

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

July 6, 2017

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

Deputy Auditor/Accounts Payable Supervisor, Anna L. Voorhis was also present.

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's meeting began at **9:30** a.m.

Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at **9:37** a.m.

Highway Department

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

Signatures for Road Acceptance- Engineer Gary Pool requested signatures for roadways to be accepted into the Hancock County Inventory of Roadway Assets. Commissioner Jessup made a motion to accept the list of roadways as presented. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Fogging- Engineer Pool provided an update on the County Highway's use of a reformulated fogging mixture which was applied over the recent Fourth of July weekend in neighborhoods in the county that ranged from new and old, to moderately aged. The hope is to dramatically improve water proofing and get 25 years of use out of roads instead of 15 years and save the county money. Fogging for four neighborhoods costs approximately \$10,000.

Bridge 93- The Highway is working on trying to re-engineer select parcels for right-of-way on Bridge 93 (mostly utility locations), located on 200 S. over Brandywine Creek. Engineer Pool stated that currently all affected property owners are willing to sell.

Council Budget Meeting- County Highway employees Randy Moore and Kim Davis will attend the Council Budget Meeting on July 20th. Engineer Pool will be on vacation, but will participate via telephone.

Repairs- Engineer Pool informed the Commissioners that repairs are going over budget. He is projecting \$75K over with shortfalls to cover.

Bridge 16 (1000 N over Sugar Creek)- Work is currently underway. Completion is hoped prior to harvest.

600W- Pre-final waiting on INDOT. 5-work day punch list until work is accepted.

Bridge by Sugar Creek Elementary (SC-33) - will be out for the first two weeks at the beginning of school year. Work has been delayed due to rain.

Buck Creek Road Trail-narrowed to reduce property owner impact.

Budget Projection- Engineer Pool provided the Board of Commissioners with a brief budget projection by account.

Hancock County Assessor- Nexus Contract

County Assessor Mary Noe appeared before the Hancock County Board of Commissioners to request approval for the County to enter into a contract with property tax consulting firm, Nexus, for the purpose of review/audit of personal property to discover property that has been undervalued or omitted from assessment. No county money will be used to pay Nexus for services provided, but rather, the monies collected from their review (not exceeding 50% of taxes, interest and penalties collected as a result of reviews) will be used as compensation. Commissioner Armstrong moved to enter into contract with Nexus for personal property review. Commissioner Huber seconded. Motion carried 3/0. Further discussion continued and raised concerns prompting the Commissioners to take a second vote. Commissioner Huber moved to table this discussion until the August 1st meeting. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0. A representative from Nexus will be in attendance at the next meeting to answer questions over concerns.

Curry's Chapel- United Methodist Church-Signage

Representing Curry's Chapel-United Methodist Church, Lorraine S. Clutinger appeared before the Hancock County Board of Commissioners to introduce Dick Mosier who asked for Commissioners approval for the church to replace two existing directional church signs and for approval of the installation of a third new sign. Commissioner Armstrong moved to approve replacement of the two existing signs at their current size and location, and conditional approval for the third new sign and location after it is approved by Highway Engineer Gary Pool. Commissioner Huber seconded. Motion carried 3/0

Plat Signatures

Borgman Family Minor Sub L 1 & 2/ ROW Dedication- Philip Going of Accura Land Surveying appeared before the Commissioners to request Borgman Family MS L1 & 2 plat signatures and dedicate 50' ½ ROW. Commissioner Huber moved to accept Borgman Family Minor Sub L 1 & 2 which dedicates 50' ½ ROW. Commissioner Jessup seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Stout Minor Sub/ROW Dedication – Mike Gibson of H. Gibson Land Surveying, LLC appeared before the Commissioners to request Stout Minor Sub plat signatures and dedicate 35ft ½ ROW. Commissioner Huber moved to accept Stout Minor Sub which dedicates 35ft ½ ROW. Commissioner Jessup seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Lawson Minor Sub/ROW Dedication- Mike Gibson of H. Gibson Land Surveying, LLC appeared before the Commissioners to request Lawson Minor Sub plat signatures and dedicate 50ft ½ ROW. Commissioner Huber moved to accept Lawson Minor Sub which dedicates 50ft ½ ROW. Commissioner Jessup seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Stone Minor Sub/ROW Dedication- Mike Gibson of H. Gibson Land Surveying, LLC appeared before the Commissioners to request Stone Minor Sub plat signatures and dedicate 50ft ½ ROW. Commissioner Huber moved to accept Stone Minor Sub which dedicates 50ft ½ ROW. Commissioner Jessup seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Forcum Minor Sub/ROW Dedication- Mike Gibson of H. Gibson Land Surveying, LLC appeared before the Commissioners to request Forcum Minor Sub plat signatures and dedicate 35ft ½ ROW. Commissioner Huber moved to accept Forcum Minor Sub which dedicates 35ft ½ ROW. Commissioner Jessup seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Jackson Minor Sub/ROW Dedication- Mike Gibson of H. Gibson Land Surveying, LLC appeared before the Commissioners to request Jackson Sub plat signatures and dedicate 70' ½ ROW. Commissioner Huber moved to accept Jackson Minor Sub which dedicates 50ft ½ ROW. Commissioner Jessup seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Mt. Vernon School Banners /Waive Permit Fee Request

Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation Director of Community Relations, Maria Bond, appeared before the Hancock County Board of Commissioners to request a waiver of permit fees for placement of banners on several light poles located at five of the school campuses in the school district. Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve waiver of permit fees for placement of banners on light poles at five of the school campuses. Commissioner Jessup seconded. The motion carried 3/0.

Patriot Insurance-Change of Agent of Record

Brian Brees of Patriot Insurance appeared before the Hancock County Board of Commissioners to request their signatures on a change of agent of record request for Reliance Standard Life Insurance Co., VSP, and Anthem from Aaron Mercer to Brian Brees and Ryan Hartzler. Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the Patriot Insurance change of agent of record for Reliance Standard Life Insurance Co., VSP, and Anthem from Aaron Mercer to Brian Brees and Ryan Hartzler. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

Hancock County Sheriff's Department- Courthouse Lawn Banner Request

Hancock County Sheriff's Department Major Brad Burkhart appeared before the Hancock County Board of Commissioners to request placement of a 3 x 6 banner on the courthouse lawn to promote attendance and advertise the upcoming Hancock County Community Night Event to be held on August 2, 2017. Commissioner Huber moved to approve request for placement of a 3 x 6 banner on the courthouse lawn to promote attendance and advertise the upcoming Hancock County Community Night with the banner to be placed on the courthouse lawn as soon as possible and to be removed on August 3, 2017. Commissioner Jessup seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Hancock County Surveyor- Tree Removal

Hancock County Surveyor Susan Bodkin appeared before the Hancock County Board of Commissioners to request permission for removal of a single tree located in Sugar Creek- 100 W x 375 N to be paid for from the Commissioner's budget/non-navigable stream fund. Commissioner Huber moved to approve removal of a single tree located at Sugar Creek- 100 W x 375 N to be paid from the Commissioner's budget/non-navigable stream fund. Commissioner Jessup seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Commissioners Action Items

Approval of Claims & Payroll- Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve claims and payroll as presented. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Minutes – Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve 06/20/17 Commissioner meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Armstrong seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Hancock County Recorder

Ordinance No. 2017-7A- Ordinance No. 2017-7A is an Ordinance establishing bulk purchase fees from the Recorder. The Ordinance is established due to amendment and revision to IC 36-2-7-10.1 in regard to County Recorder's sale of documents in bulk effective July 1, 2017. Ordinance No. 2017-7A establishes the manner and form in which the County Recorder may provide bulk form copies to a bulk user. Further, Ordinance No. 2017-7A outlines bulk form copy definitions, manner and form of production, procedure for requesting bulk form copies, fees charged for bulk form copies, bulk user contract and termination, and resale of bulk form copies by bulk user. Commissioner Huber made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-7A as presented. Commissioner Jessup seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

Tourism Commission Appointment

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners discussed the appointment of Shirley Matlock on the Hancock County Tourism Commission to fill the vacancy of Andy Gilliland. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to approve the appointment of Shirley Matlock to the Hancock County Tourism Commission with a term expiring December 31, 2018. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

McCordsville Inter-Local

Commissioner Brad Armstrong briefly discussed a recent meeting with the McCordsville Steering Committee regarding the McCordsville Inter-Local. He stated he is not willing to lobby for money at this point or invest outside help until a good plan is presented and everyone is on the same page. He expressed there may still be opportunities for Tiger Grant and Fastland Grant funding. He stated that he also recently met with CSX regarding the impact of the Inter-local with increased train traffic.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 11:45a.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, President

Commissioner Marc Huber, Vice President

Commissioner John Jessup

Attest: Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor

