

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

January 30, 2018

Commissioners met in regular session. Those present were Board of Commissioners President Brad Armstrong, Vice President Commissioner John Jessup, and Commissioner Marc Huber.

Accounts Payable Deputy Supervisor Anna L. Voorhis was present. Auditor Robin D.

Lowder was absent.

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's meeting began at 8:01 a.m.

Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 8:16 a.m.

Highway Department

Hancock County Engineer Gary Pool appeared before the Board of Commissioners to request/discuss:

LPA- Commissioner Huber moved to accept LPA contract for an amount not to exceed \$294,751.28. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

MPO Grants- No MPO grants were awarded except for Bridge Inspections (grant to match 80%) with \$60K-County Share; \$240K-State Share.

State of the Union- Engineer Pool noted this evening's State of the Union address would likely cover matters pertaining to infrastructure.

R.O.W.- Right-of-way purchase offers are set to go out this week in regard to 600 W. (at roundabout) & 400 N.

Potholes- Roads are noticeably better. Crews are out filling potholes weather/temperature pending.

Maintenance

Building Facility Manager, Dean Mullins discussed general maintenance matters including repair of steps at the courthouse. Commissioners would like to revisit a quote from Mr. Marble Care TH Inc., Fortville, IN. and instructed Mr. Mullins to obtain more information on pricing and scope of work.

Claims & Payroll

Commissioner Huber moved to accept claims and payroll as presented. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

Commissioners' Minutes

Commissioner Huber moved to accept Commissioners' Minutes from January 16, 2018. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

Vacation Days Carry-Over/Probation Employees- Josh Sipes

Chief Probation Officer, Josh Sipes appeared before the Commissioners to request carry-over of vacation days for three employees due to extenuating circumstance of end of the year turnover resulting in an increased workload for employees. Commissioner Huber moved to approve carry-over of 22 hours of vacation for Kevin Minnick; .5 hours vacation for Wendy Savino; and 3 hours vacation for Kara Riser due to end of year turnover and increased workload for employees with expectation that hours will be used in 2018. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

Recess for Board of Finance

At 8:45 a.m., Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to recess the Board of Commissioners Meeting for the Board of Finance Meeting. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

Reconvene Commissioner's Meeting

At 8:48 a.m., Commissioner Huber reconvened the Commissioners Meeting.

Lawrenceburg Jail Tour-Commissioner Huber

Commissioner Huber discussed a recent tour of the jail facility in Lawrenceburg, IN, including details on their substance abuse treatment programs and efforts that seek to rehabilitate drug addicted offenders.

Vacation Policy

Commissioners discussed the county employee vacation policy and possibility of offering vacation days for new hires with compatible work experience and history. This comes after EOC Director John Jokantas conveyed inability to be competitive in hiring experienced dispatchers who would not leave current positions without comparable vacation day offers. Commissioners agreed that if ever implemented, this would need to be county-wide revision, not just for EOC and that more consideration and discussion was needed. Commissioner Armstrong instructed Auditor's Office to include vacation policy as an action item for consideration at a later date.

Commissioner's Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, President

Commissioner Marc Huber, Vice President

Commissioner John Jessup

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor