

Hancock County Board of Commissioners
Regularly Scheduled Meeting
June 20, 2023

Commissioner President Spalding called to order the June 20, 2023, Hancock County Commissioners Board meeting at 8:00 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 Bridge 36 title sheet, 601 W. Osage lease agreement, bridge inspection plan, and Title VI/ADA contract for signatures. Engineer Pool also discussed the Pennsy Trail ribbon cutting, road construction schedule, New Pal Summerfest, towing waiver, INDOT resurfacing project, and the DNR trail grant for 400W-300W.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to sign the bridge plan DES. number 1902793 for Bridge 36. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the triple net lease agreement for 601 W. Osage Street. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to accept the bridge inspection plan for Bridge B39834. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to enter into a professional services agreement with USI Consulting for Title VI and ADA plan in an amount not to exceed \$30,500 to be paid from County Highway funds, as presented. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

CASA

CASA Director Marciann Miller and Judge Sirk thanked the Commissioners for their support and discussed having no waitlist for children needing services.

Public Hearing: Easement Vacation

Commissioner Spalding opened the public hearing at 8:34 AM. Midwest Mole representative Jason Faucett discussed the vacation request is to allow the company to vacate the current plat to allow for future expansion on the property. Commissioner Spalding asked for any comments; no comments. Commissioner Spalding closed the public hearing at 8:38 AM.

Commissioner Jessup introduced Ordinance 2023-6D, an ordinance to vacate easement. Commissioner Jessup motioned to suspend the rules to allow adoption upon the day of introduction. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to adopt Ordinance 2023-6D, as presented. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Insurance Committee Update

Benefits Administrator Kelly Ellert introduced Cheri Cole, the new Payroll Administrator, who is taking over in July after the current Payroll Administrator Hollie Kinker begins her new role as

Assistant Planner. Ellert also discussed upcoming insurance presentations, HSA plan updates, and the draft PTO policy.

Facilities Manager

Facilities Manager Cory Taylor presented elevator service agreements from Kone and Resurgent for review, an ICS quote for caulking and tuckpointing, a Vail's Concrete quote, and ICS quote for painting in the Annex. Taylor also discussed elevator compliance, Pennsy Trail clearing, and a request to use the Memorial Building. Commissioners took the elevator agreements and painting quote under advisement.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to accept the quote from Vail's Concrete in the amount of \$5,989.50 for Annex sidewalk repair to be paid from building maintenance. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to accept the quote from ICS for tuckpointing and caulking the Annex façade in the amount of \$11,500 to be paid from building maintenance. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Planning Department

Planning Director Kayla Brooks presented a contract with Vandewalle & Associates for comprehensive plan implementation services.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to enter into an agreement with Vandewalle & Associates for comprehensive plan implementation services in an amount not to exceed \$44,300 to be paid by the Planning Department, pending insurance review. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

E911

Deputy Director Greg Shamblin presented a Motorola radio agreement paid from RDC TIF money, sound management quote, and request for John Jokantas to purchase new office furniture.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to allow President Spalding to sign the Motorola purchase authorization in an amount not to exceed \$241,582.96, as presented. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to allow Director John Jokantas to purchase up to \$3,000 in new furniture, to be paid from the 911 CCD budget. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the quote from Sound Management for soundproofing in the amount of \$3,800 to be paid from the 2022A 911 GO Bond. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Recorder's Office

Recorder's Office representative Nicole Parcell presented a contract with US Imaging, Inc for document indexing services for \$204,909.25 - \$50,000 will come from the Recorder's perpetuation fund and \$154,909.25 from Food & Beverage.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to accept the contract US Imaging, Inc for document indexing services in an amount not to exceed \$204,909.25, with \$50,000 coming from the Recorder's perpetuation fund and \$154,909.25 from Food & Beverage. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Superior Court I

Commissioner Jessup motioned to allow Judge Davis to pay for the use of a rental car during the NADCP conference in Houston, Texas to be paid from Superior Court I funds. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Riley Festival

Anita Turner requested to use the Annex lobby and Courthouse Lawn for the Riley Festival from 12:00 PM on October 3rd, 2023, to 6:00 PM October 8th, 2023.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the use of the Courthouse lawn and Annex lobby from 12:00 PM on October 3rd, 2023, to 6:00 PM October 8th, 2023. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Public Comment

“We the People” Jill Jones and Vanessa Brizendine remonstrated against public comment time limits. Commissioner Spalding discussed the Indiana Public Access Counselor and Public Access Laws allow the Board to limit public comment. *To review the current Handbook on Indiana’s Public Access Laws, please visit in.gov/pac*

George Langston remonstrated against a new GO Bond, property taxes, and commercial real estate issues.

Commissioner Business

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

Attorney Scott Benkie will draft a letter to Waste Management to have a dumpster removed from the Purdue Extension Office parking lot.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the Purdue University memorandum of understanding, as presented, pending review of the County’s insurance. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the CASA RICOH copier lease and sign the order agreement, as presented. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the memorandum of understanding between the Hancock County Commissioners and RHSC, LLC, granting 0.266 acres located at 336 S. 300 W in exchange for 580 feet of 6’ chain link fencing. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

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 9:45 AM

Commissioner Bill Spalding, President

Commissioner Gary McDaniel, Vice-President

Attest: _____

Commissioner John Jessup

Debra Carnes, Hancock County Auditor