

**Hancock County Board of Commissioners  
Regularly Scheduled Meeting  
August 15, 2023**

Commissioner President Spalding called to order the August 15, 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 an INDOT final inspection report for the Pennsy Trail close out for signatures and discussed projects including airport road opening delayed due to rain, 600W/200N roundabout traffic inspection, Bridge 62 deck poured, trading in an old distributor truck, bridge contract negotiations (BR24 \$337K, BR48 \$384K, RAB 500N \$473K, 350N \$537K, 600W \$1.54mil or \$1.3mil without RAB or relocation), asked permission to spend \$8000 on conditional hires for CDL training (Commissioners agreed), and S. Richman Circle closure on October 1, 2023 for a block party.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to accept the INDOT report of contract final inspection for contract R-40301, as presented. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**Facilities Manager**

Facilities Manager Cory Taylor discussed fire inspection results, quotes from Jacob-Dietz, Annex elevator shut down due to hydraulic leak, and the Community Corrections chiller failure. PDF Mechanical representative Tom Fitzwater presented four different chiller option prices without installation – Carrier is 46 weeks out at \$71,875, York is 15 weeks out at \$90,650, Trane is 12 weeks out at \$92,668, Daikin is 39 weeks out at \$93,750. Installation costs would be contracted out. Fitzwater spoke with DLZ due to a new chiller changing their remodel plans. Interim Director Kelly Perry discussed everything their department is doing to mitigate the situation, but the internal temperature is almost 90 degrees. The department can partially work from home for the time being until a temporary chiller can be installed and paid from the 1233 fund. Attorney Scott Benkie and Facilities Manager also discussed issues with cancelling the Mid America Elevator contract due to the company denying wrong-doing and the company asking to not communicate through the County attorney. The inspection was done late but did not remedy the issue since it was a time issue. Commissioners and County attorney agreed to pay the invoices for the emergency call and July monthly fee. Facilities Manager will send a list of all issues and pictures to the attorney for follow-up.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to accept the proposals from Jacob-Dietz to replace the backflow in the Prosecutor's Office for \$6,538, replace waterflow switches for \$1,798, and rebuild backflow for \$803 in the Community Corrections building, to be paid from building maintenance. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**Treasurer**

Treasurer Jane Klemme informed the Commissioners she will be hiring a new employee.

**Insurance Committee Update**

Payroll/Benefits Administrator Kelly Ellert discussed insurance presentations and being comfortable with moving forward with Walker Hughes to set open enrollment dates.

#### **Planning Department: Updates and East Development Rezone**

Planning Director Kayla Brooks discussed creating a unified development ordinance, working with the Highway Department on the County parks system, and a solar ordinance public hearing on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Also presented was a rezone request from East Development for 51.48 acres from A to RR at 1600 W 600 S in Fountaintown. The proposal is for 22 1.5 acre lots but there is no sanitary sewer or public water in the area. It received an unfavorable recommendation due to the comp plan showing the area as long term agriculture. Commissioners discussed following the comp plan. Petitioner attorney Briane House spoke in favor of the development, the comp plan is a guiding document, and the petitioner would not profit from the development. Property owner Rita Shilling spoke in favor of the rezone so they can sell their property for a good development.

Commissioner President Spalding motioned to uphold the unfavorable recommendation from the Planning Commission for the East Development rezone request. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 2-1, Commissioner Jessup voted nay.**

#### **County Health Insurance Update**

Walker Hughes representative Kevin Mandrell provided updates for the County's medical insurance costs and savings to date, TrueScripts and GoodRx partnership, resolving Valenz communication issues, and Commissioner McDaniel asked about a resolution for a particular claim – Mandrell is working on resolving it.

#### **Homeland Security: MVR Policy**

Homeland Security Director Misty Moore discussed looking into the Fleet Safety Management Program and running motor vehicle checks on incoming employees with starting checks on all employees starting September 1<sup>st</sup>. The checks are for employees who drive a County vehicle or use their personal vehicle on County business. Director Moore presented the County's MVR Policy Statement each employee will have to sign. Walker Hughes representative Brian Brees presented Hire Right to run MVR reports at a cost of \$10.25 per employee standard report with a start-up fee depending on number of employees. The Sheriff's and Highway Department run their own reports. Discussion had regarding need to run MVR reports on employees and annual costs.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to accept the quote from Hire Right in an amount not to exceed \$2,500 to be paid from Commissioner Contractual. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to accept the motor vehicle record policy as presented by Homeland Security Director Misty Moore. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

#### **IT**

IT Director Bernard Harris presented quotes for Wilson Amplifiers and Nelson Alarm for the Courthouse cellular service project and discussed low/no service in the Prosecutor and Community Correction offices.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to accept the proposal from Wilson Amplifiers for cellular repeaters in the amount of \$57,725.42 to be paid from the 2022 GO Bond and Nelson Alarm quote for cabling in the amount of \$12,475 to be paid for from the 2022 GO Bond. Commissioner

McDaniel seconded. Discussion had regarding Nelson Alarm payment location; payment location will be determined later. **Motion carried 3-0.**

### **Probation Department**

Chief Probation Officer Josh Sipes informed the Commissioners he will be hiring a new juvenile probation officer.

