

Hancock County Board of Commissioner's Minutes

November 21, 2017

Commissioners met in regular session. Those present were Board of Commissioners President Brad Armstrong, Vice President Commissioner Marc Huber, and Commissioner John Jessup. Accounts Payable Deputy Supervisor Anna L. Voorhis was present. Auditor's Office Part-Time Office Assistant Cheryl Kingery was also present. Auditor Robin D. Lowder was absent.

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

Attorney Ray Richardson arrived at 8:14 a.m.

Highway Department

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

Signatures for Joint Agreement- Engineer Pool requested Commissioner's signatures on a Joint Agreement with Town of New Palestine for construction of a roundabout at the intersection of 300 S and 500 W in the Town of New Palestine. The Joint Agreement replaces the Memorandum of Understanding previously signed by the Commissioners. New Palestine officials requested the wording change on the document from Memorandum of Understanding to Joint Agreement. Commissioner Huber made a motion to sign the Joint Agreement with the Town of New Palestine. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

Jones' Case- Engineer Pool reported that the Jones' case regarding a fatality at 400 W and 200 N has been fully closed.

Backhoe Bids Opening- The following Backhoe bids were opened and read:

RPM Machinery- with trade-in; net price \$75,357

Westside Tractor Sales-with trade-in; net price \$73,000

Westside Tractor Sales-with trade-in; net price \$70,000

Plainfield Equipment-with trade in; net price \$83,000

Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept and allow for review of bids by Engineer Pool with instruction for him to deliver a decision at the next Commissioner's meeting on December 5, 2017. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

Snow Plow Bids Opened- Snow Plow bids were received from the following: Green Management, Anchor H2O and V. Feeney. This year's bids were based on area per mobilization instead of per hour rates. Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept bids and review with instruction for Engineer Pool to make a recommendation at the next Commissioner's meeting on December 5, 2017.

Annual Bids- Engineer Pool reported that stone and asphalt contracts are currently out for bid.

County Attorney Request- Ray Richardson discussed a request by Ice Miller to obtain title work and appraisals on county owned properties. Richardson asked Commissioners to allow the County Engineer to provide him with the name of contacts who may be able to assist with that endeavor. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion to authorize county attorney to seek title work and appraiser contact names from County Engineer. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

Indianapolis Airport Authority- Jack Morton

Mr. Jack Morton, Hancock County Board of Commissioner's representative of Indianapolis Airport Authority Board of Directors, addressed the Commissioners to provide an annual report on the Indianapolis Regional Airport. Mr. Morton thanked the Commissioners for allowing him to represent the county for the last 15 years. He further stated that his appointment expires at the end of 2017, and he would not be seeking reappointment. Instead, he recommended that the Commissioners appoint an active pilot who could provide a unique perspective to the needs of our county's aviation facility. Mr. Morton then recommended Mr. Kurt Schleter to be considered for appointment. As a long-time county resident, owner of a successful business and an active pilot, Mr. Morton conveyed his highest recommendation. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Morton for his dutiful service to the county. Commissioner Armstrong accepted Mr. Morton's recommendation and made a motion to appoint Mr. Kurt Schleter as the Hancock County Board of Commissioner's representative of the Indianapolis Airport Authority Board of Directors for a term January 1, 2018-December 31, 2021. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0. County Attorney, Ray Richardson instructed Deputy Auditor, Anna L. Voorhis to draft and send a letter to Mr. Schleter's certifying his appointment.

IT Computer Equipment Purchases/Upgrades-Bernie Harris

IT Director, Bernie Harris came before the Commissioners to request approval for computer purchases and upgrade of county computer equipment. Some departments due for upgrades are Probation and Sheriff. In addition to department upgrades, aging servers will also need to be replaced. Mr. Harris stated a cost of computer purchases and upgrades at \$61,304. The money is in his IT budget. Commissioner Huber made a motion to approve computer purchases/upgrades in an amount not to exceed \$61,304 to be paid from the IT Department Budget. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

Opening of Bids/Cyclical Reassessment Contract-Mary Noe Hancock County Assessor

Hancock County Assessor, Mary Noe, appeared before the Commissioners for opening of bids for the Cyclical Reassessment Contract. One bid was received by Nexus Group in the amount of \$376,000. This cost will be paid over a 4-year period for 2018-2021 cyclical reassessment and related services. Assessor Noe expressed that Nexus is a current vendor that her department utilizes and she has been pleased with services they have provided in the past. County Attorney, Ray Richardson requested to review the contract. Commissioner Huber made a motion to accept the Nexus Group contract bid for an amount not to exceed \$376,000 pending attorney approval. Commissioner Jessup seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0.

Public Hearing/Willis and Mary Craft-Vacating Public Street & Alley Pierson's 1st and 2nd.

Mr. Willis Craft came before the Commissioners to request vacating public street & alley Pierson's 1st and 2nd. Commissioner Armstrong opened the public hearing of which there were no other attendees. Having complied with all necessary county requirements to request vacating public street & alley, Commissioner Jessup made a motion to authorize passing an ordinance on date of adoption. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0. Commissioner Jessup made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-11C to vacate public street & alley Pierson's 1st and 2nd. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0. Commissioner Armstrong closed the public hearing.

Claims and Payroll

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

Misty Moore, EMA Director

EMA Director, Misty Moore appeared before the Board of Commissioners to discuss an Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG). The fund has previously been established and she will go before the Council on December 13, 2017 to ask for the \$825 awarded to be appropriated. The funds will be used for conference attendance fees.

Worker's Compensation Audit/Physical Audit-Additional Charge

Commissioners reviewed Walker & Associates Workers Compensation physical audit endorsement for 2016-2017. The audit resulted in an additional premium charge invoice of \$9,768.

Hancock County Exposition Complex Corporation Appointment

In an effort to stay informed of Exposition Complex Corporation developments, Commissioner Jessup made a motion to appoint George Langston as representative of Board of Commissioners to the Hancock County Exposition Complex Corporation for a retroactive term for calendar year 2017-2018. Commissioner Huber seconded the motion. Motion carried 3/0. County Attorney, Ray Richardson instructed Deputy Auditor, Anna L. Voorhis to draft a letter to Mr. Langston certifying his appointment.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at **10:17** a.m.

Hancock County Commissioners

Commissioner Brad Armstrong, President

Commissioner Marc Huber, Vice President

Commissioner John Jessup

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor