

Hancock County Board of Commissioners
Regularly Scheduled Meeting
March 21, 2023

Commissioner President Spalding called to order the March 21, 2023, Hancock County Commissioners Board meeting at 8:01 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 a bond release, resolution for property purchase, and USI supplement for signatures. Engineer Pool also discussed Bridge 17 painting beginning March 27 with a five week closure of 700E between 900N/1000N, CCMG bid opening, hiring additional employees, and receiving \$13,108,080 in CAT IV awards. Bids received:

- Microsurfacing Contractors LLC - \$1,069,615.46
- Pavement Solutions Inc - \$1,049,994.60
- Crossroads Aggregate and Asphalt (asphalt materials) - \$65.50/ton.

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to release the performance blanket bond for Arbor Investments in the amount of \$60,000 for Sagebrook residential drive and sidewalks. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel introduced Resolution 2023-3-11, a Resolution Designating and Authorizing the President of the Hancock County Board of Commissioners to Execute All Closing Documents. Commissioner McDaniel motioned to adopt Resolution 2023-3-11, as presented. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to approve Supplemental Agreement #1 between USI Consultants, INC and Hancock County Board of Commissioners DES No 1802940, as presented. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the bid from Crossroads Aggregate and Asphalt for Number 11 surface at \$65.60 a ton, as presented. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the bid submitted by Pavement Solutions Inc for microsurfacing in the amount of \$1,049,994.60. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Pennsy Trail

Pennsy Trail Board President Mary Ann Wietbrock provided updates for the Riddle property purchase, Eagle Station at 400W trailhead, 500-600W construction project grant extending through the end of 2023, a fencing quote for \$11,132.41 to go over the Doe Creek ditches, and bids for trail signage. Bids received: Otto's Signage - \$12,648 and Signarama - \$12,829.82. Discussion had.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the estimate from Twisted A Fencing LLC for \$11,132.41. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to accept the bids for Pennsy Trail signage and await approval pending further review. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Facility Manager

Facility Manager Cory Taylor presented a quote from Grainger for \$7,252.20 for partitions for voting, a proposal from K&K Fence for \$25,670 for new gates at the Highway Department, MacAllister CAT quote for \$5,414 to maintain the Annex generator.

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to accept the quote from Grainger to purchase 60' of Screenflex partitions in an amount not to exceed \$7,252.20 to be paid from Building Maintenance. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to accept the proposal from K&K Fence for gate and fencing at the Highway Department in an amount not to exceed \$25,670, to be paid from the 2021 GO Bond. Commissioner Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.** Commissioner Jessup abstained.

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to approve the 36 month contract with MacAllister Machinery for annual Annex Building generator service in the amount of \$5,414 to be paid from Commissioner Contractual. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Hancock County Public Library

Director Dave Gray and Board Member Zach Schroer presented the 2022 annual report.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to accept the 2022 annual report, as presented. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Fortville-Vernon Township Public Library

Director Melissa Drago Loiselle presented the 2022 annual report and 2023-2025 strategic plan.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to accept the 2022 annual report and 2023-2025 strategic plan, as presented. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

County-Wide Fire Ordinance Discussion

County Building Inspector Scott Williams, Greenfield Fire Marshal Steve Kropacek, Sugar Creek Fire Marshal Will Friedericks, Vernon Township Fire Marshal Josh Earl, and Buck Creek Assistant Chief Richard McFall, discussed implementing a County-wide fire ordinance for the entire County and all fire departments. A quote from Jacobi, Toombs & Lanz to write the ordinance would be \$11,600. Discussion had.

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to approve the Building Department to further explore the fire prevention ordinance. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Hancock County Innovation and Education Center

Hancock Regional Hospital President Steve Long discussed the need for a vocational training center and its benefit to the hospital. The Veridus Group representatives Alaina Shonkwiler and David Rainey discussed the projects progress, future location at 300N and 200W, phased construction plan, \$72 million for 144K sqft facility, and current funding status (\$350,000 – County, \$175,500 – private funds, \$1.44 million – READI Grant, \$2,500 – other grants), and

target opening in fall 2025. Veridus requested \$40 million from the County to help fund the project. Baker Tilly representative Caitlin Cheek discussed TIF revenue and cash flow. Discussion had regarding building ownership, capital replacement, operating costs responsibility, and exploring funding.

