000 for microsurface and striping of Fortville Pike, 600 N (eastern) and 1050E.
- Gary reviewed highway's 2022 CCD budget with Commissioners.

Fire Fighter Mutual Aid Association

- Dave Sutherland (representing Fire Fighter Mutual Aid Association) requested \$282,308 from LIT for 2022 based on buildings, vehicles and workman's comp insurance rates.
- Dave discussed staffing and budget information for Sugar Creek Township, Greenfield Fire Territory, Vernon Fire Territory and Buck Creek Township.

Accept Noelting Estates Plat

- Mike Gibson (with Harold Gibson Land Surveying) requested signatures for Noelting Estates, Section 2 Plat.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept Noelting Estates, Section 2, secondary plat as presented. Commissioner Spalding 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 admin roofing is complete; masonry is complete; dry wall has started; the jail looks finished from the outside. Dustin noted he will send Commissioners a monthly report on progress (i.e. change orders, soft cost, retention furniture and signage are ready to be finalized).

- Commissioner Jessup asked County Attorney Benkie to set up an Executive Session, May 18, 2021 at 10:00 AM.

NineStar Agreement

County Attorney Benkie clarifying details and finalizing the NineStar agreement to record and broadcast Board of Commissioners and County Council meetings.

Gibson Teldata

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Surveyor's Replacement Employee

- Surveyor Bodkin requested a replacement employee.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to allow Surveyor to advertise and hire a replacement employee. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Accept ROW Suhre Family Minor Sub

- Phillip Going (Accura Land Surveying) requested to dedicate 40' half ROW for Suhre Family Minor Sub.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept 40' half ROW for Suhre Family Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Johnson Control Update

- Jennifer Payne (Account Executive for Johnson Controls) was available for questions.
- Commissioner Spalding asked about documentation with cost for each project. Jennifer said she will work on documentation for this request.
- Commissioner Huber asked about the light fixtures at the Courthouse not being in the original Scope of Work; he said Commissioners were under the impression this was a total assessment. Jennifer said when we put together a project, we look at the things that will pay for and fund the greatest number of items. The lighting in question did not have the payback and was cost prohibitive as part of a guaranteed savings project. Commissioner Huber said everyone wants to do the easy stuff. Jennifer said we aren't afraid of the hard stuff but we looked at savings rather than expenditures. Jennifer assured; we are looking into what it would cost to accomplish this project. Commissioner Huber said that is a nice corporate response.

Prosecutor Vehicle

Prosecutor Eaton informed Commissioners his office will need a vehicle for their investigator soon.

Vernon Township Tornado Sirens Discussed

- Misty Moore (Homeland Security) and Flora May (Vernon Township Trustee) discussed the Vernon Township Tornado Sirens. Commissioner Spalding said the question was if the sirens were on private or public property. Misty clarified they are all on public property and easements only. Misty clarified we are not taking the sirens in McCordsville, just Vernon Township. She said the sirens were repaired and brought up to spec last year. Commissioner Spalding asked the process for sirens to be accepted by Homeland Security. Misty said this is the first time for this process.

- Commissioner Huber asked if an MOU was needed. Trustee May said the Vernon Township Lawyer is willing to draft the MOU and mirrored resolutions. Commissioners agreed this was acceptable.

Clerk's Office

- Clerk Lofgreen requested moving funds around to pay an employee more for additional work duties.
- Commissioner Huber said this is bad timing with the salary study and matrix currently in progress. Commissioner Spalding said he echoes what Commissioner Huber said; I think it is best we wait to get the salary matrix for county employees figured out first.
- Clerk Lofgreen asked if she could replace an employee. Commissioners agreed the Clerk could replace an employee.

Salary Workshop Committee Update

Auditor Carnes notified Commissioners; Surveyor Bodkin with the Salary Workshop Committee will be ready to present the salary matrix and study at the next Commissioners meeting on May 18th.

Senior Services

- Suzanne Derengowski (Director of Senior Services) requested Hancock County sign paperwork to be the pass through for Senior Services third quarter.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to allow Hancock County to be the pass through for Hancock County Senior Services Inc for the third quarter for the reimbursement amount of \$56,291. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Claims & Payroll

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

Commissioner Minutes

Commissioner Spalding made a motion to approve the Commissioner minutes for April 20, 2021 and Commissioners/Council minutes for April 20, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Accept Cash Bond

Commissioner Spalding made a motion to accept the maintenance bond from Weihe Construction, Inc. for \$45,635.08 for Noelting Estates Section 2 for storm sewer and subdrains. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Ordinance Creating New Fund for the American Rescue Plan

- Commissioner Huber introduced Ordinance 2021-5A an ordinance creating a new fund for receipt of funding from the American Rescue Plan as adopted by Congress in 2021. The Fund number will be 8960.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to suspend the rules and allow for adoption on the day of introduction for Ordinance 2021-5A. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-5A as presented. Commissioner Spalding seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

2022 CCD Budgets

Commissioners reviewed 2022 CCD Budget Request.

