

Hancock County Board of Commissioners
Regularly Scheduled Meeting
April 18, 2023

Commissioner President Spalding called to order the April 18, 2023, Hancock County Commissioners Board meeting at 8:03 AM. Those present were Board of Commissioners, Bill Spalding, John Jessup, Gary McDaniel, Executive Liaison Administrator Chyan Gilaspy, and County Attorney Scott Benkie. Auditor Debra Carnes was absent.

Highway Department

Engineer Ann Sheidler presented bond releases and a Crossroad Engineers supplemental contract for signatures. Also discussed was ROW for Bridge 36, 95, and 600W offers going out, dura-patching push, 400W paving updates, 600W opening Friday, 601 W Osage meeting, and RFIs for roundabouts, bridges, and road segments released this month, and requested permission for County Engineer Gary Pool to electronically sign documents for 2023.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to release the performance blanket bond for B&M Ashman, Inc in the amount of \$25,000 for switching insurance companies. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to release the performance bond for Swinney Brother Excavating in the amount of \$25,000 for an open road cut at 3632 N 700W. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the supplemental agreement number one with a zero sum change between Hancock County and Crossroad Engineers. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to authorize Hancock County Engineer Gary Pool to electronically sign documents for 2023. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Facilities Manager

Facilities Manger Cory Taylor presented quotes for various repair projects around the county and discussed issues with the Mid-America elevator contract. Discussion had regarding elevator service company and attorney Scott Benkie stated there was cause for cancellation. Commissioners ask for a contract for Gladiator for the roof repair.

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to terminate the contract for Mid-America and to allow Facilities Manger Cory Taylor to facilitate the termination. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to accept the quote from Resurgent Elevator for elevator interior remodel in the amount of \$22,012 to be paid from the 2021 GO Bond. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to enter into a contract with Jacob-Dietz for a Novec 1230 fire suppression system for the Annex basement storage room in the amount of \$26,250 to be paid from the 2022 GO Bond. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the Jacob-Dietz estimate to replace three flow switches in the amount of \$1798 to be paid from building maintenance. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to approve ICS to remodel the Extension Office for \$53,195 to be paid from the 2022 GO Bond. Commissioner President Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Jessup abstained.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to hire Wood Works Landscapes and Waterfeatures Inc. for the amount of \$12,777 for Annex Building fountain repair to be paid from building maintenance. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to accept the quote from PDF Mechanical in the amount of \$1,525 to rebuild the blower motor for the Memorial Building boiler to be paid from building maintenance. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to hire Patriot Shading to install a new shade in the amount of \$1,285, with the potential for an addition \$115 for a relay, to be paid from building maintenance. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Weed Board

Weed Specialist Dean Folkening discussed being back in the office, receiving complaints, and wanting to start a landlord registration program like Indianapolis and Shelbyville. Discussion had.

Community Corrections

Director Wade Kennedy requested the Commissioners issue a letter of support for the Community Corrections Jail Treatment Services and Justice Reinvestment Grant.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to issue a letter of support for the Community Corrections Jail Treatment Services and Justice Reinvestment Grant. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Burkhart requested to surplus a 2009 Dodge Charger and 2014 Chevy Tahoe due to mechanical issues and discussed \$63,955.15 in invoices needing paid for A/V equipment. Discussion had.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to surplus the Sheriff's Departments 2009 Dodge Charger last four VIN 4856 and 2014 Chevy Tahoe last four VIN 3860. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to pay due invoices \$63,955.15 to be potentially paid from the LIT Public Safety Fund, awaiting Council approval. Commissioner Jessup seconded. Sheriff Burkhart clarified it was for A/V equipment. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Old Prosecutor's Office Discussion

The Depot owner Thomas Moore discussed ideas for the old Prosecutor's Office if the County agreed to sell the building. Ideas include restoring the building to its original and historic state with potential office and meeting spaces. Discussion had. Attorney Scott Benkie will research selling historical buildings and discussed the RFP process.

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to allow legal counsel to create an RFP for the sale of the old Prosecutor's Office and to enter a discussion period with Thomas Moore to discuss how the process might move forward. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Insurance Committee Update

Payroll and Benefits Administrator Kelly Ellert provided updates for the new insurance committee including employee insurance survey results and requests for international pharmacy coverage and employee memberships for the Hancock Wellness Center. Discussion had.

Insurance Quarterly Update

Walker Hughes representatives Kevin Mandrell and Carol Beadle discussed the County insurance quarterly report, an issue with a 2022 claim, PBA report, TrueScripts report, and requested international pharmacy coverage. Discussion had.

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to allow Walker Hughes to add to our contract an international pharmacy component for medicines. Commissioner Jessup seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Second Circle Acquisitions – Dollar General Rezone

Planning Director Kayla Brooks discussed the Second Circle Acquisitions request to rezone 2.394 acres from R1 to CC to build a Dollar General in Maxwell. Mom and Pops owner Debbie Elsbury and Maxwell resident Bret Hickman spoke in opposition of the rezone. Discussion had.

Commissioner Jessup introduced ordinance 2023-4D, an ordinance amending Hancock County Zoning Ordinance 2007-1B. Commissioner Jessup motioned to adopt Ordinance 2023-4D, as presented. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion failed 0-3.**

New Palestine Self Storage – Storenow Rezone

Planning Director Kayla Brooks discussed the Storenow self-storage facility request to rezone 3.10 acres from R1 to CR. Storenow attorney Russell Brown discussed rezone conditions – discussion had.

Commissioner Jessup introduced Ordinance 2023-4E, an ordinance amending Hancock County Zoning Ordinance 2007-1B. Commissioner Jessup motioned to adopt Ordinance 2023-4E, as presented. 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 McDaniel motioned to approve minutes for the March 21, 2023, Executive Meeting as presented. Commissioner President Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to accept the bid from Otto's Parking Marking in the amount of \$12,648 for Pennsy Trail signage. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioners denied the request to purchase County owned property and discussed the CM(a) RFQ bids received. The Commissioners clarified the remodel is two separate projects with two separate contracts.

Commissioner McDaniel motioned award the Community Corrections and old jail remodel contracts to Envoy, which are two separate projects with two separate contracts. Commissioner President Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.** Commissioner Jessup abstained.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the Tax Sale Services Support Addendum for the Treasurer's Office. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

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 10:50 AM

Commissioner Bill Spalding, President

Commissioner Gary McDaniel, Vice-President

Commissioner John Jessup

Attest: _____
Debra Carnes, Hancock County Auditor