

Hancock County Board of Commissioners
Regularly Scheduled Meeting
June 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, Mary Bowmer, Financial Administrator and Trish George, Secretary to Board of Commissioners and County Council. Commissioner Jessup called to order the May 19, 2020 Hancock County Commissioners Board meeting at 9:07 AM.

Claims/Payroll

Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to approve June 1st Claims and Payroll. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Minutes

Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to approve the Commissioner minutes for May 19, 2020 as presented. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Highway Updates

- Roundabout (RAB) update; 600 W at 200 S & 300 S looking at small RAB's, 600 W & 300 N, 600 W at Airport 500 N & 400 N. McCordsville would like to put in a RAB at 500 N; the Highway Department had plans to build and pay for it. The Stinemeyer road extension at school may have a grant to smooth the entrance and exit.
- Requested signatures for SEG A Supplement through the RDC. Negotiated an additional \$50,000 off the price.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve Amendment #2 between Lochmueller Group and Hancock County for SEG A at 600 W Project; basically, this takes the original total of \$419,700 to a new total not to exceed \$548,800, due to additional ponds, trails, etc. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Position open in permits department and will be advertising throughout the county internally and externally.
- Amazon work is underway. Complaints were received regarding trash pick-up and mail delivery routes not being completed due to road construction restrictions. This has been resolved and Gary will confirm full-service is underway.
- INDOT closure on State Road 9, near 900 N. Gary noted a struggle with INDOT coordination. Highway will soon replace a small bridge on 900 N that will take 2 weeks to complete. The bridge on State Road 9 will take a couple of months and they are detouring through the 900 N.
- Currently there is a county road sign theft problem. 18 signs are missing from the Blue River area. Highway will be advertising a \$500 reward for information leading to a conviction for theft of any road signs, with hopes this may help to deter the thefts. Not only is there a cost involved in replacement of signs, but labor contributes to the expense.

- 600 W is complete. There will be intermediate disruptions for overlay and re-striping from the RAB South to Cumberland City Limits.

Drainage Issues

Melvin Branson discussed drainage issues in his neighborhood and requested County assistance. He discussed these issues with Susan Bodkin (Surveyor) and Gary Pool (Highway Department). Gary said he could assist with a drainage box. Commissioner Huber concerned assistance would increase request for assistance and questioned would it be better to consider a front drainage project? Commissioner Armstrong said this could be a test case to see the end results. Melvin thanked the Commissioners.

Maintenance Update

- Tom Fitzwater w/PDF Mechanical presented Commissioners with Circle Design Groups Scope of Work and proposed professional fees to replace chillers for the Hancock County Annex Building.
- Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to authorize pursuing a contract with Circle Design Groups for chiller design. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Dean Mullins notified Commissioners the estimate for glass tops for the courts was estimated at \$10,000 for ten tables.
- Jason Wells, Hancock Hospital Liaison said this is not short-term; plexiglass is short-term and would only last a few years. Jason didn't feel this was going to go away soon and glass would be long-term and he felt glass should be considered. Commissioners agreed but due to the high cost, they preferred to use plexiglass.

Replacement Employee Probation Department

- Josh Sipes discussed replacement employee; he would like to rotate current staff, which he then would need a Juvenile Receptionist.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to allow Josh Sipes to transfer Janna Stiers to Alcohol Drug Secretary and advertise for a Juvenile Receptionist. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Health Department Update

Dr. Aspy reported 349 COVID-19 positive cases and 28 deaths due to COVID-19. One death will be removed from Hancock County due to being listed as Hancock Resident due to his last name being Hancock. 18 deaths are from one facility and that facility has had 68 cases, with 26 recovered. Commissioner Huber asked how many COVID-19 tests a day Hancock County completing. Dr. Aspy replied 70-100 per day, with 3-5 positives a day, while the State has 500 positives a day.

IT Department

- Bernie Harris requested signature/approval for yearly Gibson Teldata Phone Contract for County. The County Attorney reviewed and requested changes.
- Discussed with Commissioners equipment needs for the next year. The main storage needs replaced and servers are obsolete. If this could be replaced this year it would be

best. Two servers total \$63,200 (\$31,600 each), NAZ network storage for 911 and the County are \$140,000 for a total of \$203,200.

- Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to authorize IT Department to propose to Council \$210,000 for NAS (Network Attached Storage) and two servers out of the current 2019 Bond proceeds on this year's budget. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept the Gibson Teldata Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$13,491.36 pending legal council's approval once changes are made and allow the Board of Commissioners President John Jessup to sign the agreement. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

RQAW Update on Jail

Dustin Fry updated Commissioners on new jail progress. Dustin reported the job site is progressing well.

Demolish/Repair House 2975 N 500 W (Scott Williams, Building Inspector)

Requested permission to demolish or repair a County owned house at 2975 N 500 W. Commissioners would like to discuss with Gary Pool and Dave Sutherlin.

Section Corner Perpetuation Contracts

- Susan Bodkin discussed with Commissioners three Section Corner Perpetuation Contracts.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to allow the County Surveyor, Susan Bodkin to pursue United for half of the proposed section for Corner Perpetuation Contracts within the budgets. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Sheriff's Department Update

- Sheriff Burkhart presented Commissioners with the AED Agreement for County Buildings for signature.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to enter into the Service Agreement with Cintas for External Defibrillators in a lease not to exceed \$65 per month per unit. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Updated Commissioners on jail door quote for COVID-19 updates.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the quote from Mofab, Inc. in the amount of \$14,856 and the quote from LTI Smart Glass in the amount of \$4,265 to be paid out of the 2019 GO Bond and if any COVID-19 funds are made available this money will be returned to the 2019 GO Bond; Noting this is to turn jail cells into quarantine cells due to COVID-19 crisis. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Interviewed 6 people from Work Release; One person starting June 14; one part-timer starting soon and three will continue the interview process.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the town of Wilkinson to lease a police vehicle 2015 Chevy Tahoe VIN #654403 as presented. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Reported additional masks have arrived.

Pennsy Trail Art Fair & Music Festival 6 AM – 7 PM

Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to allow the Pennsy Trail Art Fair & Music Festival to use the Courthouse Lawn and Annex Parking Lot July 25th 6 AM - 7 PM. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Ordinance 2020-6A

Establishing the Jail LIT Correctional Facility Sub Fund 1234

- Commissioner Armstrong introduce Ordinance 2020-6A, an Ordinance establishing Jail LIT Correctional Facility Sub Fund 1234.
- Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to suspend the rules and allow for passage on day of introduction Ordinance 2020-6A. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**
- Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-6A. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Resolution 2020-6-1

Resolution of Need for Fire Departments LIT Public Safety Funds

- Commissioner Huber introduced Resolution 2020-6-1, a Resolution of Need of the Fire Departments for LIT Public Safety Funds, this is the Commissioners support for the request from the Hancock County Fire Fighters Mutual Aid Association in an amount of \$128,213.
- Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-6-1. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Memorial Building Lease

Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to enter into the Memorial Building Lease Agreement with the Greenfield Board of Parks and Recreation and the Greenfield Board of Public Works and Safety. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Nexus Professional Services Agreement Auditor's Office

Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to enter into the Professional Services Agreement with Nexus as presented. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. **Motion carried 3-0.**

COVID-19 Update

Jason Wells notified Commissioners the MOU for Liaison expired June 1st and stated it was an honor to work with Hancock County. The randomized Fairbanks study IU completed found 2-3½% of positive COVID-19 in Indiana and 40% were asymptomatic. The hospital antibody test revealed 9 out of 60 EMS and/or hospital workers (resulting in 2.03% for Hancock Health Associates and 3% for EMS workers). The hospital found .1% passed away from the flu; COVID-19 is 6X this at .6%. The death rate for those who contracted COVID-19 at the age of 60+ is 19%. Jason said even though the MOU has expired, please reach out if needed. Commissioners thanked Jason for his assistance.

Firearm Discharge Ordinance Discussion

Commissioners discussed the Hancock County Firearm Discharge Ordinance. Commissioners requested the County Attorney to draft an amended Ordinance for Firearm Discharge.

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

