

Hancock County Board of Commissioners
Regularly Scheduled Meeting
June 16, 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 June 16, 2020 Hancock County Commissioners Board meeting at 8:00 AM.

Highway Updates

- Bridge 49 and 50 are nearing completion.
- The county's project on 900 N will be completed today. The states project on State Road 9 will take a couple more months.
- Internal employee will be hired for the permits department turnover; another permits person will be hired for the open position. This will be sorted out over the next couple months.
- A new salvage truck will be purchased. A trade in of a hot box #16995 and a tandem axle dump truck #458622 that will need to be declared surplus.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to declare surplus hot box #16995 and the tandem axle dump truck #458622. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Awarded the top plow to Brian Davis, Settles unfortunately had an accident. To be awarded top plow they must have most hours plowed with no accidents.
- Introduced and welcomed two highway interns to the Highway Department.
- In June revenues decreased by 35% and will hopefully rebound. In anticipation of reduced revenue, the highway program has been reduced. This month's revenue has been decreased \$100,000.
- Bleeding roads are a problem (oil migrating to top of sealcoat). Large size stone packed on top allowing it to seat would work, then the oil will have a place to expand. Asphalt not packed well could work and it allow for the air bubbles, micro surface has air voids or cement rich micro surface works, but it is expensive.
- The State is two weeks behind for the Bridge on 52 with a new target date of mid-July. Commissioner Armstrong concerned with damage to county roads due to detours.
- Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to approve the driveway variance for the Neil driveway on Countryside. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Commissioner Jessup inquired if signage has been placed on Buck Creek Road between 300 and 200. Highway will check into this.

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 June 4, 2020 as presented. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

E-911 Computer Equipment/Replacement Employees (2)

- John Jokantas requested Ritter Strategic to be the project manager for the console project.
- Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to enter into an agreement with Ritter Strategic Services to assist with workstation furniture procurement not to exceed \$7,500. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Requested replacement employees.
- Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to authorize rehire of two Public Safety Dispatchers at \$35,000 and one at \$40,000 base rate. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Greg Shamblin requested new cameras, monitors, laptops and servers.
- Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to authorize three separate purchases to be paid out of E-911 CCD. First is from Nelson Alarm not to exceed \$6,730; for server replacement, laptops and stations not to exceed \$7,569.07; monitors not to exceed \$1,113.72.

New Jail Update/RQAW

- Dustin Fry updated Commissioners on new jail progress. Dustin reported the job site is progressing well. A change order request was presented to Commissioners.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the change order from Garmong in the amount of \$291,507 as presented. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to allow Commissioner Jessup, President of the Board to sign a clean copy of document. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Rezone for Ambrose-Black-GSM-Hedge/Planning Department

- Mike Dale introduced Ron Pritzke, Attorney for Ambrose requesting rezone of 147 acres. Randy Sorrell spoke in favor of the rezone. Commissioner Jessup asked if there was anyone present opposed to this rezoning request. No objections.
- Commissioner Huber introduced Ordinance 2020-6B changing the zoning in Buck Creek Township from Agriculture to Industrial Business Park on the southeast corner of 300 North and 400 West.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-6B with attached commitments. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Mike Dale introduced petition for Craig Black for rezone of 1/3 acre, this is a clean-up project with a commitment to landscape if needed later. Harold Gibson, Surveyor said this is a clean-up trying to rezone Commercial.

- Commissioner Huber introduced Ordinance 2020-6C zoning amendment with commitments to rezone from Agriculture to Commercial at 218 E State Road 234, Fortville, IN 46040.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-6C. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Mike Dale introduced GSM's petition for partially amended zoning commitments for the use and development of real estate. Harold Gibson, Surveyor said this is to develop the remainder of Centennial Village. The development is for empty nester housing which would consist of one story, single family homes with 1-2 bedrooms. Lot size would go from .90 to .70, this would increase density from 2.6 to 3.0.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to amend the zoning commitments for GSM Development LLC and Centennial North as presented. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Mike Dale presented David Hedge to rezone 24 acres from Industrial Business Park to Rural Residential for single family development.
- Commissioner Huber introduced Ordinance 2020-6D changing the zoning from IBP to RR with attached zoning commitments.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-6D. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Mike Dale and Scott Williams discussed updating the Permit Manager System. County Council was favorable to updating this system. Scott said this program will allow the public to submit permit request on-line.
- Commissioners requested a contract be sent to Scott Benkie, County Attorney for review.

