

**Hancock County Board of Commissioners**  
**Regularly Scheduled Meeting**  
**July 3, 2023**

Commissioner President Spalding called to order the July 3, 2023, Hancock County Commissioners Board meeting at 8:34 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 discussed 300N tile crossing, next round of Community Crossing Matching Grant applications, contraction on 200W and 600E starting next week with six and three day closures (respectively), DNR next level trails grant for 2023, RDC utility costs, potential 2025 culvert inventory, condemnation on 600 W, road closure map, and needing approval to begin negotiations for projects.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to allow County Engineer Gary Pool to begin negotiations for 350N/700W roundabout (RAB) with BLN, 500N/700W RAB with GAI/firstgroup, BR48 with EMCS/Kimley Horn, and 600W Stinemyer to 600S with Structurepoint. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**Pennsy Trail**

Pennsy Trail Board President Mary Ann Wietbrock discussed the 2023 Next Level Trails Grant application process and completing the work in house – Engineer Gary Pool agreed to do the work and estimated a total cost of \$200,000 for the 20% match and \$75,000 for fencing. Wietbrock also discussed issues with trail crossings, fireworks on the trail, and who is responsible for cleaning up a fallen tree - Facilities Manager will take pictures for the Commissioners.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to move forward with the 2023 Next Level Trail Grant for the Pennsy Trail and request Council funds \$200,000 for the match and made aware of potential fence costs of \$75,000, all to be done in house. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

**Facilities Manager**

Facilities Manager Cory Taylor requested access to LOW Financials to view fund statuses and discussed gate project at the Highway Department, sidewalk repairs starting in September, ants in the old jail and Courthouse, and the elevator maintenance contracts. Discussion had.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to enter into a maintenance agreement with Resurgent Elevator, LLC for elevator maintenance in Hancock County buildings in an amount not to exceed \$625/month, to be paid from Commissioner contractual. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

*Commissioner President Spalding recessed the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:02 AM  
Commissioner President Spalding reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 10:14 AM*

**Purdue Extension Office**

County Extension Director Amber Barks presented an out of state travel request to attend the national conference for 4-H youth development professionals in Pittsburg, PA from October 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the out of state travel request for Amber Barks to attend the national conference for 4-H youth development professionals in Pittsburg, PA from October 9<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

#### **IT Department**

IT Director Bernie Harris and GIS Administrator John Milburn discussed CivicOptimize for the County website to allow better database migration, Liebert APS quote for the Annex server room UPS upgrade, AVI Systems quote for monitors in the Commissioners Courtroom, and new microphones. Discussion had.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to allow the IT Department to enter into an agreement with Civic Plus for CivicOptimize extension for the County website in an amount not to exceed \$13,000 to be paid from the IT budget. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to accept the quote from Vertiv for the Liebert APS model in an amount not to exceed \$36,668.63. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

#### **Accept ROW: Robert R. Miller Minor Subdivision**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to accept the 50' ½ ROW on CR 600 E for the Robert R. Miller minor subdivision. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

#### **Veridus Group: Amplify Hancock Project**

Veridus Group President Tim Jensen discussed the request for proposals for the Build-Operate-Transfer process and how starting this process has no financial obligations to the County. Commissioners discussed a request for proposals for owner's representative be drafted by County legal counsel for the next Commissioners meeting.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to have legal counsel prepare an RFP for owner's rep services for the Innovation Center to be reviewed at the July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve Veridus Group to prepare an RFP for the BOT process for the Innovation Center, subject to Commissioners and legal review. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. Commissioner President Spalding clarified this does not commit the County to any financial obligations, they are exploring their options at this point. **Motion carried 3-0.**

#### **Assessor's Office**

Assessor Cindy Roberts requested the Commissioners approve a contract with Nexus to assist with 2023 commercial property reassessment, not residential, for \$30,000 to be paid from the Assessor's budget. Discussion had regarding residential appeals.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to approve the contract for professional property tax services between Nexus and Hancock County Assessor, in an amount not to exceed \$30,000. 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 minutes for 5-30-2023 as presented. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioner Jessup motioned to allow Commissioner President Bill Spalding to sign the memorandum of understanding for Purdue University, as presented. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Commissioners had discussion about the contracts from Envoy to remodel the old jail and old community corrections offices.

Commissioners and Auditor Carnes had discussion about the MyCOI insurance override requests.

Commissioner Jessup motioned that until 12-31-2023, the County will grandfather in insurance coverages for current and new vendors at their current limits until their policy renews, at which time their policies must meet the County's requirements; any vendor who does not have insurance must obtain insurance at the County's level of requirements immediately. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. Discussion had regarding timeline for obtaining proper coverage. **Motion carried 3-0.**

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

*Commissioner President Spalding reconvened the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:09 AM*

Commissioner Jessup discussed a request from E911 Director John Jokantas to assist Tell City Police Department in any capacity for their fallen officer, Sergeant Heather Glenn.

Commissioner Jessup motioned to allow E911 Director John Jokantas to assist in any way with the Tell City fallen officer's funeral services. Commissioner President Spalding 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 11:11 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