

**Hancock County Board of Commissioners  
Regularly Scheduled Meeting  
February 21, 2023**

Commissioner President Spalding called to order the February 21, 2023, Hancock County Commissioners Board meeting at 8:03 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.

**Highway Department**

County Engineer Gary Pool presented the 300N acceptance, Greenfield MOU for roundabout construction, i3 MOU for roundabout construction (25% i3 payment, 75% TIF), I-70/200W interchange study with added \$559,400 traffic study, and Title VI for signatures. Engineer Pool also provided updates for Indianapolis MPO boundaries for urbanized areas, 601 W Osage investigation, February 10<sup>th</sup> letting was successful, RFPs for CCMG 2022-2, petitioning Council for \$170,000 for new trucks, garbage issues on 600W, and adding signage on the 400W railroad crossing to help prevent semi traffic. Steve Jones and Chris Dyer from United Consulting presented the phase 1 Bridge Inventory report.

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to accept the MOU between the City of Greenfield to install two roundabouts and water main installation along roundabout. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to accept the MOU between i3 and Hancock County to construct a roundabout at 500W and 300N, as presented. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to enter into the professional services agreement with United Consulting for the I-70/200W interstate study, as presented. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to approve the 2023 Title IV implementation plan, as presented. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**Prevent Child Abuse Committee Request**

Diane Burklow requested to put signage on the Courthouse lawn for the month of April for Prevent Child Abuse Month.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to allow the Prevent Child Abuse Committee to put signs on the Courthouse lawn from April 1 – April 30, 2023. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**Facilities Manager**

Facilities Manager Cory Taylor discussed the City of Greenfield working on the Courthouse water soon over a weekend and possible LED issues with the Courthouse clock, discussion had. Commissioner Jessup opened the following bids for grounds maintenance:

- Turpen Landscape Solutions, no aeration or fertilization, \$106,415 a year
- Grounds Control Services, the company we terminated services with, \$28,888.80 a year
- Rutledge Enterprises, no aeration or fertilization, \$97,960 a year
- Fox's Lawn Care, includes aeration and fertilization, \$137,650 a year

Commissioner Jessup motioned to accept the bids pending legal review, certificate of insurance review, and comparison of services. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

#### **FSG Corp Update**

FSG President Greg Guerrettaz provided updates for the ARPA report, annual fund report, Sanitary District report upload, DLGF study for GO Bonds issued in 2022, and the CCD rate. Discussion had.

#### **Beacon Layer Introduction**

Economic Development Administrator Cindy Carver discussed an upcoming layer to the Beacon map system to show abatements, EDAs, and developer data. Discussion had.

#### **E911**

Emergency Operations Director John Jokantas discussed an in-state travel, working with Waze to restrict semi traffic on 400W, and Senate Bill 316. Discussion had.

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to approve the in-state travel request for Johnathan Bullman, Alyssa Eichholtz, Misty Rhodes, and Emily Sparks to attend the NENA Certified Training in Plainfield from 3/6 – 3/8 2023. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motioned carried 3-0.**

#### **Update on Sewage Concerns**

Homeowner Kristie Upton provided updates for her neighbor's sewage issues. Discussion had.

#### **Clerk's Office – ESS Contracts**

Clerk Lisa Lofgreen presented three two-year contracts for Election Services & Software Ballot on Demand system.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the contract between Elections Systems & Software and the Hancock County Clerk's Office for hardware maintenance and software license, maintenance and support services. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the contract between Elections Systems & Software and the Hancock County Clerk's Office for Ballot on Demand system, ongoing license, software maintenance, and services. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the contract between Elections Systems & Software and the Hancock County Clerk's Office for election services. 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 the Request for Qualifications advertisement for the Construction Manager as Advisor to continue the old jail and Community Corrections remodeling. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner President Spalding discussed having quarterly evening meetings with Council and Commissioner Jessup suggested having joint Budget meetings instead. Discussion had. Also discussed was going to Council for funding to change the current payroll system to Right Stuff Precinct Manager for payroll. Startup costs are \$40,720 then \$18,720 a year. Discussion had.

### **Prosecutor's Office – Vacation Carryover**

Prosecutor Brent Eaton requested to allow Shannon Crull to carryover 37.5 hours and Shelli Poppino 21.25 hours due to not being able to use vacation time during the emergency move. Discussion had.

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to approve the Prosecutor's Office vacation carryover request. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

### **Probation – Dove House Contract**

Probation Director Josh Sipes presented a two-year contract with Dove Recovery House for renewal. The contract is for priority on five beds and costs \$24,000 a year.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to renew the service agreement between Hancock County Circuit Court, Hancock County Probation Department, and Dove Recovery House for Women, as presented. Commissioner McDaniel seconded and asked about success statistics. Discussion had. **Motion carried 3-0.**

### **Sheriff's Department – Annual Report/Vehicle Leases**

Sheriff Burkhart presented the Annual Equitable Share Report and reserve deputy car leases for signature and discussed cutting trees along the jail property on US 40.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the Annual Equitable Sharing Agreement Certification between Hancock County Sheriff's Department and the Department of Justice and Department of Treasury. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the two leases between the Hancock County Sheriff's Department and Classic Hauling Inc. for vehicles VIN ending in 346608 and 138479, as presented. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

### **Surveyor's Office – American Structurepoint Contract**

Surveyor Chad Coughenour discussed the contract with American Structurepoint to provide Section Corner Maintenance and on-call licensed surveying at \$140 hour. Discussion had.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the agreement between the Hancock County Surveyor and American Structurepoint to provide Section Corner Maintenance at \$140 an hour, as presented. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

### **Attorney Benkie – COI Insurable Limits**

County attorney Scott Benkie discussed the insurable limits for certificates of insurance – one million per person, two million per occurrence, five million for all construction contracts, and ten million for any project exceeding five million dollars. Benkie also discussed creating a provision that provides the County with any notice of insurance cancellation. Discussion had.

### **State Opioid Match Opportunity**

Councilmember Keely Butrum presented the State of Indiana Opioid Settlement Match Grant opportunity. The County match would be \$1,109,200 from the remaining ARPA funds and National Opioid Settlement money for a two-year funding cycle. Commissioner Jessup voiced opposition to funding Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) training for schools, but supported

the rest of the proposal. Hancock Regional Hospital Director of Community Health Improvement Amanda Everidge explained the purpose of DEI training and had discussion with Commissioners. Commissioners were in support of the proposal if the money allocated for DEI training was reallocated.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to give support to the State Opioid Match request presented with the following reallocation of the \$150,000 of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion training listed in the school's evidence based prevention to the other three allocation areas. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

*Commissioner McDaniel left the meeting at 11:20 AM.*

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

**The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 11:27 AM.**

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Commissioner Bill Spalding, President

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Commissioner Gary McDaniel, Vice-President

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Commissioner John Jessup

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Debra Carnes, Hancock County Auditor