Commissioner Jessup motioned the Board of Commissioners give intent to fund \$40 million for the Hancock County Innovation and Education Center project contingent upon a suitable structure, ownership of capital, and payment of operating. Commissioner McDaniel seconded.

Motion carried 3-0.

Prosecutor

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the out of state travel request for Prosecutor Brent Eaton to attend the NDAA prosecutor training from 5/16/2023-5/19/2023. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

E911

Director of Communications John Jokantas presented out of state travel requests, pole attachment agreement for security cameras for the Courthouse, lighting invoice, and electronic doors/software agreements for signature and discussed Wilkinson PD requesting radios.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the out of state travel request for Greg Duda, Greg Shamblin, and Tabitha Ebersole to attend the International Academy of Emergency Dispatchers Navigator Conference from 4/19/23-4/21/23, as presented. Commissioner McDaniel seconded.

Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the Pole Attachment License Agreement between the City of Greenfield and Hancock County Board of Commissioners, as presented. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the invoice from Electrical Solutions Service in the amount of \$7,968.65 for pendant lighting at the 911 Center to be paid from the E911 2022 GO Bond. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the Assa Abloy contract in the amount of \$19,840 for the keying project smart tag door inventory to be paid from the E911 2022 GO Bond. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the Assa Abloy SimpleK contract for keying software in the amount of \$5,492 to be paid from the E911 2022 Bond and noting the annual \$794 service fee to be paid from 1235 LIT. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Sheriff

Sheriff Burkhart presented out of state travel requests for signatures and discussed concerns surrounding Senate Bill 317 and the upcoming Crossroads air show in October. Air show issues include parking, traffic control, safety, egress, and road construction. Discussion had. Community member George Langston spoke in favor of the Tourism Board and asked the Commissioners to proceed with caution because Hancock County needs the revenue the air show would bring in. Sheriff Burkhart will reach out to the organizers to attend the next Commissioner meeting.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the out of state travel request for Captain Bridget Foy and Jail Navigator Crystal Petty to attend the RISE 2023 conference in Houston, Texas from 6/25/23-6/29/23. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to accept the out of state travel request for Nicole Stark to attend One Voice United Metal of Honor and Elevating our Profession in Colorado Springs, Colorado the 4/27/23-4/28/23. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Earley Homestead Minor Sub

Commissioner Jessup motioned to accept the 50' ½ ROW on 400W and 50' ½ ROW on 100N for the Earley Homestead Minor Subdivision. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Certificates of Insurance

Walker Hughes representative Brian Brees discussed insurance limits for MyCOI (\$1 million base, \$5 million umbrella), exclusion policies, notification of cancellation, and running MVRs on employee drivers. Discussion had.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the certificates of liability insurance limits of \$1 million per occurrence, \$2 million general aggregate, and \$5 million umbrella. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the MyCOI insurance limits for automobile at \$1 million and workman's comp at \$500K/\$500K/\$500K. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the following MyCOI endorsements: 30 days' notice of cancellation carrier form, additional insured, waiver of subrogation, primary and non-contributory, no proprietor/partner/executive/office/member is excluded, contractual liability required, explosion, collapse and underground damage no be excluded, professional, pollution, and cyber coverages shown under separate requirements. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Business

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

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the Right Stuff software hosting license agreement, as presented. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the Right Stuff software license end user agreement, as presented. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the invoice for the Greenfield Parks Department for landscaping in the amount of \$2,867.75 to be paid from building maintenance. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the Courthouse lawn request for the Plein Air registration tent. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioners denied the County employee request to use the Memorial Building for a personal children's party and discussed the request to purchase the old Prosecutor's Office.

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to adjourn until the next regularly scheduled meeting.
Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 11:56 AM.

Commissioner Bill Spalding, President

Commissioner Gary McDaniel, Vice-President

Commissioner John Jessup

Attest: _____
Debra Carnes, Hancock County Auditor