Department		Acct Description	2021 Budget	2022 Requested
Highway	31403	Guardrail & School Signs	20,000.00	40,000.00
	31419	600W/Broken Arrow Des #1702754	177,000.00	750,000.00
	31420	500W/300S RAB Des #1701529	33,000.00	0.00
	31426	1902786 Stinemyer Rd Design	0.00	150,000.00
	40027	600W CR 145toCSXDES 1802940	0.00	350,000.00
	40403	Guardrail & Sign	0.00	125,000.00
			230,000.00	1,415,000.00
Probation	44100	Furniture & Equipment	9,000.00	5,500.00
	44202	Copier Lease	4,000.00	0.00
			13,000.00	5,500.00
Treasurer	44202	Copier Lease	700.00	150.00
			700.00	150.00
Recorder	44100	Furniture & Equipment	0.00	1,000.00
	44202	Copier Lease	815.00	0.00
			815.00	1,000.00
Sheriff	44100	Furniture & Equipment	2,000.00	2,000.00
	44302	Vehicle Equipment	115,000.00	110,000.00
	44400	Investigative Equipment	7,000.00	5,000.00
	44500	Radio Equipment	2,000.00	2,000.00
	44600	Camera & Video Equipment	2,000.00	2,000.00
	44700	SWAT & SCUBA	3,000.00	3,000.00
	44800	Motor Vehicles	220,000.00	250,000.00
	44900	Weapons & Vests	7,000.00	7,000.00
	44901	Tasers X120	52,000.00	21,000.00
	45400	Auxiliary Police Exp	37,000.00	2,000.00
		Flock LPR Cameras	0.00	40,000.00
			447,000.00	444,000.00
Jail	44202	Copier Lease	7,000.00	0.00
	44304	Kitchen Equipment	1,000.00	2,000.00
	44500	Radio Equipment	2,000.00	2,000.00
	44600	Camera & Video Equipment	2,000.00	2,000.00
		Truck Salt Spreader	0.00	7,000.00
			12,000.00	13,000.00
Surveyor	43019	Truck Lease	7,500.00	50,000.00
	44100	Furniture & Equipment	5,000.00	5,000.00
			12,500.00	55,000.00
GIS	44103	Pictometry Project	63,211.00	63,210.20
			63,211.00	63,210.20
Cornerstone Perpet	44309	Misc Equipment	20,000.00	25,000.00
			20,000.00	25,000.00
Prosecutor	44100	Furniture & Equipment	1,500.00	1,500.00
	44101	Printer	1,500.00	1,500.00
	44200	Computer Equipment	23,440.00	23,440.00
	44201	Office Equipment & Machines	1,500.00	1,500.00

	44202	Copier Lease	2,700.00	0.00
	44400	Investigative Equipment	1,000.00	1,000.00
	44406	Equipment	6,009.00	5,600.00
			37,649.00	34,540.00
Extension	44100	Furniture & Equipment	1,500.00	1,500.00
	44200	Computer Equipment	6,768.00	6,768.00
	44202	Copier Lease	6,800.00	0.00
			15,068.00	8,268.00
IT Department	43111	Server Storage	175,000.00	0.00
	44200	Computer Equipment	115,000.00	110,000.00
	44202	Copier Lease	0.00	36,000.00
	44306	County Phone System	20,000.00	45,000.00
	45107	Document Imaging Proj	3,500.00	4,000.00
	45201	WebSite Expense	4,900.00	5,000.00
	45601	Judicial Computer Equip	20,000.00	54,000.00
	45700	Contractual Software	411,500.00	425,000.00
			749,900.00	679,000.00
Superior Court I	44202	Copier Lease	1,072.00	0.00
			1,072.00	0.00
Superior Court II	44100	Furniture & Equipment	3,000.00	0.00
	44105	Braden Folding Machine	707.00	707.00
	44202	Copier Lease	1,931.00	0.00
			5,638.00	707.00
Circuit Court	44202	Copier Lease	900.00	0.00
			900.00	0.00
E911	44100	Furniture & Equipment	5,000.00	3,000.00
	44200	Computer Equipment	93,000.00	30,500.00
	44202	Copier Lease	1,100.00	0.00
	44205	E911 Upgrades & Equipment	1,000.00	1,200.00
	44500	Radio Equipment	5,000.00	30,000.00
	44600	Camera & Video Equipment	0.00	20,000.00
			105,100.00	84,700.00
Emergency Mgmt	40001	Safety Equipment	1,500.00	1,500.00
	44200	Computer Equipment	2,500.00	3,000.00
	44202	Copier Lease	750.00	0.00
	44800	Motor Vehicles	7,200.00	7,200.00
			11,950.00	11,700.00
NASA		Carpet Replacement	0.00	6,000.00
			0.00	6,000.00
Weights & Measures	45104	Test Equip Weights & Measures	2,500.00	2,500.00
			2,500.00	2,500.00
Auditor	44202	Copier Lease	1,200.00	0.00
	44303	Computer Sfw/Srvs Agreement	6,900.00	6,900.00
			8,100.00	6,900.00
Commissioner	42014	Council Other Capital Expense	10,000.00	10,000.00
	43017	AED Equipment Lease	58,500.00	58,500.00
	44202	Copier Lease	527.00	0.00
	45080	ADA (Disability Act) Project	30,000.00	30,000.00
	45101	Misc Building Expense (All)	100,000.00	125,000.00

