

Hancock County Board of Commissioners
Regularly Scheduled Meeting
10/17/2023

Commissioner President Spalding called to order the October 19th, 2023, Hancock County Commissioners Board meeting at 5:12 PM. Those present were Board of Commissioners, Bill Spalding, John Jessup, Gary McDaniel, Auditor Debra Carnes, Executive Liaison Administrator Sara Hilderbrand, and County Attorney Scott Benkie.

Council President Jeannine Gray called to order the October 19th, 2023, Hancock County Council meeting at 5:12 PM. Those present were Council members President Jeannine Gray, James Shelby, Kent Fisk, Robin Lowder, Scott Wooldridge, Keely Butrum, Mary Noe, and Financial Administrator Mary Bowmer.

Highway Department

Commissioner Jessup motioned to release the Maintenance Bond #BMIH321883 for Karnes Inc. in the amount of \$5,173.75 for Thorp Farms concrete curbs. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to release the Maintenance Bond #079977P for Floyd Crim & Sons Inc. in the amount \$21,225 for Thorp Farms asphalt binder and stone. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to release the Maintenance Bond #30083584 for Specialties Company, LLC in the amount of \$6,539.06 for Thorp Farms soil stabilization. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

- October 23rd 600W/200S intersection closed.
- November 22nd 600W back to two lanes.
- Bridge 62 is now open.
- Southern Hancock County School Corporation Board wanted to ensure the Commissioners and Council they were in favor of the project. Gary Pool petitioned INDOT to start December of 2025.
- October 20th final submission will be placed for the project on 600W south to New Palestine/north of Railroad for February letting.
- Eclipse Plan sent to department heads for feedback. Once the plan is completed and approved by the Commissioners it will be posted to the county website. Tourism Department is helping with the plan. A predicted cost of \$30,000 needed for set up across county, permits for temporary campsites, extra help, first aide, signage, etc.
- Due to inflation Gary is petitioning the Commissioners to carry over the bid proposals for snow removal, liquid asphalt and pipes.

Facilities Manager

Commissioner Jessup motioned to accept the proposal from PDF Mechanical, LLC for cleaning of the AHU System in the amount NTE \$1,450 to be paid out of Building Maintenance. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to accept the proposal from Day by Day Plumbing, LLC for rough plumb and water lines in the amount NTE \$8,354.55 to be paid out of 2022 GO Bond. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motioned carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to accept the change order from Party Pools, LLC to upgrade grass seed to meet DOT requirements in the amount NTE \$1,150 to be paid out of the Pennsy Trail Fund. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motioned carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to accept the quote from Spiker and Sons Excavating & Concrete to provide an additional 660 sq ft. of concrete for the farmers approaches in the amount NTE \$11,000 to be paid out of the Pennsy Trail fund. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motioned carried 3-0.**

CONEX box received to store files from Prosecutors building. Discussion had concerning digitizing records. Commissioners asked to get with USI for quote on digitizing records.

Buck Creek Township

Fire Chief Brandon Welch and Trustee Micki Simunek requested 3 million per year over a 10-year period for a total of 30 million. The additional funds would be utilized to add staff and cover operational expenses (7 staff per shift for a total of 21 staff). Commissioner Spalding asked if they are looking into fire territory. Mary Noe expressed that the growth in the township has created a situation that has led to the need for more firefighters, employees, and training. Commissioner Spalding requested they return to the November 6th meeting to discuss further.

Envoy, Inc.: Prosecutors Office

Envoy Preconstruction Manager Justin Nicol presented proposal bids for the renovation of the Prosecutors Office for acceptance.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to accept the 1.1 Bid Package from JBM Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$1,208,000 as presented. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to accept the 1.2 Bid Package from F.E. Moran, Inc. in the amount of \$71,000 as presented. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to accept the 1.3 and 1.4 Bid Package from Quality Plumbing & Heating in the amount of \$578,000 as presented. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to accept the 1.5 Bid Package from Industrial Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$478,800 as presented. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned for Commissioner Spalding to sign application from BLZ for construction design release in the amount of \$200 as presented. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Sheriff

Commissioner Jessup motioned to accept out of state travel request for Deputy Cody Harrison to attend Taser Instructor Re-Certification Training at Southgate Kentucky Police Department on 11/9/2023 in the amount of \$560. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to accept out of state travel request for Deputy Danielle Pruitt to attend Initial Response Strategies and Tactics training at Sawmill Creek Resort/Huron, Ohio on 10/31/23 through 11/1/23 in the amount of \$223.11. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Councilmember Butrum motioned to accept the invoice from PDF Mechanical, LLC on repair of York Chiller #1 in the amount of \$9,956 to be paid out of Food and Beverage. Councilmember Robin Lowder seconded. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve quote from Virage Simulation for V5500M-P Driving Simulator in the amount NTE \$138,375. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

911 Director

Commissioner Jessup motioned to allow John Jokantas our 911 Director to sit on the National 911 Training Board. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motioned carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to allow out of state travel for John Bullman, John Collins, Jason Haddix, Ashley Hamilton, John Jokantas, Kierstin Nugent, Greg Shamblin, and Emily Sparks to Columbus, Ohio for training on Viper phone demonstration on 10/18/2023 in the amount NTE \$200. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to accept the quote from Motorola Solutions in the amount NTE 1,579,347.80 for Radio Communications Equipment to be paid out of 2023 GO Bond. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Insurance update

Commissioner Jessup motioned to use UMR/UHC as Third-Party Administrator for Hancock County Healthcare for 2024. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

- TrueScripts will remain.
- Change will not affect open enrollment timeline.
- Stop loss issues addressed.
- Pending claims could cost up to 2 million.

Council Business

Councilmember Shelby motioned for council members to review expenses for Public Defender, Drug Court, and Behavioral Health Court to discuss at their next scheduled meeting. Councilmember Fisk seconded. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Councilmember Fisk motioned to adjourn until the next regularly scheduled meeting. Councilmember Butrum seconded. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Commissioners Business

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

Commissioner Spalding motioned to remove December 31st, 2024, from Board of Commissioners Calendar. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to allow Miriam Shoaff-Rolles the authority to close the Borgmann Property on behalf of the Hancock County Government on this transaction only, occurring on November 8th, 2023. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Auditors Business

Auditor Carnes presented short fall list on 6 accounts.

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 8:19 PM.

Commissioner Bill Spalding, President

Commissioner Gary McDaniel, Vice-President

Commissioner John Jessup

Attest: _____
Debra Carnes, Hancock County Auditor