

**Hancock County Board of Commissioners**  
**Regularly Scheduled Meeting**  
**May 16, 2023**

Commissioner President Spalding called to order the May 16, 2023, Hancock County Commissioners Board meeting at 8:00 AM. Those present were Board of Commissioners, Bill Spalding, John Jessup, Gary McDaniel, Auditor Debra Carnes, Executive Liaison Administrator Chyan Gilaspy, and County Attorney Scott Benkie.

**Highway Department**

County Engineer Gary Pool presented a United Consulting Community Crossing Matching Grant bid assembly and SJCA supplemental agreement for signatures. Engineer Pool discussed the Highway CCD budget, Carrie Drive closure from 4 PM – 10 PM on May 26, New Pal Summerfest US 52 closure from June 23-25, need to surplus trucks E86 VIN 1463, E110 VIN 0835, and E78 VIN 6880, purchasing new trucks, county road closure map online, and reducing the MyCOI insurance limits for vendors doing less than \$100,000 of work for the County. Walker Hughes representative Brian Brees and attorney Scott Benkie discussed costs do not correlate risk, limits may change later, and we can potentially override limits for certain vendors.

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to approve the professional service agreement with United Consulting in the amount of \$32,000 for multi-bridge maintenance. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to approve the SJCA supplemental document no. 1 in the amount of \$244,410, as presented. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to declare surplus the following vehicles E86 last four VIN 1463, E110 VIN 0835, and E78 VIN 6880. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to accept the bids to purchase a heavy truck from Don Hines Ford for \$70644, mid-truck from Dellen Chevy for \$46,969.25, and light truck from Don Hines Ford for \$37,544. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**Easement Vacation Request**

Midwest Mole representative Jason Faucett presented an easement vacation request for the Midwest Mole property at 6814 W 350 N in Greenfield to expand the business and vacate the plat. Discussion had.

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to approve the easement vacation request and to set the public hearing for June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 8:30 AM. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**Facilities Manager**

Facilities Manager Cory Taylor presented HVAC and mechanical quotes for smoke dampers (\$7,950.42), mobile A/C units (\$5,504.29 and \$10,776.41), DOT welder exhaust fan for the Highway Department (\$5,486), and waterless suppression system (\$58,500) from PDF Mechanical for the IT technology room in the basement. The fire suppression system will be functional a year from install due to other needed room updates.

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to approve the quotes from PDF Mechanical for a mobile A/C unit (\$5,504.29), smoke dampers, and suppression system in an amount not to exceed \$71,954.71 to be paid from the 2022 GO Bond. These are three proposals for one project. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to approve the quote from PDF Mechanical for the DOT exhaust fan in the amount of \$5,486 to be paid from the 2022 GO Bond. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

#### **Pennsy Trail Art Fair**

Kim Hall requested to use the Annex parking lot and Courthouse Plaza for the annual Pennsy Trail Art Festival on July 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to approve the request from Pennsy Trail Art Fair and Music Festival to use the Courthouse Plaza and Annex parking lot from 4:00 PM July 28<sup>th</sup> to July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

#### **IT**

Director Bernie Harris presented Ricoh contracts for the Clerk's Office and discussed getting a copier quote for CASA, fixing reception issues in the Courthouse to be able to use a panic button phone app, increasing software budget for next year, and setting up monitors in the Commissioner Courtroom.

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to approve the Ricoh contracts for equipment removal, buyout authorization, and equipment billing as presented. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

#### **E911**

Director John Jokantas presented a 36 month MacAllister CAT contract for generator maintenance for \$5,630, Nelson Alarm quote for \$16,132 to replace panic buttons and door access in the Courthouse, and putting exercise equipment in the 911 Center. Discussion had regarding insurance rates, liability concerns, scheduling, and having further discussions.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the MacAllister CAT generator maintenance contract in the amount of \$5,630 for years 2023-2025, to be paid from 911 building maintenance fund. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the equipment sales agreement for Nelson Alarm in the amount of \$16,132 to be paid from the 2022A GO Bond for Courthouse panic button and door updates. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

#### **Insurance Committee**

Benefits/Payroll Administrators Kelly Ellert and Hollie Kinker provided updates for the Insurance Committee including hearing insurance proposals in July, Wellness Center membership options: subsidized or corporate, and RX Protect contract for international pharmacy coverages. The RX Protect contract will be resubmitted for updates. Discussion had.

#### **Drug Court**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the out of state travel request for Erin Davis, Beth Ingle, and Gary O'Neal to attend the annual Drug Court Conference in Houston, Texas from

6/25/2023-6/29/2023, to be paid from Drug Court's budget. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

#### **Assessor's Office**

Assessor Cindy Roberts requested bidding out cyclical reassessment of real property for property tax purposes and discussed the reason property taxes have raised this year. For more information, please go to HancockIN.gov and follow the link for the 2023 Property Tax Assessment Study put on by the Association of Indiana Counties.

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to allow the Assessor to put out an RFP for cyclical reassessment of real property for property tax purposes. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

#### **Community Corrections**

Director Wade Kennedy discussed two vehicle leases are up and trading them in for two new vehicles, the vehicles are paid out of project income.

#### **Review 2024 Budget Requests**

The 2024 budgets are under review for 2024 and Commissioners will contact any departments if questions arise.

#### **Public Comment**

Remonstrator Ronald Short discussed concerns with the rise in property taxes, hiring a firm to do assessments, and Senate Bill 325. Remonstrator George Langston discussed concerns with the rise of property taxes, federal bank issues, and requested the Commissioners do something to help. Discussion had. Commissioners have committed to keep talking with the AIC to assist with the rise in taxes.

#### **Commissioner Business**

The May 1, 2023, Board of Commissioners meeting was cancelled.

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

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve minutes for 4/4/2023 and 4/18/2023 as presented. Commissioner WHO seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to ratify the Board President signatures on the May 1<sup>st</sup> facilities estimates, insurance amendment, and May 1<sup>st</sup> claims and payroll. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to reappoint the Board of Commissioners appointment to the McCordsville EDC Board, after checking the name of the appointee. Commissioner Jessup seconded. Discussion had. Commissioners McDaniel and Jessup withdrew their motion and second.

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to appoint former Judge Richard Culver to the Hancock County Innovation and Education Center Board. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to enter into a professional service agreement with Jacobi, Toombs, and Lanz for the creation of the Hancock County Fire Code Ordinance, as presented. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to approve the extra flooring and installation in the Purdue Extension Office by ICS not to exceed \$3966, to be paid from the 2022 GO Bond. Commissioner President Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.** Commissioner Jessup abstained.

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to allow Facilities Manager Cory Taylor to set up store accounts for Ace Hardware and Tractor Supply with a \$1,000 limit. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

A former County Farm lease holder believed he was owed \$4,935 for a 20% down-payment from a previous lease due to contract language. Attorney Scott Benkie discussed creating a release of liability for the individual to sign. Discussion had. Commissioner McDaniel motioned to reimburse Lloyd Arthur \$4,935 from the County Farm line item, and to transfer funds from an appropriate line if there was not enough money in the account, and to include a release of liability. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the agreement and release for a PERF issue. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to adjourn until the next regularly scheduled meeting. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM**

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Commissioner Bill Spalding, President

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Commissioner Gary McDaniel, Vice-President

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Commissioner John Jessup

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Debra Carnes, Hancock County Auditor