

Hancock County Board of Commissioners
Regularly Scheduled Meeting
September 5, 2023

Commissioner President Spalding called to order the September 5, 2023, Hancock County Commissioners Board meeting at 8:38 AM. Those present were Board of Commissioners, Bill Spalding, John Jessup, Gary McDaniel, Auditor Debra Carnes, and County Attorney Scott Benkie.

Highway Department

County Engineer Gary Pool discussed Bridge 62 deck poured, transitioning back to paving, 700W roundabout opening Friday, 200N opening at end of September, and future park lands around the county.

Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Burkhardt discussed the jail being struck by lightning and caused approximately \$15,000 in damages and asked if a claim should be submitted to insurance, looking into digging a well on the west side of the jail for irrigation, and wanting to purchase a driving simulator through RDC for \$138,000. Discussion had.

Public Hearing: Title VI and ADA

Commissioner Jessup motioned to recess the Board of Commissioners meeting for the public hearing. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner President Spalding opened the public hearing at 11:37 AM. Engineer Pool discussed updates to the County's Title VI and ADA plans. Commissioner President Spalding asked for public comments, no comments.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to close the public hearing and reopen the Commissioners' meeting. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Facilities Manager

Facilities Manager Cory Taylor presented a quote from PDF Mechanical to replace the Community Corrections water pumps for the new chiller. Also discussed was purchasing drain plugs for the old jail to reduce sewer gas emissions, power outages at the Courthouse damaging circuit boards, and moving items out of the old jail. Discussion had about Huber Auction helping with the old jail furniture.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the estimate from PDF Mechanical for water pump replacements in an amount not to exceed \$43,000 to be paid from the Jail LIT Fund 1233. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Response Collaboration Presentation – Hancock Regional Hospital

Hancock Regional Hospital Director of Community Health Improvement Amanda Everidge discussed the mobile response team, jail navigation program, community support navigation, referral numbers and successful connection percentages (2023 62%), and a client success story.

*Commissioner President Spalding recessed the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:00 AM.
Commissioner President Spalding reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:15 AM.*

Driveway Variance

Eric Riedling requested a driveway variance for his property at 729 W 200S, the Highway Department has no issue with the variance.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the driveway variance for the second driveway located at 729 W 200 S. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

E911 Updates

Director John Jokantas discussed quotes for Assa Abloy, Nelson Alarm, ERS, and ICS for various 911 projects.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the Assa Abloy invoices in the amounts of \$5,492 and \$19,840 to be paid from the 2022A GO Bond. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the ICS invoice for carpet installation in an amount not to exceed \$1,200 to be paid from the 2022A GO Bond. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the Nelson Alarm quote for Courthouse card readers and panic buttons in an amount not to exceed \$2,619 to be paid from the 2022A GO Bond. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the ERS radio install quote in an amount not to exceed \$14,802.07, with an amount not to exceed \$5,000 to be paid from the 911 CCD budget and the remainder to be paid from RDC. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Sugar Creek Township – Building Permit Fee Waiver

Sugar Creek Township Trustee Jason Combs requested the building permit fee be waived for a park storage building.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to waive the building permit fees for the Sugar Creek Township for their park project. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

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 8/15/2023 as presented. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to release the performance bond for Forestar Real Estate Group in the amount of \$1,562.50 for Mt. Vernon North section 2 monuments. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to release the performance bond for Forestar Real Estate Group in the amount of \$3,375 for Mt. Vernon North section 1B monuments. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the invoices for Resurgent Elevator in the amount of \$4,180.46 for Annex elevator cylinder repacking and \$1,155.60 for Courthouse elevator service call, to be paid from Building Maintenance. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioners discussed questions received for the Amplify Hancock Owner's Rep and CMC RFPs, Community Corrections donating supplies to the animal shelter, and the furniture in the Community Corrections building.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to utilize Huber Auction Group to perform the County surplus auction at the old jail/Community Corrections and give authority to Board President Bill Spalding to approve the proposal when it arrives, to be ratified at the next Commissioners' meeting. 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 10:38 AM

Commissioner Bill Spalding, President

Commissioner Gary McDaniel, Vice-President

Commissioner John Jessup

Attest: _____
Debra Carnes, Hancock County Auditor