

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

October 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 was present and Accounts Payable Deputy Supervisor

Anna L. Voorhis was also present.

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's meeting began at 8:07 a.m.

Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 8:18 a.m.

Highway Department

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

Signatures for Carry-Over of Contracts on Recurrent Bids- Engineer Pool requested Commissioners signatures for the following:

HMA- Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept contract renewal of the Caldwell Gravel Sales 2015 bid for HMA. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

Liquid Asphalt- Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept contract renewal of the Asphalt Materials Inc. 2016 bid for Liquid Asphalt. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

Stone- Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept contract renewal of the US Aggregates 2017 bid for Stone. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

ADA Compliance Letter- In order to meet certain grant application criteria, Engineer Pool requested Commissioner's signatures for a letter of ADA Compliance. Commissioner Huber made a motion to sign the ADA letter of compliance. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

Bridge 71 Title Sheet- As Bridge 71 nears completion for design, Engineer Pool requested Commissioner's signatures for Bridge 71 Title Sheet. Construction is slated for next year. Pool is putting plan sheet together for bid package. Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve signing Bridge 71 Title Sheet. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

Snow Plow Contract- modifications were made to snowfall totals criteria on calls for mobilizations.

TIGER Grant- has been submitted.

Paving- Paving is complete with the exception of crack sealing for a few remaining projects.

Bridge 91- opening October 31st.

Bridge 16- opening October 15th.

Shelby Family/Realign Road 200 N & 700 W

Attorney Rory O'Bryan, was in attendance representing the Shelby Family in regard to a possible realignment construction project at 200 N. & 700 W. The Shelby Family owns 5 acres of farm ground in the vicinity of proposed project. Mr. O'Bryan addressed the Commissioners regarding the matter and introduced Marketing Director, Perry Knox and Project Engineer, Walter J. Williams of Durham Engineering, Inc. to expound upon details. They cited better traffic flow, increased vertical site distance and safety, as well as enhanced economic development as potential benefits. Additionally, the new alignment would help create a 600/700 corridor. Shelby Family would donate 1.2 acres of land for the project in exchange for 100 ft ROW. County would incur a 3.8 acre net gain. Estimated cost for alignment rehabilitation project is \$3.2 million. The project is not part of the county's long-term plan, but the Commissioners agreed to a 30-day review with a goal to contact the parties after that time.

E-Poll Books- Marcia Moore

Hancock County Clerk Marcia Moore made a request to begin an upgrade and replacement schedule for time sensitive electronic election equipment. The equipment is highly technical, therefore it becomes obsolete quickly. The request was made to enter into a contract with ES&S to upgrade 50 E-Poll Books for a cost of \$38,080.05 to be funded as follows: Food & Beverage, \$30,205.61; ES&S Credit Memo, \$3681.25; and remainder to be paid from original bond issue, \$4193.19. County Attorney Ray Richardson, having reviewed the ES&S contract previously, recommended crossing out the line relating to terms of payment to ensure the county would not be responsible for any payments until all items are received. Commissioner Huber made a motion to sign contract with ES&S for purchase of 50 E-Poll Books at a cost not to exceed \$38,080.05 to be funded as aforementioned with omission to terms of payment as indicated by County Attorney. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

Senior Services 3rd Quarter Pass-Through

Cindi Haberkorn, Hancock County Senior Services, requested Commissioners signatures for INDOT 3rd quarter pass-through in the amount of \$57,794.00 for Rural Transit. Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve signatures for 3rd quarter pass-through in the amount of \$57,794.00 for Rural Transit. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0. Commissioners formally acknowledged the upcoming retirement of Senior Services Director, Linda Hart, and expressed appreciation for her many years of service in providing management and growth to Senior Services and Rural Transit in Hancock County.

DSX Door Access System- EOC Director John Jokantas

Hancock County EOC (911) Director, John Jokantas, requested approval to spend an additional \$500 from EOC (911) CCD Fund for purchase of DSX door access system. Original request was approved for \$2000, but should have been requested for \$2500. Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve additional \$500 expenditure for purchase of DSX door access system to be paid from EOC (911) CCD Fund. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

Claims and Payroll

Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve claims and payroll as presented. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

Commissioners' Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve Commissioners' Meeting Minutes for October 3, 2017. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

2018 Holiday Schedule

Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve the 2018 Holiday Schedule as presented. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

Budget Transfer- Pauper Council Felony Line

Due to a budget shortfall in pauper council felony line, a budget transfer was necessitated in the amount of \$251.80. Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve a budget transfer of \$251.80 from pauper council misdemeanor line to pauper council felony line. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

Group Health Insurance/Patriot Insurance

Brian Brees of Patriot Insurance presented the 2018 Health Insurance Renewal Contract for medical coverage for Commissioners approval. Dental, Vision and Life Insurance renewals are projected to be complete by October 31st. Commissioners noted for the record that health insurance renewal has not been fully funded by the County Council. Pending County Attorney Ray Richardson's legal review of the contract, Commissioner Jessup made a motion to approve the 2018 Health Insurance Renewal for medical coverage as presented. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

Facility Building and Maintenance Manager

Facility Building and Maintenance Manager, Dean Mullins discussed general building maintenance issues with the Commissioners.

Criminal Justice Facility Financing

Commissioners discussed financing options for a Criminal Justice Facility that is projected to cost approximately \$55 million. Discussion focused on exploring all options such as a voter referendum to raise property taxes and special legislation to raise income taxes with strong emphasis on taking the matter to the taxpayers for their input. Commissioners were in agreement that they need to work with the Council in an effort to come up with a plan of action to move forward. Commissioners would like to receive public input at the next scheduled Commissioners meeting. Additionally, they also discussed contacting Council members with a request to attend so that a Resolution of Need could be established for a Criminal Justice Facility.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, President

Commissioner Marc Huber, Vice President

Commissioner John Jessup

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor