

Hancock County Board of Commissioners
Regularly Scheduled Meeting
10/3/2023

Commissioner President Spalding called to order the October 3rd, 2023 Hancock County Commissioners Board meeting at 8:28 AM. Those present were Board of Commissioners, Bill Spalding, Gary McDaniel, Auditor Debra Carnes, and County Attorney Scott Benkie. Commissioner John Jessup was absent.

Highway Department

- A grant will be placed for Penny Trail between 150W/300W.
- Eclipse operational plan was sent to Commissioners for feedback and then forward to Department Heads. Commissioners will make final approval of plan.
- Gary requesting more money for paving, equipment repair, and office supplies which he will request at a later date.
- The 600W project south of US40 is still on schedule. Information about park land is posted on the Hancock county's website.
- Hancock county current accident rate is 2.5 deaths/100,000 people.

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to accept maintenance bond #47SUR300214010721 from Clayton Properties Group, Inc./ DBA Arbor Homes for Heron Creek 3.2 street signs in the amount of \$1,250. Commissioner Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to accept maintenance bond #47SUR300214010722 from Clayton Properties Group, Inc./ DBA Arbor Homes for Heron Creek 3.2 sidewalks in the amount of \$5,920. Commissioner Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to release maintenance bond #47SUR300214010720 from Clayton Properties Group, Inc./ DBA Arbor Homes for Heron Creek 3.2 asphalt surface in the amount of \$8,250. Commissioner Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to accept maintenance bond #47SUR300214010718 from Clayton Properties Group, Inc./DBA Arbor Homes for Heron Creek 3.3 street signs in the amount of \$1,875. Commissioner Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to accept maintenance bond #47SUR300214010719 from Clayton Properties Group, Inc./DBA Arbor Homes for Heron Creek 3.3 sidewalks in the amount of \$5,044. Commissioner Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to accept the maintenance bond #47SUR300214010717 from Clayton Properties Group, Inc./DBA Arbor Homes for Heron Creek 3.3 asphalt surface in the amount of \$18,329.83. Commissioner Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to release the performance bond #20BSBIX4183 from Wabash Valley Power Association for temporary construction entrances on the Lee Hannah Junction Transmission Line Project in the amount of \$25,000. Commissioner Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to release the maintenance bond #291272T from Ambrose Mount Comfort V, LLC. for temporary protection barrier around a utility pole on 300N in the amount of \$30,000. Commissioner Spalding seconded. **Motion passed 2-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to release the performance bond #70NPG200034 from Clayton Properties Group Inc./DBA Arbor Homes for Heron Creek 3.4 asphalt surface in the amount of \$133,895. Commissioner Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Facilities Manager

Cory Taylor presented proposals to relocate and store documents from the Prosecutors office during renovations. Gary Pool gave permission for CONEX box to be stored at the highway garage if purchased. Discussion had concerning what kind of records are needing stored and if any files could be shredded or transferred to electronic files.

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to enter the agreement on a 40ft. CONEX box from Huber Auction Group for current and future use in the amount NTE \$6,250 to be paid for out of the 2022 GO Bond. **Motion carried 2-0.**

- Commissioner Spalding requested Cory to contact Joanie Fitzwater with Greenfield Planning Department for timeline on statues being installed in front of the Annex.
- Commissioner Spalding requested Cory to solicit bids for pest control for 2024.

Pennsy Trail

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to accept the proposal from Otto's Parking & Marketing in the amount NTE \$3,662 for signage on the Pennsy Trail to be paid out of Pennsy Trail Fund-9119 grant money. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel recessed the Board of Commissioners Meeting and opened the Hancock Country Regional Water and Sewer District Meeting. Commissioner Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Hancock County Regional Water and Sewer District meeting

Commissioner Jessup was absent. Dan Strahl advised since there is no quorum the minutes cannot be approved today. Commissioner Spalding asked for him to return for November 6th after the Drainage Board Meeting. Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to adjourn meeting. Commissioner Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel made a motion to reopen the Board of Commissioners Meeting. Commissioner Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Insurance update

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to remain with PBA as Third-Party Administrator and adopt Cigna PPO Network. Commissioner Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

- TrueScripts will remain.
- 99.8% of current employee providers are party of the Cigna PPO.
- Steve Long (HRH) is aware of the change.
- Kevin Mandrell is still working on stop loss quotes.
- Will not affect open enrollment timeline.

IT

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to accept proposal from Force Technology Solutions, LLC for the installation of 4 monitors, hardware, and programming in the amount NTE \$30,359.86 to be paid out of 2022 GO bond. Commissioner Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

911 Center

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to approve Director John Jokantas to travel to Austin, Texas for Rave Mobile Safety /Motorola User group meetings on 10/23/2023 through 10/25/2023 in the amount NTE \$1,434.22. Commissioner Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to allow travel for 911 personnel to Columbus, Ohio on the week of the 16th including Director Jokantas and Assistant Director Shamblin, to view a 911 call system in a live environment. Commissioner Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Auditor

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to pay invoice #2023-271 from FSG Corp, Inc. in the amount NTE \$11,300 for profession services rendered on Nora Project to be paid out of the Financial Consultant Line. Commissioner Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to pay invoice #2023-274 from FSG Corp, Inc in the amount NTE \$15,250 for 2024 Budget to be paid out of the Contractual Services Line. Commissioner Spalding seconded. **Motioned carried 2-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to pay invoice #2023-269 from FSG Corp, Inc. in the amount NTE \$3,900 for general consulting to be paid out of the Contractual Services Line. Commissioner Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to pay invoice #2023-272 from FSG Corp, Inc. in the amount NTE \$4,750 for professional services on Hancock County Innovation Center Project be paid out of Contractual Services Line. Commissioner Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

- 2024 Holiday and meeting calendar to be approved at the next scheduled meeting.

Community Correction Executive Director

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to extend the offer to Morgan Walker for the Community Corrections Executive Director as presented pending the council meeting tomorrow. Commissioner Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Resolution 2023-10-1

Commissioner McDaniel introduced Resolution 2023-10-1. Commissioner McDaniel motioned to adopt Resolution 2023-10-1. Resolution of need for certain capital expenditures for public safety and capital improvements and for the approval and issuance of a revenue bond of the county and taking related actions in the amount NTE \$5.5 million. Commissioner Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Amplify Hancock

Commissioner Spalding motioned to form a committee to review Owner's Representative and CMC project proposal for Amplify Project. The committee will be made up of 3 commissioners,

a county highway engineer, and a member of the county council. Commissioner Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Citizen Darcy Lund, spoke to the commissioners about appealing the assessment for her property and stated the following concerns.

- Cattails, Johnson grass, and Milkweed are pulling moisture out of her fields. She is asking for the ditch to be cleaned. Surveyor is coming out to assess.
- There is an inactive telephone pole/lines down in her field and she is at a loss of who to contact as everyone she contacts state this is not their responsibility. Commissioner McDaniel contacting NineStar to see how to handle the telephone pole and lines.
- Traffic increase on her road including heavy semi loads. She is concerned about a child being hit. Commissioner McDaniel to contact the appropriate party concerning proper signage and police presence.

Commissioner Business

Commissioner Spalding motioned to approve claims and payroll as presented. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to approve minutes for 9/19/2023 as presented. Commissioner Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to adjourn until the next regularly scheduled meeting. Commissioner Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0**

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 10:58AM.

Commissioner Bill Spalding, President

Commissioner Gary McDaniel, Vice-President

Commissioner John Jessup

Attest: _____
Debra Carnes, Hancock County Auditor