

Hancock County Board of Commissioners
Regularly Scheduled Meeting
August 18, 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, Auditor Debra Carnes and Trish George, Secretary to Board of Commissioners and County Council. Commissioner Jessup called to order the August 18, 2020 Hancock County Commissioners Board meeting at 8:03 AM.

Commissioner Jessup requested a moment of silence for Clarke Mercer, a Community Leader who passed yesterday.

Highway Updates / Gary Pool-Engineer

- Anthony Farrell requested a driveway variance at 1140 West Furry Road, Fountaintown, Indiana 46130 for a second driveway. Gary said this is a low traffic road and did not believe this would cause any undue risk to the public.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the driveway variance for 1140 West Furry Road, Fountaintown, Indiana 46130 for a secondary driveway. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Requested a bond release for Compass Commercial Construction, they completed the Mount Comfort Center Logistics Center driveways for \$10,000.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to release the bond for Compass Commercial Construction Group, LLC for Mt. Comfort Logistics Center 1 Driveways in the amount of \$10,000. Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Painting on 600 W is finished. One small modification is needed, a through right arrow is needed at 200 N.
- Crack Seal is complete; Micro Seal is 50%.
- Buck Creek Road has started, July 31st to August 31st.
- Walmart is a complex and busy project; he will keep Commissioners informed as it progresses.
- Working with State to cover expenses for 500 N; outside of regular transportation grants though the State Economic Development Fund. May have some large changes to the project on 600 W with Federal Aid, that will cost the RDC a significant amount of money.
- Penny Trail set to let in October (400 & 500 West).
- New school signs are underway (new flashers).
- Distributions for August are up; July was terrible; August has somewhat returned to normal payments for Highway Department. The impact to highway revenues will be minimized and we will continue to operate normally; some working capital was utilized to maintain their program; but as long as things return to normal Highway will be fine.
- New Palestine SR 52 bridge opened.

New Jail Update / Pete Peterson RQAW

- Jail continues to progress.
- Community Corrections remodel has started and is progressing. Finishing touches should be completed this week.
- Nine Star upsized the lines for future development in the area. \$75,000 was estimated for infrastructure and waiting on Nine Star's response.
- Final clean-up after utility work needs to be done to restore the grade and cleanliness of the site prior to the work. Garmong has reached out to the City for this.
- Garmong concerned with vac trucks dumping water and soil on the site at the first road and this is turning to muck. The name on the trucks are BLC. Garmong is trying to find out who gave permission for the trucks to dump.
- RQAW would like to give updates the beginning of the month and send written reports to the other meetings. Commissioner Armstrong is ok with one report a month.

Claims & Payroll

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

Commissioner Minutes

Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the Commissioner minutes for August 4, 2020 with changes submitted by Commissioner Huber. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Accept Bonds for Surveyor

- Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept the Cash Bond from Dave Sego Builders Inc. for Lot 2 Darrell and Ada Kinnamen MS for 8" tile in the amount of \$4,000. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Courthouse Update / Bernie Harris IT Department

- Courthouse has a white noise generating on recordings in the Commissioners Courtroom First Floor. The room needs to be redone. Commissioner Armstrong requested PDF review and give advice.

FireEye, Inc. Non-Disclosure Agreement / Lisa Lofgreen Clerk

- The Agreement was provided by the Secretary of State for 3 years for free. Commissioners agreed no action was needed at this time.
- Commissioners Courtroom was requested for the upcoming election. Commissioners agreed the courtroom could be used with dividers for when meetings are going on.

E-911 Surplus / John Jokantas Director

- Requested E-911 numerous items (84) be declared surplus.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to declare surplus 84 items as presented for Surplus from the EOC. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

- Requested a replacement refrigerator with water/ice dispenser with 5 year warranty.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to allow the purchase of a refrigerator for the EOC to be paid from the E-911 CCD Fund not to exceed \$3,000. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Public Hearing: OCRA \$100,000 Loan Request / Randy Sorrell Director EDC

- Randy updated Commissioners on the loan request. The filing cut-off was July 31st and it was accepted on July 30th. There was a change to the application and Randy received a call to amend and ask for more money. The money is for relief and recovery and it was amended for \$250,000.
- Commissioner Jessup opened the public hearing at 9:11 AM on Office of Rural Affairs & OCRA \$250,000 COVID-19 Response Program – Phase 2 Grant. Commissioner Jessup asked if anyone was present to speak, he asked one more time. No Comment. Commissioner Jessup closed the public hearing at 9:11 AM. Commissioner Huber said let the record show that no one was present to speak.

Planning Department Zoning Amendment/ Mike Dale Director

- Requested a zoning variance to widen an entrance. This variance received a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission.
- Commissioner Huber introduced Ordinance 2020-8E amending Ordinance 2007-1B Regulating Entrance/Drive Standards; it takes the total width from 24' to 32' total if from a single family or two family use onto any type of street.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-8E as presented. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Community Corrections / Wade Kennedy Director

- Submitted two proposals for cleaning at Community Corrections.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to have Mop and Go Cleaning clean the Community Corrections Building three days per week for a total of \$360 per month to be paid out of Commissioners Janitorial Services. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

HomeTown Together Event / David Berard

- Requested permission to use the south courthouse lawn for the HomeTown Together Event October 10th 2-5PM. Two Portable restrooms, hand sanitizing stations and hand washing stations would be available and they would clean the area after the event. Commissioners thanked David Berard.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to allow Riley Festival to use the south courthouse lawn on October 10th from 12-7PM for the HomeTown Together Event to help promote local downtown businesses due to cancellation of Riley Festival. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Resolution Establishing Margaret Wallace Impact Drainage Area

- Commissioner Huber introduced Resolution 2020-8-4 a Resolution Establishing Margaret Wallace Impact Drainage Area; basically that’s an area from 700 West to Carroll Road and I-70 to 300 North.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to suspend the rules and allow for adoption on day of introduction Resolution 2020-8-4. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-8-4. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Certify Appointment to Hancock County Economic Development Commission

- Commissioner Huber made a motion to certify appointments for County Commissioner John Jessup, County Councilmember Mary Noe and City Councilmember Gary McDaniel to the Hancock County Economic Development Commission with a term ending December 31, 2020. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 10:03 AM.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner John Jessup, President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice-President

Commissioner Marc Huber

Attest: _____
Debra Carnes, Hancock County Auditor