Replacement Employee Circuit Court

- Judge Sirk requested a replacement employee.
- Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to authorize replacement of the Court Administrator for Circuit Court. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Emergency Management

- Misty Moore requested a \$1,000 increase for the EMA credit card. Currently the credit card is at \$250.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to allow EMA to increase the EMA credit card to a maximum of \$1,000. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Hancock County Cemetery Board

- Bill Westfall, President of the Hancock County Cemetery Board requested to use the Commissioners Court after hours for Board Meetings. Currently they use the library but would like a more permanent place to meet.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to allow the Hancock County Cemetery Board to use the Commissioners Court Room scheduled through the Auditors Office and

allow the President of the Hancock County Cemetery Board access to the building for meetings. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Amateur Radio Week Proclamation

- George Stant made a request to the BOC for the Amateur Radio Field Day for a Proclamation declaring June 22nd through June 28th, 2020 Amateur Radio Week.

- Commissioner Jessup read into the minutes the following Proclamation;
County of Hancock, Office of County Commissioners Proclamation
June 16, 2020

WHEREAS, the County of Hancock has licensed Amateur Radio Operators who have demonstrated their value in public assistance by providing emergency radio communications; and

WHEREAS, these Amateur Radio Operators donate these services free of charge to the County, in the interest of the citizens of the County as well as the world; and

WHEREAS, these Amateur Radio Operators are on alert for any emergency, local or world-wide and practice their communication skills during the American Radio Relay League's Field Day exercise; and

WHEREAS, this year's Amateur Radio Field Day will take place June 27th thru June 28th, 2020 (following COVID-19 protocols); as

NOW, THEREFORE, WE John Jessup, Brad Armstrong and Marc Huber, County Commissioners of County of Hancock hereby declare the week of June 22nd thru June 28th, 2020 as **AMATEUR RADIO WEEK.**

In recognition of this important emergency preparedness exercise, we call upon all citizens to pay appropriate tribute to the Amateur Radio Operators of Hancock County.

Commissioner John Jessup, President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice President

Commissioner Marc Huber

Sheriff's Department Update

- Sheriff Burkhart presented Commissioners with a copy of Smart ALPR paired with rocketiot in-car video. This works with the bodyworn system. Commissioners said Council will need to decide final funding.
- AED's will be installed in County Buildings July 6 & 7.

Flexible Spending Account Policy Changes

- Mary McCoy discussed Maestro Flexible Spending Account Policy Changes and requested signatures.
- Commissioners agreed this change was fine.

Amended Firearms Discharge Ordinance 2020-6E

- Commissioner Huber introduce Amended Firearms Discharge Ordinance 2020-6E. Commissioner Huber read into minutes the amended Ordinance.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to suspend the rules and allow for passage on day of introduction Ordinance 2020-6E. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to adopt the Amended Firearms Discharge Ordinance 2020-6E. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Maintenance Update

- Dean Mullins updated Commissioners on maintenance issues.
- Commissioner Jessup requested Dean obtain estimates for replacing hinges on cabinets.

Community Corrections Service Weapon

- Commissioner Jessup received a request to declare surplus Pat Powers service firearm to be given to him upon his retirement.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to declare surplus Pat Powers duty weapon due to 20 years of service for the County, pending legal paperwork completion through the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 11:22 AM.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner John Jessup, President

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, Vice-President

Commissioner Marc Huber

Attest: _____
Debra Carnes, Hancock County Auditor