

**Hancock County Board of Commissioners
Joint County Council Meeting
August 29, 2023**

Commissioner President Spalding called to order the August 29, 2023, Hancock County Commissioners Board meeting at 5:00 PM. 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.

Council President Jeannine Gray called to order the August 29, 2023, Hancock County Council Meeting at 5:00 PM. Those present were Councilmembers James Shelby, Jeannine Gray, Kent Fisk, Robin Lowder, Scott Wooldridge, and Financial Administrator Mary Bowmer. Council members Keely Butrum and Mary Noe were absent. Councilmember Wooldridge left the meeting at 6:15 PM.

Facilities Manager

Facilities Manager Cory Taylor discussed the fire protection dry agent installation, Courthouse bat removal, a pest inspection quote from Rusty Fields, and using Huber auctions to remove furniture from the old jail. The following potential replacements for the Community Corrections chiller were discussed: Irish Mechanical Service 23-46 weeks out and \$125,455-\$216,690 depending on model, Fitzgerald and North 42 weeks out for \$104,750, and PDF Mechanical Trane model is 12 weeks out for \$127,645 with a glycol quote for \$8,565 and recommissioning fee post install for \$24,750. The temporary chiller rental is \$11,852.74 a month. Discussion had.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the quote from Rusty Field's for \$300 to be paid from building maintenance. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the quote from PDF Mechanical for the Trane CGAM110 unit in an amount not to exceed \$127,645 to be paid from the 2022 GO Bond. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. Discussion had regarding using Fund 1233. Commissioner Jessup rescinded his motion. Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the quote from PDF Mechanical for the Trane CGAM110 unit in an amount not to exceed \$127,645 to be paid from the Jail LIT Fund 1233. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the quote from PDF Mechanical for glycol in an amount not to exceed \$8,565 to be paid from the Jail LIT Fund 1233. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the quote from PDF Mechanical for renovation commissioning in an amount not to exceed \$24,750 to be paid from the 2022B GO Bond. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Community Corrections Executive Director Recommendation

Advisory Board members Wayne Addison and Josh Sipes recommended hiring the Wayne County Community Corrections Executive Director Morgan Walker due to her experience in management, budgeting, grant writing, programming, education, and her desire to be part of the Hancock County community. Commissioners and Council had discussion.

E911: Open Bids for 911 System

The following bids were received for the 911 system. Base – 7 Years: Central Square \$548,165, INdigital \$779,359, Carbyne \$829,725, AT&T Vesta \$564,480, AT&T Viper \$668,640. Base w/ Options – 7 years: Carbyne \$888,725.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to accept the bids for the 911 system as presented, with decisions to be made on September 19th. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Highway Department

County Engineer Gary Pool presented a TIF modification resolution that includes new parcels and State legislation allowing the RDC to passthrough a percentage of the TIF collection to operational costs for fire and police. Engineer Pool also discussed the new road notification system on the County website, Bridge 62 deck poured, chip sealing complete, 400N paving started, 700W roundabout opening north/southbound, future park land, and road projects outside the TIF potentially on 700W, 500W, and 100N or 200N. Discussion had, and resident Wayne Steger asked about plans on 700W.

Commissioner Jessup introduced Resolution 2023-8-3, a Resolution of the Hancock County Board of Commissioners Approving an Order of the Hancock County Area Plan Commission. Commissioner Jessup motioned to adopt Resolution 2023-8-3, as presented. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Walker Hughes Insurance Updates

Walker Hughes representative Kevin Mandrell discussed the County's medical insurance costs, prescription utilization and associated monthly costs, TrueScripts cost savings, and key performance indicators for January to June 2023. Walker Hughes representative Brian Brees discussed ways to reduce risk for the County, employee motor vehicle reports, disputing an audit fee, and the County's vehicle inventory matches Walker Hughes records.

Dedicate Marcia Biser Metcalf Minor Sub ROW

Commissioner Jessup motioned to accept the 35' ½ dedicated ROW for the Marcia Biser Metcalf Minor Subdivision. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Budget Issues, Future GO Bond

Councilmember Shelby discussed a potential 2023 GO Bond to alleviate approximately \$5 million in various County funds - \$1,842,000 CCD, \$550,00 Highway MVH, \$2,150,000 radio, and \$458,000 in various building maintenance needs. Commissioners and Council had discussion.

FSG President Greg Guerrettaz discussed current bonds and staying within four pennies.

Councilmember Shelby motioned to come up with a resolution of need for the 2023 GO Bond in an amount not to exceed \$5.5 million. Councilmember Lowder seconded. **Motion carried 4-0.**

Public Comment

Hancock County resident Wayne Steger discussed issues with the rise in property taxes, assessed values, and the 2024 proposed budget.

Commissioners and Council 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 8/1/2023, as presented. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to accept the performance bond for Henderson Investments in the amount of \$1,562.50 for the Enclave at Deer Crossing centerline monuments. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to accept the quote from DocuSign in the amount of \$4,916 to be paid from the IT budget. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to accept the invoice from ICS for Courthouse closers in the amount of \$3,463 to be paid from Commissioners Maintenance. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to accept invoice number 000829264 from DLZ in the amount of \$130,230 to be paid from the 2021 GO Bond. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Amy and Alan Borgmann discussed giving the County first rights to purchase the Borgmann property at 4869 E US 40. Commissioners and Council had discussion. Councilwoman Lowder motioned to request the Board of Commissioners get appraisals for the property and investigate a potential purchase. Councilmember Fisk seconded. Councilmember Shelby-Yes, Councilmember Gray-Yes, Councilmember Lowder-Yes, Councilmember Fisk-Yes. **Motion carried 4-0.** Commissioner Jessup motioned to have Miriam Rolles engage with the Borgmann's to start the appraisal process. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Thomas Moore requested direction regarding his bid to purchase the old Prosecutor's Office, he is willing to waive all inspections and purchase the property "as-is". Commissioners and Councilmembers had discussion. Councilmember Fisk motioned to give the Board of Commissioners authority to proceed with the sale of the property located at 27 American Legion Place in the amount of \$10,000. Councilwoman Lowder seconded. **Motion carried 4-0.** Commissioner Jessup motioned to allow County attorney Scott Benkie to enter into negotiations with Thomas Moore regarding the sale of the property located at 27 American Legion Place in the amount of \$10,000. 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.**

Councilmember Shelby motioned to adjourn until the next regularly scheduled meeting. Councilmember Fisk seconded. **Motion carried 4-0.**

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners and Council meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Commissioner Bill Spalding, President

Commissioner Gary McDaniel, Vice-President

Commissioner John Jessup

Attest: _____
Debra Carnes, Hancock County Auditor