

Hancock County Board of Commissioners
Regularly Scheduled Meeting
August 4, 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 4, 2020 Hancock County Commissioners Board meeting at 8:02 AM.

Highway Updates / Gary Pool-Engineer

- Rainy weather is holding back completion of painting on 600 W (will finish soon).
- Nine Star was a pleasure to work with.
- Neighborhood micro surfacing has been finished. Micro sealing is ongoing at 50% complete. Paving and chipping at 85% complete. This work should be completed by September.
- No fatalities to report.
- Buck Creek road repairs have slowed due to rain but are expected to be complete within 2 weeks.
- The Monroe relocation payments have started (\$1.5M, state contributed \$600K).
- US52 Bridge open to traffic (not our bridge) August 21st (3 weeks late). Compiling a list of damage (i.e. patching, edging, pipe work, etc.) from detours to be submitted to state.
- 200 W interchange not against or for; stubs have been requested at the end of the ROW lane for a possible road addition at a later date.
- RDC has started several big projects on 600 W, December there may be another project. Airport has conflicts with moving a pond; Highway would like to move a pond away from the airport and they do not want the land disturbed; a condemnation may be required because this will affect federal aid.
- Elderly couple would like to sell their Historic property on southeastern corner of 500 N & 600 W. This is where a RAB was going to go. The State Historic Preservation Society has stepped in and feel this house is Historic. If this can't be resolved, the RAB will need to be moved.

Sheriff Burkhart Update

- Discussed the naming of roads at the new jail site. After discussion with Mike Dale, Planning Department and Gary Pool, Highway Department he was informed roads will be named after deceased people. With this information, he introduced naming the main road after former Sheriff Malcolm Grass who was killed in the line of duty. Discussion was had with the family and they have agreed, if the Commissioners agree. He introduced naming the first cross street or another cross street after former Sheriff Nick Gulling. He noted, Mike Dale, Planning Department would like to get the streets named. Commissioner Huber feels both names would be appropriate. Commissioner Armstrong was supportive of paying tribute to two good men. Commissioner Huber and Armstrong would like to have full names listed on signs.

- Commissioner Huber made a motion to name the main street entering off US 40 into the new jail property Malcolm Grass Way and the first cross street entering the new jail project to be named Nick Gulling Way or Street to be determined. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.** Gary Pool, Highway will notify RQAW and the Post Office.
- Requested signatures for two new vehicles.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to enter into the vehicle lease agreement with Jeeb Services, LLC for the 2013 Chevy Tahoe #346608. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Commissioner Jessup signed a Bill of Sale for a vehicle declared surplus at the August 21st Commissioners meeting.
- Updated Commissioners on PPE Supplies. 8,000 mask, 26 Lysol Wipes, 60 rolls Paper Towels, 44 12 oz. hand sanitizers, 72 16 oz. hand sanitizers, 12 refills for wall mounts. Dean Mullins, Maintenance will assist with ordering more refills for wall mount hand sanitizers.
- Discussed shooting range entrance. RQAW is working on design and permitting, cost is estimated at \$10,000 and this will be paid from the Commissary Fund. Commissioner Armstrong received a call from Pennsy Trails and questioned issues if they could run the trail between the cemetery and in front of shooting range. The Sheriff was concerned with shooting and scaring people. Commissioners felt fencing would be adequate.

Maintenance Update / Dean Mullins

- Updated Commissioners on Maintenance projects. Johnson Controls is onsite evaluating lighting.
- Johnson Controls will access heating/cooling issues at the E-911 Center.
- Commissioner Huber reviewed an estimate from Jaco for E-911 windows needing replaced.
- Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to contract with Jaco Indy, Inc for removal and infill of windows in the basement of the EOC; total invoicing not to exceed \$11,000 with a 10 year warranty; Dean Mullins will be the project coordinator and this will be paid from the 2019 Bond proceeds. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.** Commissioner Huber said Dean can call Jaco and set-up.

New Jail Update / Dustin Fry RQAW

- Updated Commissioners on the jail progress.

