

Hancock County Board of Commissioners
Regularly Scheduled Meeting
April 7th, 2026

Commissioner President McDaniel called to order the April 7th, 2026, Hancock County Commissioners Board meeting at 8:02 AM. Those present were Board of Commissioners, Gary McDaniel, Jeannine Gray, Bill Spalding, Auditor Debra Carnes, Executive Liaison Sara Hilderbrand, and County Attorney Scott Benkie.

Audio and video recording statement.

President Spalding opened the meeting with the “Pledge of Allegiance”.

Commissioner Gray motioned to approve meeting minutes for 3/31/2026 as presented. Commissioner Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Board of Commissioners recessed at 8:03 AM.

Drainage Board called to order at 8:03 AM.

Drainage Board adjourned at 9:06 AM.

Water & Sewer District Board called to order at 9:14 AM.

Water & Sewer Board adjourned at 9:19 AM.

Board of Commissioners called back to order at 9:19 AM.

Highway

The following bids were opened:

- Selking International- Dump Truck \$163,158.96
- JX Truck Center- Dump Truck \$197,647.88
- Stoops Freightliner- Dump Truck \$180,912.00
- Stoops Freightliner- Dump Truck \$190,710.00
- Stoops Freightliner- Distributor Truck \$343,860.00

Gary Pool presented the following updates:

- HCSS
- Bridges on 300S and 400S schedule for late spring opening
- Engaging Lisa Lee for PILOT
- SR67 and 400W- INDOT to remove some left turns and through
- Survey at 200W started, INDOT interest in help with right-of-way

Commissioner Gray motioned to surplus a E222 Mulching Head (BH62EXC-2V) as presented. Commissioner Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Facility

Commissioner Gray motion to approve the Settlement Agreement and Release by and between JES Indiana, LLC dba Groundworks formerly Indiana Foundation Service and Hancock County Government as presented. Commissioner Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

The Commissioners discussed the window tint applied to offices at the Annex Building Offices.

The Commissioners discussed the canvas salt cover at the Highway Building.

Commissioner Gray motioned approved the invoice from Greenfield Parks Department in the amount NTE \$2,907.50 to be paid for out of Facility Maintenance. Commissioner Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Highway Cont.

Commissioner Gray motioned to accept the bids from Selking International for a new Dump Truck and the bid from Stoops Freightliner for a new Distributor Truck as presented. Commissioner Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Board of Commissioners recessed at 9:41 AM.

Board of Commissioners called back to order at 9:45 AM.

Driveway Variance

Commissioner Spalding motioned to deny the request for a Driveway Variance for the Nelson Property based on County Highway Engineer Gary Pool's recommendation. Commissioner Gray seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Hancock Village

Commissioner Gray motioned to vacate the easement on lots 7, 8, 9, and 10 in Souders Addition and Lot 2 in Commercial Park North. Commissioner Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Barrett Minor Subdivision

Commissioner Gray motioned to approve the 50ft half right-of-way on Barrett Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Borgmann Minor Subdivision

Commissioner Gray motioned to approve the 35ft half right-of-way on Borgmann Minor Subdivision. Commissioner Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Parks and Recreation Board

Hancock County Parks and Recreation Board President, Miriam Rolles presented the Veterans and Mental Health 988 Bench Program. Miriam would like approval to order and purchase 10 benches. The Board of Commissioners asked for more detailed information on the location of the benches and how to secure the benches.

Board of Commissioners recessed at 10:04 AM.

Solid Waste Board called to order at 10:09 AM.

Solid Waste Board adjourned at 10:32 AM.

Board of Commissioners called back to order at 10:34 AM.

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

Hollis Rezone: Ordinance 2026-4A

Commissioner Gray motioned to adopt Ordinance 2026-4A an Ordinance Amending Hancock County Zoning Ordinance No. 2007-1B Amending Title XV, Chapter 156. Zoning of the Hancock County Code of Ordinances from Agriculture (A) to Residential: Rural (RR) as presented. Commissioner Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Planning- UDO Light

Commissioner Gray motioned to accept the Agreement for Professional Services between HWC Engineering, Inc. and Hancock County for the Unified Development Ordinance with a recommendation to present to Council for approval. Commissioner Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Auditor’s Business

The Board of Commissioners signed the BMV forms to plate the Weights and Measures Trailer.

The Board of Commissioners discussed their CIRTA contribution.

Prosecutor

Commissioner Gray motioned to accept the Client Service Agreement with Utility Associates, Inc. for equipment, software and services related to the Stream Interview Room (TITAN Bundle) pending legal review. Commissioner Spalding seconded. **Motion carried 3-0.**

The Commissioners reviewed the proposal from Utility Associates, Inc. for the Helios service.

Surveyor

The Commissioners signed the Section Corners contract that was approved in February of 2026.

Hancock County Surveyor, Chad Coughenour announced he is reappointing Teri Gottschalk to the Parks & Recreation Board for another term.

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

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners meeting adjourned at 10:53 AM.

Commissioner Gary McDaniel, President

Commissioner Jeannine Gray, Vice-President

Commissioner Bill Spalding

Attest: _____
Debra Carnes, Hancock County Auditor