

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
July 05, 2011

Members Present: Commissioner Jerry Hounshel, Commissioner John Schafstall, Commissioner Matt Reedy

Others Present: Sheriff Mike Carothers, Attorney Susan Bevers, Auditor Debra Eggeman

Jerry Hounshel called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a silent prayer observed.

Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2011 minutes as amended. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the payroll of June 25, 2011 in the amount of \$323,739.19 and the claims dated July 5, 2011 in the amount of \$2,173,817.80. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin presented three alignment alternatives for the replacement of Bridge #195. Alternate #1 has an estimated construction cost of \$2,690,000.00 and warrants the longest bridge of the three alternative alignments. Alternate #2 is very preliminary. The actual survey data was not available. Alternate #3 has an estimated construction cost of \$2,610,000.00 and will require the most earthworks due to the elevation that the bridge needs to be. After much discussion Matt Reedy made a motion to go with Alternative #1. John Schafstall seconded the motion. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin distributed an email from Brad Isaacs with an update on the Medora Covered Bridge Project. July 01, 2011 was the last day of work for the Medora project.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners that an agreement will have to be written up with Administrative Resources to allow Trena Carter to provide grant writing services for the Vallonia Storm Drain Project. The cost of the services will be \$1,500.00. Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard stated that there are funds available in the Commissioners budget to cover these costs. Warren also stated that a fair market appraisal will have to be done by a Real Estate Broker on a right of way purchase. John Schafstall made a motion to contact Kenny Spoor. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners that the old white house behind the courthouse which is set to be torn down, has asbestos in the walls. Samples must be taken and the hourly cost could be as much as \$400.00. Commissioners directed attorney Susan Bevers to include this in the bid packet to be sent out for the demolition.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin updated the Commissioners on various paving projects.

Juvenile Detention Center Director Connie Schrader presented the June 2011 report for Commissioners review.

Sheriff Mike Carothers presented the Jail Activity and the Meal Expense Report for June 2011.

Sheriff Mike Carothers gave an update on the upgrades being made at the canine control holding facility. Attorney Susan Bevers stated that a new contract is being drafted for alternate veterinarian services for the animals.

Cheryl Heckman appeared before Commissioners informing them that the flooding near her residence is now causing health concerns. Also, kids in her neighborhood are throwing rocks at her home. Jerry Herman who is a resident of Jackson County spoke on Ms. Heckman's behalf and attested to the harassment of Ms. Heckman and stated that he fears for her safety. Jerry Hounshel directed Ms. Heckman to talk to local law enforcement on the issue of harassment. John Schafstall explained to Ms. Heckman that the area she resides in has always been wet and he does not feel Commissioners have the authority to do anything about her neighbors. Matt Reedy suggested a security camera be put in place. Jerry Hounshel stated that the Health Department, Drainage Board and the Sheriffs Department have been informed of the problems.

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard spoke on issues regarding the use and issuance of county credit cards. Jeff stated that after further research he has found that an employee cannot use the credit card unless the employee's name is on the card. After much discussion, Commissioners agreed that the Department Head's name be on the card and it is the Department Heads responsibility to keep track of charges. Attorney Susan Bevers will amend Ordinance 2011-12 to reflect these changes.

Attorney Susan Bevers presented a letter for signature which appoints Carrie Riley with Administrative Resource as Civil Rights Officer for the Pershing Fire Station Project. Matt Reedy made a motion to approve. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Probation Chief Norm Phillips informed Commissioners of new Juvenile Alcohol & Drug Counselor Chuck Olson. Mr. Olson has requested the use of the Superior Court I facilities to teach classes. John Schafstall made a motion to allow the use of Superior Court I facilities. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

The meeting recessed until July 19, 2011 at 9:00 AM.

Jerry Hounshel – President

Matt Reedy

John Schafstall

Debra Eggeman - attest