

**Hancock County Board of Commissioners**  
**Regularly Scheduled Meeting**  
**September 29, 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 September 29, 2020 Hancock County Commissioners Board meeting at 8:03 AM.

**Highway Updates**

- Requested signatures for contracts.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to enter in the contract with INDOT DES #1902783 for the bypass at US-52 on Stinemyer Road and also enter in the contract with INDOT DES #1902796 for Bridge 95 project. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Monroe Callen will be complete this week.
- Hoosier Heritage Grant (HHG) requested to put an elevator in the Memorial Building. Highway Engineer requested approval to assist with RFP for the elevator.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to allow the County Highway Engineer to pursue an RFP to secure design and construction for the proposed elevator project in the Memorial Building. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Requested approval and signatures for the Walmart supplement and environmental.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the Supplemental Agreement #3 with ANF Engineering for the road widening of 600 W from 400 N to 550 N with the RAB at 500 N intersection with an increase fee of \$373,295; for a total project fee of \$1,008,610. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Intersection Safety Audits will begin soon. Accidents are predicted low this year due to COVID.

**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 Commissioners minutes for September 15, 2020 as presented. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**Release Bond for Surveyor**

Commissioner Huber made a motion to release the Performance Bond for Joyner Homes LLC for Jack Parker MS Lot 1 for 8" tile for 1,000' in the amount of \$7,810. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**Courtroom Camera System Upgrade**

- IT Director presented a proposal from Diversified Midwest.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept the proposal from Diversified Midwest for the cameras and monitors for the four courts in the courthouse with the optional 55" display on the mobile cart in an amount not to exceed \$84,772.31 to be paid out of 2019 GO Bond with hopes for reimbursement from the Cares Act since this is a direct result of COVID in an

effort to get the courts running smoothly. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

#### **Maintenance Update**

- Ditch north of the Purdue building needs trees trimmed. Commissioner Huber will take a look.
- E-911 Center project is ready to start.

#### **Commissioners Executive Session Discussed**

- Commissioners agreed to schedule an Executive Session before the next Commissioners meeting.
- The County Attorney will advertise the Commissioners Executive Session for October 6, 2020 at 8 AM.

#### **Animal Control Discussion**

- The City of Greenfield Mayor was present with the City Attorney, the Director of Animal Control Management and the City Clerk Treasurer to discuss the 50/50 split for Animal Control for Hancock County.
- Commissioner Jessup thanked the Mayor for coming to the meeting to discuss Animal Control and continue the partnership. The Mayor thanked the Commissioners because Animal Control will continue to grow.
- Commissioner Armstrong wanted to discuss history of how this originated. 2008-2016 our portion was between \$200,000-\$250,000, with modest escalation and things worked well. In 2017, Animal Control went from \$242,000 up to \$373,000, an almost \$131,000 increase. In 2018, Animal Control had a \$26,000 increase and 2019 had a \$20,000 increase and now it is at a \$400,000 increase. It's our job as Commissioners to question these increases; we are spending a lot more than 3 years ago. But now, we need to move forward. The Mayor agreed.
- Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to enter into a contract with the City of Greenfield to provide animal control services for all areas that are not incorporated within the city of Greenfield; including the county and other unincorporated areas other than municipalities; the County will pay \$350,000 for that service within the 2021 budget with a new contract to be negotiated July 15, 2021 for the 2022 budget and annually thereafter, pending their internal discussion. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

#### **Victim Outreach Program**

- The Victim Outreach Advocate requested permission to place crosses on the Northwest corner of the lawn at the courthouse 10/1-10/31 as education for Domestic Violence.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to allow Alternatives, Inc. place crosses at the Northwest corner of the courthouse lawn for Domestic and Sexual Violence awareness from October 1-October 31, 2020. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

#### **SRI Scholarship**

The SRI representative presented the Hancock County Recorder with a \$500 check for an SRI scholarship for her granddaughter and requested pictures with the Commissioners.

#### **E-911 Backup Center Equipment**

- The Director of E-911 presented Commissioners with proposals for back-up 911 center equipment.

- Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the 9 Dell laptops and 8 docking stations for \$11,348.04 and 16 View sonic monitors in the amount of \$1,875.68 and 8 4500 radios and antenna systems from ERS/Motorola in the amount of \$44,682.64 to be paid out of the 2019 GO Bond with the understanding that it is to be reimbursed from the Cares Act. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

#### **Johnson Control Update**

- The Johnson Control Account Executive presented the Commissioners with a Draft Performance Contract. The County Attorney requested language changes.
- Commissioners requested the Johnson Control Account Executive return to the October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting with an updated contract.

#### **Dedication of ROW for Mount Comfort Commercial Park Section 7**

Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept dedicated 70' half ROW for Mount Comfort Road, the dedicated 50' half ROW off 500 North and the 50' ROW along Enterprise Drive for Mount Comfort Commercial Park Section 7. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

#### **Community Corrections Fees/Air Handler Issues**

- Discussed proposals for replacing blowers and maintenance. Discussed excess money in vehicle fund and transferring to Building & Maintenance and use for landscaping. Commissioners agreed landscaping should be done. Discussed juvenile fee changes.
- Commissioner Huber introduced Ordinance 2020-9D Amended Community Corrections Fees. These fees are established by the budget of the Community Corrections Advisory Board and shall be approved by the Hancock County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Huber read into minutes Ordinance 2020-9D.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to suspend rules and allow for adoption on day of introduction Ordinance 2020-9D. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-9D. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

#### **Superior Court I Vacation Payout**

- The Superior Court 1 Judge requested a vacation payout and paid time off for an employee who is retiring at the end of the year.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to allow payout of any accrued vacation or paid time off, that is due to retiring employee to be paid for out of Superior Court 1 payroll on the last payroll of 2020. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

#### **Replacement Employee / Auditor**

- Auditor requested a replacement employee.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to allow for the replacement of an employee in the Auditor's office. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

#### **Riley Festival Association Request**

Commissioner Huber made a motion to allow the Riley Association to place formal garland on the JW Riley statue October 1-4<sup>th</sup> to honor the Hoosier poet. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**Mural at 101 E Main Street Building**

Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to authorize limited use of the parking lot West of the Sheriff's Department to install a mural on the bike shop. The mural will be in the Spring of 2021 using a scissors lift for the purpose of painting a mural on the building at 101 E Main Street. The authorization will be for a period not to exceed 14 days and they will be responsible for any damage to the parking lot. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. Commissioner Huber abstained from the vote. Motion carried 2-0.

**CMC-Maxwell Rezone**

An Attorney for CMC located in Maxwell requested a rezone that required an Ordinance. Due to the Planning Department Director being on vacation, the rezone was rescheduled to the next Commissioner's meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

**The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.**

**Hancock County Commissioners**

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Commissioner John Jessup, President

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Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice-President

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Commissioner Marc Huber

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Debra Carnes, Hancock County Auditor