			199,027.00	223,500.00
Clerk	44100	Furniture & Equipment	1,300.00	1,300.00
	44202	Copier Lease	2,500.00	0.00
			3,800.00	1,300.00
Election	44201	Office Equipment & Machines	5,500.00	5,500.00
	44202	Copier Lease	905.00	0.00
			6,405.00	5,500.00
GRAND TOTAL			1,946,335.00	3,086,475.20

2022 Full Budgets

Commissioners reviewed 2022 Full Budget Requests.

DEPARTMENT	FUND	DEPARTMENT HEAD	2021 BUDGET	2022 REQ BUDGET
HIGHWAY		GARY POOL		
8:45 AM	1112	LIT Economic Development	\$0	\$75,000
	1135	Cumulative Bridge	\$2,172,000	\$2,019,500
	1169	Local Road & Street	\$1,235,000	\$1,085,000
	1173	Motor Vehicle Highway Restricted	\$0	\$2,709,740
	1176	Motor Vehicle Highway	\$5,118,300	\$2,122,300
TOTAL			\$8,525,300	\$8,011,540
E911		JOHN JOKANTAS		
10:05 AM	1222	Statewide EOC	\$1,329,175	\$1,333,462
	1235	LIT PSAP	\$727,913	\$907,549
TOTAL			\$2,057,088	\$2,241,011
EMERGENCY MGMT		MISTY MOORE		
10:20 AM	1001.0302	Emergency Management Dept	\$145,071	\$168,821
	1152	Emergency Right To Know - LEPC	\$6,650	\$6,650
TOTAL			\$151,721	\$175,471
NASA		TIM RETHERFORD		
10:25 AM	1001.0068	Drug Free Director	\$46,253	\$46,253
	1148	NASA Grant	\$100,000	\$80,000
TOTAL			\$146,253	\$126,253
WEIGHTS & MEASURES	1001.0308	DICK SIMON		
10:30 AM	11111	Inspector	\$18,398	\$18,398
	21100	Office Supplies	\$650	\$150
	23100	Supplies	\$250	\$750
	31200	Contractual Services	\$2,500	\$2,500
	32100	Postage	\$50	\$50
	32200	Mileage	\$1,900	\$1,900
	36100	Equipment Main & Repair Exp	\$750	\$750
	39100	Dues & Subscriptions	\$200	\$200
	39200	Meetings, Travel & Lodging	\$600	\$650
TOTAL			\$25,298	\$25,348
WEED SPECIALIST	1001.0068	DEAN FOLKENING		
10:35 AM	11408	Weed Specialist	\$13,653	\$13,653
	22402	Weed Specialist Supplies	\$1,500	\$1,500
	22403	Weed Specialist Chemicals	\$1,000	\$1,000
	22502	Weed Liens & Releases	\$1,000	\$1,000
	32402	Cell Phone	\$0	\$500
	39903	Weed Board Mowing	\$3,000	\$3,000

TOTAL			\$20,153	\$20,653
PUBLIC DEFENDER	1001.0068	JON ALBRIGHT		PROPOSAL #2
10:40 AM		Public Defender Board	\$6,000	\$6,000
		Public Defender Supplies	\$200	\$200
PROPOSAL #1 - \$672,258		Pauper Counsel Felonies	\$550,000	\$550,000
		Pauper Counsel Misdemeanors	\$100,000	\$100,000
		Counsel Training	\$2,000	\$2,000
TOTAL			\$658,200	\$658,200
VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER	1001.0068	BOB WORKMAN		
10:50 AM	12902	Veterans Service Officer	\$24,300	\$24,300
	12903	Part-Time Veterans Service Officer	\$12,200	\$12,200
	32403	Veteran Service Officer Phone	\$720	\$600
	32900	Veterans Service Officer Exp	\$3,600	\$3,600
	32901	Veterans Service Software	\$1,000	\$1,000
TOTAL			\$41,820	\$41,700

2022 Non-Governmental Entity Budgets

Commissioners reviewed 2022 Non-Governmental Entity Budget Requests.

Other Entity	Department Head	2021 Budget	2022 Requested
Ag Association	Michael Manship	\$90,600.00	\$90,000.00
Cemetery Commission	Bill Westfall	\$5,015.00	\$7,860.00
Historical Society	Kathy Shoufler	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
Senior Services	Suzanne Derengowski	\$44,000.00	\$50,000.00

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner John Jessup, President

Commissioner Marc Huber, Vice-President

Commissioner Bill Spalding

Attest: _____
Debra Carnes, Hancock County Auditor