

Hancock County Board of Commissioners' Minutes

February 07, 2017

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

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

Hancock County Board of Commissioners' Meeting began at 8:02 a.m.

Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 8:03 a.m.

Highway Department

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

Advertisement- Two drivers will soon be advertised for to fill open positions in the Hancock County Highway Department.

Bridge 16- Specs for Bridge 16 will be finished soon.

600 W- New Palestine closed 600 W for a short period of time for pipe work. It should be open soon.

Cleaners- The Highway Department will be switching cleaners from CGS (not gravel) at \$180 a week to Janiking at \$255 a month.

Update- HC Engineer Gary Pool updated the Commissioners on ongoing Highway Department projects.

Business to Business

Agreement- Jamie Figg from H&R Block appeared before the Commissioners to present an employer solutions promotion agreement. This would be between HC Employees and H&R Block for a tax preparation discount. After a discussion between the Commissioners and the HC Attorney Ray Richardson it was decided not to move forward with this agreement.

Mental Health Partners of Hancock County

Mental Health Events- Kim Hall appeared before the Commissioners for a discussion on upcoming Mental Health Partners events. Commissioner Huber moved to allow Mental Health Partners to hold a raffle in the office of the Memorial Building on April 29, 2017. Commissioner Jessup seconded.

Motion carried 3/0. Commissioner Huber moved to authorize use of parking lots to the East and the South of the Annex Building for a Derby on July 29, 2017. Commissioner Jessup seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Hancock County Sheriff's Department

Federal Equitable Share Certification Signing. Commissioners signed a Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification for the Hancock County Sheriff's Department.

Out of State Travel- Commissioner Huber moved to allow out of state travel for David Wood and Jake Lewis from 2/28/17 thru 3/02/17 to Michigan for Training- Bulletproof Policing in Today's Society. Commissioner Jessup seconded. Motion carried 3/0. Commissioner Huber moved to allow out of state travel for Russell Silver from 6/01/17 thru 6/03/17 to Michigan for Training – National Patrol Rifle Conference & Championships. Commissioner Jessup seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Prison and Jail Standards- Major Brad Burkhart presented Information on Prison and Jail Standards and ADA Compliance Reports to the Commissioners for review.

Air Handler System- Major Brad Burkhart presented information that the air handler system pneumatic valves are starting to go out. (\$900 a piece/ @ 100 valves) Fitzgerald & North are preparing a quote to change out the system. Also, there seem to be some problems with the fire alarm panel. (board) This information was given to keep the Commissioners up to date.

Hancock County Probation Department

Jail Addiction Programs- Wayne Addison, Josh Sipes, Kevin Minnick, and Amy Ikerd from the Hancock County Probation Department appeared before the Commissioners and presented an overview of the jail addiction programs that Hancock County offers. Some of the topics covered were as follows: HC's relationship with Gallahue, different juvenile programs, Fairbanks Hospital, Heroin Protocol (handout), treatments provided in jail for women and men, and mental health services. Discussion was had between the Commissioners and the HC Probation Department and Treatment Staff on the topics mentioned above. The conclusion seemed to be they are having more positive outcomes but they still could use more support from other agencies.

Hancock County Health Insurance

Hancock County 2016 Anthem Year End Results- Brian Brees and Aaron Mercer from Patriot Insurance and Natalie Gavin and Sheila Shearer from Anthem Insurance appeared before the Commissioners to present the 2016 Anthem Year End Results for review. (handout) Discussion was had on the past few difficult years for HC having to do with the claims and pharmacy costs. The cost of premiums did go up for HC due to these issues. Discussion was had on plans for HC to recover from these issues and move forward with educating HC employees in order to help with costs in many different insurance areas.

Action Items

Claims and Payroll- Commissioner Huber moved to approved claims and payroll as presented. Commissioner Jessup seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Minutes- Commissioner Jessup moved approval of the 1/31/17 minutes as presented. Commissioner Huber seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Jail Study- Commissioner Armstrong stated that the Jail Study Group has now come up with a plan proposal. RQAW is ready to proceed publicly with a presentation. The HC Auditor Robin Lowder will mention to the HC Council about setting up a public meeting within 30 – 60 days, around 6:30 p.m. on a Monday.

Commissioner Huber Signing of Conflict of Interest Forms- Commissioner Huber presented two annual Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements to be entered into the minutes. 1. A Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement for Marc Huber / Huber enterprises, LLC. Marc Huber is the operating member of Huber enterprises, LLC. Huber Enterprises, LLC provides trucking services to the contractors / companies listed below on a sub-contract basis. (P&J Excavating, J&C services, CGS Services, Leonard Excavating, Baldwin Excavating, Rininger Excavating, Smith Projects, IMI, V&S Transport, and S&H Trucking) Commissioner Armstrong made motion to accept the Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure from Marc Huber. Commissioner Jessup seconded. Motion carried 2/0. 2. A Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement for Marc Huber / Skylar Properties, LLC. Marc Huber is a member of Skylar Properties, LLC which buys and sales real estate. Some of these properties are purchased through public auctions such as Sheriff's Sales, Commissioner Sales, Tax Sales, etc. Commissioner Armstrong made motion to accept the Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure for Skylar Properties. Commissioner Jessup seconded. Motion carried 2/0. Commissioner abstained.

Quote for Air Handler Controller for Annex- Commissioner Huber moved to accept a quote from PDF Mechanical, LLC for an air handler controller for the Annex with a not to exceed amount of \$4,611. Commissioner Jessup seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Community Corrections Grant Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council Letter- Commissioner Huber made a motion to send a letter of support to the Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council in support of Community Corrections Grants. Commissioner Jessup seconded. Commissioner Armstrong read the letter into the minutes. Motion carried 3/0.

Employment Agreement from Nation Schoening Moll- Commissioner Huber made motion to except the employee agreement from Nation Schoening Moll to represent Hancock County in the Leslie K. White workman's compensation claim with a not to exceed amount of \$145 an hour. Commissioner Jessup seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners 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