

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

January 17, 2017

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

Auditor Robin D. Lowder and Emily Moore were also present.

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

Commissioner Jessup arrived at 8:12 a.m.

Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 8:30 a.m.

Highway Department

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

Pennsy Trail Grant- Still waiting on the 600,000.00 grant. A property they thought wasn't going to be an issue seems to be one at this point.

Roundabout in New Palestine- For the \$900,000.00 grant roundabout the County will do the process for purchasing the property for the Roundabout in New Palestine.

Fire System- The company that submitted a bid was more of a Cadillac version this is not what we need and it was too costly. Highway is going to wait and work with Nelson Alarm the company our E-911 Center works with when they submit a bid. Engineer Pool feels that will be more suitable to the Highway needs.

Vic Doloso- His last day was January 13, 2017.

County Highway Restructure of Office- Will return the Road/Bridge Engineer to \$50,000.00 and try to hire permits person internal. Requested permission to request modification of Salary Ordinance. There will also be a change in the CAD Personnel.

600 W/Larks- The county did not require two driveways they only required if they had two it should be one way in and one way out. Attorney Stump recommended since it was a condemnation they should have to request a variance if they want two driveways.

Bridge 91- The properties have secured appeals.

Approve Claims and Payroll

Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve Claims and Payroll as presented. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried 2/0.

Annual Certification of Covered Bridges in Hancock County

Commissioner Huber made a motion to certify for 2017 there are 0 Covered Bridges in Hancock County. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0.

Hancock County Board of Health Appointments

Commissioner Huber made a motion to appoint Ray Schreiber to serve on the Hancock County Board of Health beginning January 1, 2017 ending December 31, 2020. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Commissioner Huber made a motion to appoint Christopher Kimmey, M.D. to serve on the Hancock County Board of Health beginning January 1, 2017 ending December 31, 2020. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Financial Solutions Group, Inc. (FSG) Contract

Commissioner Huber made a motion to enter into a contract for 2017 with FSG for the Continuing Disclosure Filings for a not to exceed of \$2,000.00. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

McCordsville Discussion

Commissioner Armstrong spoke with the President of the McCordsville Town Council about the two of them possibly having a lunch meeting to discuss McCordsville. Then from there possibly all the Commissioners meeting publicly an hour before the Town's regular meeting. Commissioner Huber expressed he did not want to get into other discussions until McCordsville responded to the proposal the Commissioners made in March of 2016. The Commissioners still have had no response to that proposal.

NASA/Underage Drinking Task Force Grant

Tim Retherford the director from NASA requested the Commissioners approve the grant for the Hancock County Underage Drinking Task Force in the amount of \$18,375.00. Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the grant agreement for the Hancock County Underage Drinking Task Force Grant in the amount of \$18,375.00. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Hancock County Tourism Commission Appointments

Commissioner Huber made a motion to appoint Rosalie Richardson, Earl Smith and Brandi Zimmer to the Hancock County Tourism Commission to end December 31, 2018. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (PTABOA)

Commissioner Huber made a motion to appoint Earl Haywood and Jeff Hill to the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals to end December 31, 2017. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Advisory Board of Citizens Energy Group

Commissioner Jessup made a motion to appoint Patrick Bledsoe to the Advisory Board of Citizens Energy Group to end December 31, 2017. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Assessor/Pictometry/New Car

Pictometry- Mary Noe the County Assessor made a request to the Commissioners that they fly the county for her Pictometry again. She is on a 2 year cycle. It is a very useful tool in assessing. The cost will be between \$144,000 and \$149,000. She has the money in her Re-assessment fund this year. They discussed they need to be sure going forward it is budgeted so the money will be there for the 2 year cycle. Commissioner Huber made a motion to allow the Assessor to fly for the Pictometry in the fall of this year with the funds coming from Re-assessment. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Car- Mary Noe Requested the purchase of a new car because the Assessor's 2008 Escape is costing a lot in repairs now. She is going to bring the Commissioners a couple of bids and use her car as a trade-in. She will be using the money in her Sales Disclosure Fund to purchase the new car.

IT Department

Bernie Harris requested to carry over 14 hours of vacation time from 2016 due to illness in his office. Commissioner Jessup made a motion to allow Bernie Harris to carry over 14 hours of vacation time from 2016 due to illness in his office. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

AT&T Easement County Farm/South Side

Commissioner Huber made a motion to grant an easement to AT&T on the south side of the County Farm as requested. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Kenneth Butler Soup Kitchen

Jill Ebert, the executive director of the Kenneth Butler Soup Kitchen, appeared before the Commissioners to share with them a little about what the Soup Kitchen does. They have two meals a day Monday through Friday no questions asked. They have given out more than 800,000 meals. They are funded by donations, grants, fund raisers etc. They not only feed people but they try to meet as many needs as they can. Clothing, shoes, toiletries and many other items. Many of the people that come in are single parent families that work but can't make ends meet or elderly people that have to choose between their medicine and food. Jill thought possibly she wanted to relocate. She had thought of the Memorial Building but toured it yesterday and realized it was full and doesn't think it would be a good fit anyway. She feels like she needs to stay where she is but is in desperate need of more storage room. She and the Commissioners discussed some possibilities of using her upstairs as a storage area. It would be the most convenient. They were going to try and work out some solutions.

Senior Services

Linda Hart from Senior Services requested the Commissioners approve the 4th Quarter Claims for 2016 in the amount of \$47,469.00. Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the 4th Quarter Claims for 2016 in the amount of \$47,469.00 for Senior Services. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Linda Hart- received a letter stating that for four years the Hancock county Senior Services is one of the top Senior Services in the State. They are 100% compliant all four years. The letter was a glowing report of the accomplishments of the Hancock County Senior Services. The letter was read into the record. Linda introduced Cindy Martin who she said was a large part of their operations.

Recess for Board of Finance

At 9:45 a.m. Commissioner Huber made a motion to recess the Board of Commissioners Meeting for the Board of Finance Meeting. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Reconvene the Commissioners Meeting

At 9:52 a.m. Commissioner Armstrong reconvened the Commissioners Meeting.

Approve the Commissioner's Minutes

Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve Commissioner's Minutes from December 20, 2016, January 3, 2017 and January 10, 2017.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, President

Commissioner Marc Huber, Vice President

Commissioner John Jessup

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor