

**Hancock County Board of Commissioners**  
**Regularly Scheduled Meeting**  
**June 30, 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 30, 2020 Hancock County Commissioners Board meeting at 8:00 AM.

**Highway Updates**

- Requested signatures for Pennsy Trail Title Sheet.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept the Title Sheet for the Pennsy Trail Project #1700737. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Duke is installing power transmission lines in McCordsville area (Highway is issuing permits).
- Sandwich seal has been placed on 600 E to control bleeding roads (oil migrating to top of sealcoat) and is working well. This weekend will be the test, it is supposed be 90 degrees.
- Bridge 36, 95 and Stinemyer are nearing RFP completion. Stinemyer may be contentious, property owners may not be happy with where the road is going.
- 600 W closures for final surface. AM SB closed PM NB closed. Will take a couple days. Open at night.
- County Road 600 North and Fortville Pike residents concerned with accidents. The concerns are being investigated.

**Claims/Payroll**

Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve Claims and Payroll. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**New Jail Update/RQAW**

- Pete Peterson updated Commissioners on new jail progress. Pete reported the job site is progressing well. Received preliminary bid \$4,995,722 for the New Jail Training Addition. He requested the Commissioners accept the bid.
- Pete emailed Commissioners
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the Hancock Admin expansion at the new jail with a base bid for an amount of \$5,395,059 which includes the base bid of \$4,995,722; \$364,126 for the training room; and the \$35,211 for the training room partition. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**Commissioner Minutes**

Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the Commissioner minutes for June 16, 2020 as presented. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

### **Hancock County Mutual Aide Association (Fire Fighters of Hancock County)**

- Dave Sutherlin (Buck Creek Township Fire Department) representing the Hancock County Mutual Aide Association and 8 departments (Greenfield Fire Territory exempt) reappeared before Commissioners requesting assistance with funding. Dave informed Commissioners that the Council requested funding from the GO Bond as capital expense. Commissioners would like a dedicated funding source for the Fire Departments. Dave also will discuss at the Budget Meeting July 1, 2020 funding through LIT Public Safety.
- Commissioner Jessup would like to see Dave at the July 21st Commissioners Meeting after he addresses County Council.

### **Rezone for Stephen Pavey**

- Amy Osborne Attorney requested rezoning for Stephen Pavey rezone application from Agriculture to Commercial Community.
- Commissioner Armstrong introduced Ordinance 2020-6F changing the zoning in Green Township from Agriculture to Commercial Community at 7987 N State Road 9, Fortville, Indiana with Commitments.
- Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-6F with commitments specified in Exhibit B. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion.  
**Motion carried 3-0.**

### **Recess Board of Commissioners Meeting**

- Commissioner Jessup recessed the Hancock County Board of Commissioners at 8:58 AM.
- Commissioner Jessup reconvened the Hancock County Board of Commissioners at 11:52 AM.

### **Release Bond for Surveyor**

Commissioner Huber made a motion to release the cash bond for Craig and Monica Stickford at 3651 W US 52 in the amount of \$750 for 8” tile. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

### **Senior Services Grant**

Commissioner Huber made a motion for the Hancock County Board of Commissioners to apply for the 2021 Section 5311 and PMTF Operating Assistance Grant with the Indiana Department of Transportation and allow Bob Long to forward this paperwork to them. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

### **Board of Trustees of Hancock Regional Hospital Reappointment**

Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to reappoint Roy L. Wilson to the Hancock Regional Hospital Board of Trustees for a four-year term effective July 1, 2020 through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

### **Dedication of ROW**

- Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept 35’ half ROW for the Darrell and Ada M. Kinnaman Sub Section 2. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

- Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept 40' half ROW for the Bryan Rutledge Minor Sub. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept 50' half ROW for the Nathan and Taylor Toon Minor Sub. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

#### **Hancock County Economic Development Council Grant**

Randy Sorrell Director (HEDC) discussed with Commissioners a grant application and a small revolving loan for \$100,000. Randy said HEDC cannot be the recipient, they need to be a sub-recipient. A government agency must be the actual grant applicant. A public hearing would need to be scheduled. This would benefit Greenfield, New Palestine, McCordsville, Fortville, Shirley, etc.

#### **Community Corrections Service Weapon**

- Jeff Rasche requested approval to fill the vacancy of the Director for Community Corrections since the retirement of Pat Powers. 35 applicants applied for this position and they interviewed 9 people. Wade Kennedy has been filling in and worked in Community Corrections as a case worker. Commissioner Huber questioned responsibilities with the recent readjustment in Community Corrections. Jeff replied the department still has a lot of responsibility and grants. Commissioner Huber questioned pay for this position. Jeff replied \$63,000 or so. Commissioner Huber expressed concern with the recent closure of a program and the recent retiree. Commissioner Huber questioned sustainability of the program.
- Commissioner Armstrong made a motion on the recommendation of the Community Corrections Advisory Board, that we hire Wade Kennedy for the position of Community Corrections Director. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. Commissioner Huber voted "Nay". **Motion carried 2-1.**
- Commissioner Armstrong would like to see Wade Kennedy before the Board of Commissioners to discuss Community Corrections direction. Commissioners agreed. Wade responded he looks forward to discussing Community Corrections future at the July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **Maintenance Update**

- Tom Fitzwater with PDF Mechanical discussed replacing the chillers in the Annex Building.
- Scott Benkie, County Attorney will review the contract to discuss at the July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **Coroner Claims**

Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the Coroner Claims from the last meeting so the Auditor can pay the claims as presented. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.** Commissioner Huber would like to see a policy on reimbursing for phone bills.

**The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 10:07 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