

Hancock County Board of Commissioners
Regularly Scheduled Meeting
January 3, 2023

Sheriff Burkart called to order the January 3, 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, Executive Liaison Administrator Chyan Gilaspy, and County Attorney Scott Benkie.

Board Nominations

Commissioner Jessup opened nominations for Board President and nominated Commissioner Spalding. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. Commissioner Jessup motioned to close nominations. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to elect Commissioner Spalding as Board President. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner President Spalding opened nominations for Board Vice President and nominated Commissioner McDaniel. Commissioner Jessup seconded. Commissioner President Spalding motioned to close nominations. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Highway Department

County Engineer Gary Pool presented a \$63,000 Bridge 95 ROW contract for signatures (asked INDOT for 80% match), Bridge 57 opening delayed, Bridge 62 project let, INDOT paying 80% of \$600K bid overage for Bridge 145, Stinemeyer Road environmental issues may cut the roundabout at 500W, Pennsy Trail issues and US40 connectivity.

Commissioner President Spalding motioned to approve the LPA consulting contract with CHA and Hancock County Highway Department, Des. Number 1902796, not to exceed \$63,000. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Facilities Manager

Facilities Manager Cory Taylor requested to carryover comp time and discussed getting paid overtime for working on a holiday. Auditor Carnes discussed asking Council for a salary ordinance amendment. Discussion had.

Commissioner President Spalding motioned to allow Cory Taylor to carryover 22.5 hours of comp time into 2023. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Fields at Sugar Creek Plat

Commissioner Jessup motioned to accept the 50' ½ ROW on 800W for the Fields at Sugar Creek secondary plat. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Claims & Payroll, Minutes

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

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the Commissioner minutes for 12/6/2022 and 12/20/2022, as presented. Commissioner President Spalding seconded. Commissioner McDaniel abstained. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Accept/Release Bonds

Commissioner Jessup motioned to release the maintenance bond for R&F Development INC in the amount of \$23,407.25 for Overlook section 4 storm sewers. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to release the cash bond for R&F Development INC in the amount of \$2,800 for Overlook section 4 monuments. Commissioner President Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to release the cash bond for Prairie Point Enterprises LLC in the amount of \$232,880.22 for Boulders at Sugar Creek section 2 storm sewers. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to accept the cash bond for R&F Development INC in the amount of \$3,821.06 for Overlook section 4 erosion control. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

County Farm Lease

County Attorney Scott Benkie discussed the RFP for the County Farm lease.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the RFP for the County Farm lease go out to bid for 2023-2026, including all exhibits. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Board Appointments

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to reappoint George Langston to the Advisory Board of Citizens Energy Group for a one-year term ending on December 31, 2023. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to reappoint Brad Armstrong to the Alcoholic Beverage Commissioner for a one-year term ending December 31, 2023. Motion died due to lack of second. Commissioner McDaniel recommended Bob Chandler and will provide contact information.

Commissioner President Spalding motioned to appoint Gary McDaniel to the Area Planning Commission for a one-year term ending December 31, 2023. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner President Spalding motioned to reappoint Dr. Scott Capen to the Board of Health for a four-year term ending December 31, 2026. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to reappoint Renee Oldham to the Board of Zoning Appeals with a one-year term ending December 31, 2023. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to appoint Gary McDaniel to the Central Indiana Regional Workforce Board with a one-year term ending December 31, 2023. Commissioner President Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner President Spalding motioned to reappoint Steve Hill to the Drainage Board for a three-year term ending December 31, 2025. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to appoint Bill Spalding to the Economic Development Council with a one-year term ending December 31, 2023. Commissioner President Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to appoint John Jessup to the Emergency Operations Center Management Board of Hancock County with a one-year term ending December 31, 2023. Commissioner President Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to appoint Brian Pryor to the Emergency Operations Center Management Board of Hancock County with an open-ended term at the pleasure of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Accept/Release Bonds Correction

Surveyor Chad Coughenour clarified there should be three bonds for acceptance and one for release instead of three released and one accepted.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to rescind the four motions regarding the releasing and accepting of bonds. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to accept the three R&F Development Inc bonds for Overlook Section 4 erosion control for \$3,821.06, monuments for \$2,800, and storm sewer \$23,407.25. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to release the cash bond for Prairie Pointe Enterprises LLC in the amount of 156,005.22 for Boulders at Sugar Creek Section 2 storm sewers. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Board Appointments, Cont.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to appoint Bill Spalding to the Indianapolis Regional Transportation Council Policy Committee with a two-year term ending December 31, 2024. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to reappoint Dee Carmichael and Cathy Hall to the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (PTABOA) with one-year terms ending December 31, 2023. Commissioner President Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner President Spalding motioned to nominate Tom Strayer and David Hawkins for appointment and Mary Zurbuch for reappointment with RDC, all with one-year terms ending January 1, 2024. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner President Spalding motioned to reappoint himself to the Personnel Advisory Committee with a one-year term ending December 31, 2023. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to reappoint John Goss, Bob Mattsy, and Janet Jarson to the Tourism Commission, all with two-year terms ending December 31, 2024. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Comprehensive Plan

Planning Director Kayla Brooks discussed the new Hancock County Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to approve the Comprehensive Plan, as presented. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Mutual Aid President - Association of Chiefs Introduction

Sugar Creek Fire Chief Brandon Kleine discussed the Association and their relationship with Hancock County.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 9:52 AM

Commissioner Bill Spalding, President

Commissioner Gary McDaniel, Vice-President

Commissioner John Jessup

Attest: _____
Debra Carnes, Hancock County Auditor