Public Hearing: Vacate Easement Sapphire Springs Lots 26-27

- Mike Dale, Planning Department explained the Vacate Easement is for Randy and Amy Murphy's project and everything is in order for the Commissioners to grant this easement.
- Commissioner Jessup opened the public hearing at 9:05 AM on Vacation of Easement at Sapphire Springs, Lot 26 & 27. Commissioner Jessup asked if anyone was present to speak in favor of the easement? Randy Murphy was present for the easement.

Commissioner Jessup asked if anyone was present to speak in opposition of the easement? No Comment. Commissioner Jessup closed the public hearing at 9:06 AM.

- Commissioner Huber introduced Ordinance 2020-8A to Vacate Easement and read the Ordinance into minutes.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-8A. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Senior Services / Bob Long

- Requested signatures from Commissioners for 4 new Senior Services vans. The vans have an 80% Federal match (\$117,492) and the remainder was raised from fund raising and local matches.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to request the 80% match for the 4 vans for Hancock County Senior Services in the amount of \$117,492. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Building Department Replacement Employee / Scott Williams

- Replacement employee requested for an employee retiring.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to allow a replacement employee due to retirement in the Building Department. 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.**

Commissioner Minutes

Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the Commissioner minutes for July 21, 2020 as presented. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Accept Bonds for Surveyor

- Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept the Performance Bond from Forestar for Mt. Vernon North 1A Monuments in the amount of \$1,687.50. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept the Maintenance Bond from Forestar for Mt. Vernon North 1A Storm Sewers in the amount of \$30,444.89. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Ordinance 2020-7C Dissolves Hancock County Exposition Board

Commissioner Huber made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-7C dissolving the Hancock County Exposition Board. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**Amendment to MOU between City Council, Board of Public
Works and Safety, Board of Commissioners and County Council**

Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the MOU between Common Council of the City of Greenfield, Indiana, Greenfield Board of Public Works and Safety, Hancock County Commissioners and Hancock County Council. Basically this just reiterates the 20 acres parcel the jail is being constructed on and has the legal description included. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Court Replacement Employees

- Judge Castetter requested replacement employees for two court reporters; Judge Sirk requested one replacement employee.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to allow the replacement of two employees for Superior Court I. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the replacement employee for the Circuit Court. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Courtside Ministries/ Debra Hickey

- Courtside Ministry closed this Spring due to COVID and are just now starting sessions up. All volunteers will wear gloves and masks the entire time. They will be asked to take temperatures before arriving. If they have been around anyone who tested COVID positive, they will not be allowed to come. Any symptoms of sickness, they will be asked not to participate. The table will have a tablecloth and will be washed weekly, hand sanitizer will be on the table along with gloves and reading material will be placed in a plastic bag to review. If requested, a fresh copy of documentation will be given. Commissioner Jessup ask if guidelines will be adjusted as the CDC guidelines are adjusted. Debra replied yes.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to authorize Courtside Ministries to resume activities at the courthouse per their documented safety plan. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Planning Department Update / Mike Dale

- Follow-up on property at 500 West and 300 North, the building has holes in roof. The Fire Department talked about using the building for training, but complaints regarding cars parked there have been received. This property is owned by the Board of Commissioners and the procedure is to notify the owners (Board of Commissioners) of the violation. Commissioners notified Mike that Gary Pool, Highway Department has this building scheduled for demolition within 30 days.
- Property at 700 W and 300 North, the Board of Zoning Appeals granted a special exception on December 16, 2019 for semi-tractor/trailer storage; at that time the petitioner said they would be allowing the storage and parking of up to 14 semi-tractor/trailer and 8 driver parking spaces. After receiving a complaint, Mike visited twice and they are operating well within the BZA limit. The only violation is a commitment for landscaping that was removed in one area. Commissioner Armstrong requested the landscaping that was removed be replaced. Mike will follow-up.

- Working with Scott Benkie, County Attorney and Bernie Harris, IT Department on upgrading the Permit Software. This may be ready for the next meeting to present.

Zoning Questions

A Greenfield resident questioned information on zoning laws and permits.

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