

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

August 1, 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 Accounts Payable Deputy Supervisor Anna Voorhis was also present.

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's meeting began at 8:00 a.m.

Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 8:21 a.m.

Highway Department

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

Contract – Signed for Segment A LPA-INDOT contract for RDC grant. It is for 80%. 600W Project North of ROB DES# 160633. Commissioner Huber made a motion to sign the presented contract. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Change Order# 2- 600W INDOT is not able to participate. Highway is covering with unused Overtime, Salt, and Fuel Monies.

Seal Coat- Looks really good so far. Changed operation a little so it is going more quickly.

Patching Progress- The materials cost, calls and cost have steadily gone down since 2014.

Community Crossing Grant- Grant was accepted but probably won't receive all requested because so many other entities also requested grant in Hancock County.

School Zone Flashers- They are up and running. They give the schools the flexibility to change them for events etc. May want to apply for grants county-wide in the future.

Temporary Drive Data- All other counties contacted had an ordinance. Johnson County stopped enforcing on pools and trees. Highway has a couple of ideas on the farm drives. We have forced work to remedy work (\$ is an estimate) no foreclosures save one on 400W but that wasn't pool or tree removal related.

600W & U.S. 40- Contractor received poor scores. A -3 to -4. Average is -1.

Fatal Accident 900N & 750E- Sight visibility is based on complaints. No complaints have been filed with the county. Corners have been cut/stoned. NE cornfield does reduce sight distance. There have been no accidents in 6 years.

Fortville Pike & 300N- Do not see much effectiveness of improvements made to intersection. It is in the Greenfield District and the rule is if it is annexed into the city it belongs to the city. They must maintain the road.

Bridge 16- The pyles on the bridge are completed.

Bridge 91- It will be after Labor Day before the bridge is completed. Flooding has caused the delay.

Employee CDL Exam at Clinic- Question is if an employee doesn't carry county insurance can he have his CDL Exam at the County Clinic. Commissioners said they would need to check on the question.

Claims and Payroll

Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve Claims and Payroll as presented. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Commissioners' Minutes July 18, 2017

Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the Commissioners' Minutes for July 18, 2017. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. The motion carried 2/0. Commissioner Jessup abstained.

Nexus Personal Property Contract

Nexus Personal Property Contract- County Assessor Mary Noe presented the Commissioners with a Contract with Nexus for Personal Property. It has a Daily fee with a capped at 50%. The largest group is small business. It is designed to make sure they are paying personal property taxes owed. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to accept the Nexus Personal Property Contract as presented and it can be cancelled within 30 days. It is not to exceed specifications. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

E-911 Upgrade Recording System

E-911 Upgrade Recording System- Director of the E-911 Center John Jokantas requested the Commissioners sign a contract upgrading the recording system. Commissioner Huber made a motion to sign a contract with NICE Authorized Partners to upgrade the recording system including the Screen Capture feature, it will also be maintained for 1 year. There is a not to exceed of \$16,805.00. This is to be paid form the E-911 CCD Fund. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0. There will be a maintenance contract after the first year yet to be negotiated.

Surveyor Presentation of Plaque to Commissioners

Hancock County Surveyor Susan Bodkin presented the Hancock County Commissioners with a plaque for having a Level 7 Rating Floodplain Insurance. The Commissioners commented it was also a credit to the County Surveyor. This enables citizens of the county that need to buy flood insurance to receive a discount.

Removal of Two Trees from Non-Navigable Streams

The Surveyor Susan Bodkin requested the removal of two trees. One is at 450W/Bitner Road in Sugar Creek. Mr. Wells signed the release for this tree. The other is in Brandywine Creek behind Waterview Subdivision. Greenwalt signed the release. Commissioner Huber made a motion to remove both trees as presented to be paid from the Commissioners' Budget in the Non-Navigable Streams account line. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. The motion carried. 3/0.

Sheriff's Office Out of State Travel

Major Brad Burkhardt requested Out of State Travel for Deputy Nick Ernst to Atlanta Georgia for an Interdiction Conference August 13-17 2017. Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the Out of State Travel as presented. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Maintenance Issues

Dean Mullins requested the Commissioners sign a Greenfield Auto Parts/NAPA application. Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve and sign the application presented. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Dean Mullins requested the Commissioners sign a Lute Supply application. Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve and sign the application presented. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Dean Mullins requested the Commissioners authorize him to have two ash trees cut down at the County Extension Office. Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve and sign the proposal from Fields Tree Service which was the lowest responsive bidder to cut down two ash trees at the County Extension Office for a not exceed of \$1,700.00. This is to include changes made by the County Attorney. It is to be paid from the Commissioners Budget the Building and Maintenance account line. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

NASA Director's Salary

NASA Board requested the County pay all of the Director's Salary including FICA and PERF for 2018 instead of half. They explained it would give them that much more money in grants to give out. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion the County pay all of the Director's Salary including FICA and PERF for a total of \$25,750. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Current Fairgrounds Plan/George Langston

Mr. Langston stated since the Ag Association is requesting part of the 1% Tourism Tax set aside for the New Fairgrounds he suggested the Commissioners should have a plan for the current Fairgrounds.

Abandoned House 8757 N 50 W Greenfield

Mr. Eddie Rishel lives next door to the abandoned house. He stated it is in total disrepair and needs to be torn down. The Hancock County Building Inspector Scott Williams stated the lot is not buildable because the lot is not large enough to put a septic system on it. The Commissioners encouraged Mr. Williams to start working toward a Public hearing for an unsafe building.

Andrew and Theresa Smith Minor Sub

Steve Cooper requested the Commissioners accept the dedicated 35 foot half right away for the Andrew and Theresa Smith Minor Sub on Jacobi Road. Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept the dedicated 35 foot half right away for the Andrew and Theresa Smith Minor Sub on Jacobi Road. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Senior Services 2ND Quarter Correction

Linda Hart from Senior Services presented a correction to the Commissioners for the 2nd Quarter that was presented July 27, 2017. The submitted amount in July was for \$93,981.00 the corrected amount is \$85,419.00. Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept the correction of the 2nd quarter as presented. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Redevelopment Commission/Mary Zurbuch Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement

The Commissioners were presented with a Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form for Mary Zurbuch from the Redevelopment Commission. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to accept and sign the Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement for Mary Zurbuch. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Indiana Police Reserve Accident & Sickness

Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to accept the proposal from Downey Insurance for the Indiana Police Reserve Accident & Sickness for 22 members at \$2,860.00 effective 1-1-2018. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Planning Commission Complaint Process

At the May meeting if anyone wanted to be anonymous they needed to go through the Commissioners. The complaint also needed to come from any one that has a Visual site. They could actually see it from where they owned.

At the June meeting they were back to taking the anonymous calls and anyone could call it in. Commissioners decided to leave it like it is now and see if they receive complaints.

Building Inspector

Scott Williams questioned the Commissioners while during the day in the course of his business if he noticed where people were not getting permits was it alright to report them. The Commissioners told him yes that would be fine if it was during the course of the day while he was doing his job he noticed people didn't have permits it was fine to report it. He also wanted to know what to do with anonymous calls. They said it was fine just be careful people weren't just trying to harass their neighbors.

Network Administrator Phone

IT Director Bernie Harris requested his new Network Administrator Courtney Johnson have a \$50.00 reimbursement on his cell phone bill. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to reimburse the new Network Administrator \$50.00 on his phone. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. The motion carried 3/0.

Bernie Harris requested permission to accept quotes so the Doors in the buildings will be connected and accessed by one system.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, President

Commissioner Marc Huber, Vice President

Commissioner John Jessup

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor