

**Hancock County Board of Commissioners
Regularly Scheduled Meeting
February 7, 2023**

Commissioner President Spalding called to order the February 7, 2023, Hancock County Commissioners Board meeting at 8:30 AM. Those present were Board of Commissioners Bill Spalding, John Jessup, Gary McDaniel, Executive Liaison Administrator Chyan Gilaspy, Financial Administrator Mary Bowmer, and County Attorney Scott Benkie. Auditor Debra Carnes was absent.

Employee Insurance

Walker Hughes representative Kevin Mandrell discussed resolving employee insurance and prescription issues, TrueScript specialty care program, and the summary plan needing signatures.

Public Hearing: Right of Way Vacation

Attorney Russell Brown discussed INDOT ownership of the ROW, Hancock County has operation and maintenance obligations, and RaceTrac owns all surrounding property.

Commissioner President Spalding recessed the Board of Commissioners meeting at 8:42 AM. Commissioner President Spalding opened the public hearing at 8:43 AM, with no remonstrators. Commissioner President Spalding closed the public hearing at 8:43 AM. Commissioner President Spalding reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 8:44 AM.

Commissioner Jessup introduced Ordinance 2023-2A, an Ordinance Vacating Operation and Maintenance Obligations of a Public Right of Way. Commissioner Jessup motioned to suspend the rules to allow adoption upon the day of introduction. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.** Commissioner Jessup motioned to adopt Ordinance 2023-2A, as presented. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Highway Department

County Engineer Gary Pool discussed updates for the following projects: 200N/600W roundabout construction starting April 1st with two separate five-week closures of 200N, MOU with Greenfield, 200W interchange study contract, 601 W Osage environmental report indicating a possible underground storage tank, i3 MOU, maintenance truck payment locations, County mowing contract, Bridge 85 ROW starting at end of March, Walmart RDC reimbursement, 500N/50E fatality update, 200N/700W RAB, and Bridge 62 on 300N over Sugar Creek 150 day closure starting in March.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to allow Facilities Manager Cory Taylor to advertise for the grounds control contract for mowing for 2023. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to allow Facilities Manager Cory Taylor to negotiate and effectuate the purchase of a truck, not to exceed \$50,000, to be paid from the 2022B GO Bond. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to amend the previous motion from not to exceed \$50,000 to not to exceed \$70,000 and to receive three bids. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Penny Trail

Penny Trail Board member David Spanke and Facilities Manager Cory Taylor presented bids for the 500–600 W expansion project. Two bids were received, Vails Concrete for concrete at \$16,160 and Accurate Striping for paint striping at \$8,732. No bids were received for fencing or signage.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to accept the bids, as presented. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Facilities Manager

Facilities Manager Cory Taylor provided updates for plumbing work in County buildings.

Seventy Connect III

Lauth representatives Ryan Thomas and Brady Jacoba discussed the Seventy Connect III advance request in the amount of \$473,543.25. Discussion had.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the Seventy Connect III advance request in the amount of \$473,543.25, as presented. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Community Corrections

Pre-Trial Supervisor Wayne Addison discussed the Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council (JRAC) needing an appointment from the Commissioners and their meeting schedule. Executive Director Wade Kennedy and Bookkeeper Penny Hunt discussed hiring a replacement employee and an extra rental truck, Commissioners will take possession of the truck.

Claims & Payroll

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve claims and payroll as presented. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Release Bond

Commissioner Jessup motioned to release the cash bond for Prairie Pointe Enterprises in the amount of \$76,875 for the Boulders at Sugar Creek section 2 monuments and storm sewers. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Burkart presented seven vehicles to surplus with mechanical issues and an out of state travel request. Sheriff Burkart asked if he should continue to bring out of state travel requests to the Commissioners and the Commissioners agreed to continue with the current process.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to surplus the Sheriff's 2013 Dodge Charger – VIN last four 5448, 2018 Chevy Tahoe – VIN last four 3236, 2018 Chevy Tahoe – VIN last four, and a 2010 Ford Crown Victoria – VIN last four 1263. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to surplus Misty Moore's 2004 Ford Expedition – VIN last four 8866. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to surplus a 2008 Jeep Commander – VIN last five 25501 and 2011 Dodge Charger – VIN last five 39855. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the out of state travel request for Ronald Durbin Jr., Dillen Sexton, Aaron Forshey, Anthony Forshey, Eddie Whittington, Robert Durbin, Jimmy Henegahan, and Michael Hurst from April 23 – 28, 2023 to attend the Street Copy Training Conference in Nashville Tennessee. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

*Commissioner President Spalding recessed the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:02 AM
Commissioner President Spalding reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:32 AM*

Behavioral Health Court

Court Treatment Coordinator Kevin Minnick discussed readvertising for a grant.

Buck Creek Township

Buck Creek Township Trustee Micki Simunek, Chief Brandon Wilch, and Special Projects Coordinator Nick Baker requested funding assistance for air packs for Buck Creek Township Fire Department. Discussion had and Commissioners directed the request to County Council.

County Farm Bids

Commissioner Jessup motioned to accept the highest bid from Crossroad Family Farms in the amount of \$353 an acre for 113.78 acres totaling \$40,164.34 a year for a four year contract. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

RFP for Construction Manager as Advisor

County attorney Scott Benkie will update the RFP for the next Commissioners meeting.

ARPA Funds Discussion

Commissioners discussed using the remaining \$628,218 of ARPA funds to pair with an opioid grant match opportunity and presenting the information in a special meeting.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Commissioner Bill Spalding, President

Commissioner Gary McDaniel, Vice-President

Commissioner John Jessup

Attest: _____
Debra Carnes, Hancock County Auditor