### **Ninestar ARPA Agreement**

Commissioners discussed the ARPA agreement between Hancock County and Ninestar for the infrastructure project on 200W and receiving funding from Ninestar from future development impact fees.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the wastewater main extension agreement between Hancock County and Hancock Rural Telephone Corporation DBA Ninestar Connect. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

### **Opioid Settlement/ARPA Match**

Commissioners entered into record the Exhibit E and totals by entity document submitted by Councilwoman Keely Butrum.

#### **“E. EXPANSION OF WARM HAND-OFF PROGRAMS AND RECOVERY SERVICES**

1. Expand services such as navigators and on-call teams to begin MAT in hospital emergency departments;
2. Expand warm hand-off services to transition to recovery services;
3. Broaden scope of recovery services to include co-occurring SUD or mental health conditions;
4. Provide comprehensive wrap-around services to individuals in recovery, including housing, transportation, job placement/training, and childcare; and
5. Hire additional social workers or other behavioral health workers to facilitate expansions above. E-3

#### **F. TREATMENT FOR INCARCERATED POPULATION**

1. Provide evidence-based treatment and recovery support, including MAT for persons with OUD and co-occurring SUD/MH disorders within and transitioning out of the criminal justice system; and
2. Increase funding for jails to provide treatment to inmates with OUD.

#### **G. PREVENTION PROGRAMS**

1. Funding for media campaigns to prevent opioid use (similar to the FDA’s “Real Cost” campaign to prevent youth from misusing tobacco);
2. Funding for evidence-based prevention programs in schools;
3. Funding for medical provider education and outreach regarding best prescribing practices for opioids consistent with the 2016 CDC guidelines, including providers at hospitals (academic detailing);
4. Funding for community drug disposal programs; and
5. Funding and training for first responders to participate in pre-arrest diversion programs, post-overdose response teams, or similar strategies that connect at-risk individuals to behavioral health services and supports.”

Original Two Year Totals By Entity											
	HRH	The Landing	Jail	TK	MHP	NASA	SH	MV	GC	EH	
Year 1	\$ 684,000.00	\$ 95,128.00	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 95,020.00	\$ 33,500.00	\$ 33,250.00	\$ 35,750.00	\$ 87,250.00	\$ 79,750.00	\$ 33,250.00	
Year 2	\$ 685,500.00	\$ 35,128.00	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 95,020.00	\$ -	\$ 23,200.00	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 3,250.00	
Original TOTAL	\$ 1,369,500.00	\$ 130,256.00	\$ 190,000.00	\$ 190,040.00	\$ 33,500.00	\$ 56,450.00	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 90,500.00	\$ 83,000.00	\$ 36,500.00	
Proposal Reduced by 50% Per Entity										NEW TOTAL	
Year 1	\$ 342,000.00	\$ 47,564.00	\$ 47,500.00	\$ 47,510.00	\$ 16,750.00	\$ 16,625.00	\$ 17,875.00	\$ 43,625.00	\$ 39,875.00	\$ 16,625.00	\$ 635,949.00
Year 2	\$ 342,750.00	\$ 17,564.00	\$ 47,500.00	\$ 47,510.00	\$ -	\$ 11,600.00	\$ 1,625.00	\$ 1,625.00	\$ 1,625.00	\$ 1,625.00	\$ 473,424.00
New TOTAL	\$ 684,750.00	\$ 65,128.00	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 95,020.00	\$ 16,750.00	\$ 28,225.00	\$ 19,500.00	\$ 45,250.00	\$ 41,500.00	\$ 18,250.00	\$ 1,109,373.00

### Commissioner Business

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

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve minutes for 7/18/2023 as presented. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Auditor Carnes discussed paying \$830.13 a month for an employee on COBRA so they may keep health insurance benefits before returning to work. Emergency Operations Director John Jokantas may have money in his budget for the payments. Discussion had.

Commissioner Jessup introduced Ordinance 2023-8B, an ordinance establishing the local public health services fund. Commissioner Jessup motioned to suspend the rules to allow for adoption on the day of introduction. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.** Commissioner Jessup motioned to adopt Ordinance 2023-8B, as presented. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to accept the performance bond for Platinum Properties Management Company in the amount of \$1,900 for Colonnade Section 3A centerline monuments. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to accept the prescribed contract for annual adjustments and cyclical reassessment between Nexus Group, Hancock County Board of Commissioners, and Hancock County Assessor. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to release the request for proposals for Construction Manager as Constructor services for the Amplify Hancock project. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.** Discussion had. Commissioner Jessup amended his motion to change the release date to August 15<sup>th</sup> and change the selection of interviews, interview dates, and selection of award dates to 'to be determined'. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

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

### The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 10:30 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