

**Hancock County Board of Commissioners**  
**Regularly Scheduled Meeting**  
**July 18, 2023**

Commissioner President Spalding called to order the July 18, 2023, Hancock County Commissioners Board meeting at 8:02 AM. Those present were Board of Commissioners, Bill Spalding, Gary McDaniel, Auditor Debra Carnes, Executive Liaison Administrator Chyan Gilaspy, and County Attorney Scott Benkie. Commissioner John Jessup was absent.

**Highway Department**

County Engineer Gary Pool presented a VCAP letter, CCMG letter, Walmart bond release, and 600W title sheet for signatures. Engineer Pool also discussed the HMA plant down, Amazon lawsuit, road construction map, US 40 project, condemnation on 600W, and if Sugar Creek is a “navigable stream” in regard to public access for a kayak launch location. The CCMG multi-bridge maintenance plan received one bid.

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to accept the Voluntary Compliance Agreement Plan, as presented. Commissioner President Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to accept the CCMG grant as presented, in the amount of \$1,088,610. Commissioner President Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to release the performance bond for Graycor Construction Company in the amount of \$15,000 for driveway work at the Walmart Distribution Center. Commissioner President Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to approve the INDOT road plan for 1802940, as presented. Commissioner President Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to accept the bid for the multi-bridge maintenance project from Baumgartner Asphalt Services in the amount of \$992,944.39, as presented. Commissioner President Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

**Pennsy Trail**

Pennsy Trail Board President Mary Ann Wietbrock discussed Ninestar providing easement for trail construction for the cost of a fence between 350W-300W – the County would not own the land; Commissioners requested a letter stating the permission to use the easement lasts in perpetuity. Commissioners questioned why Pennsy Trail requested a 20% match from the Commissioners and a 24.5% match from the Council for the Next Level Trails Grant. Wietbrock explained 20% was the minimum match for the application and Council was supposed to be asked to support a 20%, 25%, or 30% match – discussion had. Engineer Pool and Commissioners discussed the Next Levels Trail Grant application and match amounts.

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to apply for the 2023 Next Level Trails Grant for a total grant amount of \$955,819 with a County match of \$233,783, with the potential of payment coming from RDC. Commissioner President Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to accept the agreement between Hancock County and RHSC, LLC for the trail easement contingent upon receiving a letter granting access in perpetuity. Commissioner President Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

#### **Facilities Manager**

Facilities Manager Cory Taylor presented two quotes from K and K Fence to be re-approved for gates at the Highway Department as one was originally omitted in error, a proposal from Interior Construction Services for office construction at the Highway Department, and discussed the old jail maintenance budget.

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to approve the quote from K and K Fence to furnish and install two 24' single slide cantilevers and one 40' dual slide cantilever and relocate fence rows so gates are in line with existing 6' chain link fence, in the amount of \$25,670 to be paid from the 2022 GO Bond. Commissioner President Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to approve the quote from K and K Fence to install three Liftmaster electric gate operators as presented, in the amount of \$25,000 to be paid from the 2022 GO Bond. Commissioner President Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to approve the proposal from Interior Construction Services for the Highway Department office buildout in an amount not to exceed \$99,601 to be paid from the 2022 GO Bond. Commissioner President Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

#### **E911 Center**

Emergency Operations Director John Jokantas presented an RFP for a new 911 system due August 25<sup>th</sup> to be reviewed at the August 29<sup>th</sup> Commissioners meeting.

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to approve 911 Center to issue an RFP for 911 call handling equipment, to be paid from the 911 GO Bond. Commissioner President Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

#### **Insurance Committee Update/PTO Policy**

Payroll Benefits Administrator Kelly Ellert discussed meeting with four new potential health insurance vendors and having a recommendation in the upcoming weeks. Commissioners and Kelly also discussed the proposed PTO policy switching to straight PTO accrued monthly without anyone losing time they currently have.

#### **Lauth for True Brands EDA**

Lauth representatives Brady Jacoba and Ryan Thomas discussed the 202,000 sq. ft. building built for True Brands and starting the process for True Brands to receive an economic development agreement and a forgivable loan of \$424,377. Discussion had. Commissioners requested Lauth return on August 1<sup>st</sup> with additional forgivable loan documentation.

#### **Planning Department: BAL Rezone Request**

Assistant Planner Hollie Kinker presented a rezone request for BAL Express to rezone 23.078 acres from IBP to IL at approximately 7700 W 200 N in Greenfield for a semi parking facility.

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to affirm the unfavorable recommendation from the Plan Commission. Commissioner President Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

### **Building Department: Abandoned and Unsafe Buildings**

Building Inspector Scott Williams discussed an abandoned property at 3503 W US 40 that has no septic system but has not been deemed unsafe, Commissioners will not require seller to bring property up to code since there are no safety hazards. Also discussed was an unsafe building hearing set for August 1<sup>st</sup> and having additional hearings this year.

### **Red Rock Development EDA**

Todd Ward, representative for Red Rock Development, discussed the construction of their developments being hindered due to supply chain issues and requested EDAs for three buildings. Discussion had.

Commissioner McDaniel introduced Resolution 2023-7-5, a Resolution approving economic development agreements with Hancock 13 RRL and Hancock 14 RRL. Commissioner McDaniel motioned to adopt Resolution 2023-7-5, as presented. Commissioner President Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to approve the EDA for buildings 1 and 2 with Hancock 14 RRL and the EDA for building 3 with Hancock 13 RRL. Commissioner President Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

### **Commissioner Business**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to approve claims and payroll as presented. Commissioner President Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to approve minutes for 6/6/23, 6/20/23, and 7/3/23, as presented. Commissioner President Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to accept the request from the Central Indiana Bicycle Association to use the Annex parking lot on August 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 AM – 11:30 AM. Commissioner President Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to approve the out of state travel request for Sergeant Chris Rapp and Deputy Kyle Addison to attend the D.A.R.E International School Safety Advocacy Training Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada from July 23 – 28, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$4,148. Commissioner President Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to approve the out of state travel request for Deputy Ryan Kalk to attend the HITS K9 Training and Consulting 2023 annual meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona from August 15 – 18, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$1,810.13. Commissioner President Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Commissioners received one bid to purchase the old Prosecutor's Office from Thomas Moore in the amount of \$10,000. Commissioners will discuss at the next scheduled meeting.

Auditor Carnes discussed letters of credit from Centier Bank that need to be returned.

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to approve the termination letter for Solutions for eBiz for the Sheriff's Department website as of August 31, 2023. Commissioner President Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Commissioner McDaniel motioned to approve the Ninestar monthly service charge for the phone line in the Community Corrections elevator not to exceed \$31.50 a month, terminating July 2026. Commissioner President Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Commissioners moved the public health funding and County parks department discussion to the next meeting.

Commissioner President Spalding motioned to not submit the RFP for the BOT process for the Amplify Hancock Project until further investigation into the proper delivery method can be conducted. Commissioner McDaniel seconded. **Motion carried 2-0.** Community member George Langston asked for clarification regarding the project (Innovation and Education Center).

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

**The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 10:23 AM**

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Commissioner Bill Spalding, President

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Commissioner Gary McDaniel, Vice-President

Absent  
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Commissioner John Jessup

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