

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
October 04, 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 September 20, 2011 meeting as presented. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the payroll of September 23, 2011 in the amount of \$318,719.73 and the claims of October 04, 2011 in the amount of \$959,701.76. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Treasurer Kathy Hohenstreiter appeared before Commissioners informing them of a proposal received from Indiana Bank and Trust Company. IBT proposed using a Negotiable Order of Withdrawal (NOW) account. The NOW account will pay interest on the balances maintained in the account. IBT will pay .65% interest rate for the overall blended balance within the NOW account. Kathy explained that banks are unwilling to invest short term monies. Kathy also requested that she be allowed to combine the Visitor Center funds with Highway monies to allow them to also receive the .65%. Matt Reedy made a motion to approve. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. The changes will take effect on October 11, 2011.

Andy Miller with A. J. Miller Consulting, LP appeared before Commissioner to address the proposed changes to precinct lines. Mr. Miller outlined various changes to both the Council and Commissioner districts which would more evenly distribute the population among the districts. After much discussion Commissioners requested additional time to look over the proposal and will have feedback within 5 days. This will allow Clerk Amanda Lowery plenty of time to forward the information to the state.

Juvenile Detention Center Director John Long presented the Center's report for the month of September 2011.

Debbie Hackman requested the use of the Courthouse for the Hometown Christmas to be held on Friday December 2, 2011 in the courthouse lobby from 5 PM to 8 PM. Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the request. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Duane Davis informed Commissioners that he will be

submitting a grant application to supplement the cost of narrow-banding of the VHF radios within the department. Duane requested signature on a letter verifying that Commissioners recognize the 50% cost share for this project. Matt Reedy made a **motion to approve pending the County Attorney's review**. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Clerk Amanda Lowery requested approval of a Profession Services Agreement with RBM Consulting to provide services in support of Election Equipment and Processes which are necessary to conduct elections. Attorney Susan Bevers has reviewed the agreement. Matt Reedy made a motion to approve. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioners agreed that the County Clerk will have the authority to sign off on the Statement of Work.

Ron Ratcliff appeared before Commissioners on behalf of George Pfaffenberger to request approval to move forward with Phase II in the Hoenver Addition. Mr. Ratcliff will present to the Seymour Plan Commission once approved by Commissioners. John Schafstall made a motion to approve the request. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Michael Driscoll appeared before Commissioners requesting the closing of roads for the 5K Walk & Run which will be on April 21, 2012. The roads to be closed are from east walnut to the fairgrounds. The run will begin at 8:00 AM. John Schafstall made a motion to approve the request contingent upon approval by the Fair Board. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jerry Hounshel opened Letters of Interest for the rehabilitation of the Shieldstown Covered Bridge as follows: 1) USI Consultants, Engineers and Land Surveyors. 2) J. Kriscunas. 3) Janssen & Spaans Engineering. 4) Beam, Longest and Neff. Highway Supervisor Warren Martin will meet with committee members to make recommendations.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin requested additional funding for fuel in the amount of \$27,600.00 from the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund. John Schafstall made a motion to approve the request. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin requested transfer of funds as follows: \$20,000.00 from 2-204-362 (truck repair) to 2-204-221 (fuel) and \$3,000.00 from 2-204-231 (garage supplies) to 2-204-221 (fuel). John Schafstall made a motion to approve. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners that he has been notified by INDOT that there is no contract signed for the stimulus monies which were used for the rehabilitation of Medora Covered Bridge. Upon presentation of a contract Matt Reedy made a motion of approval. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioner of an invoice received from

Percival Excavation & Truck for the demolition in the amount of \$9,220.00. The costs for the demolition will be paid from the County Rainy Day Fund.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin requested permission to move forward on the use of brine mixture on the roads this winter. Commissioners granted the permission.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin requested permission to purchase a new color printer for the Highway office. Permission was granted.

Sheriff Mike Carothers presented the jail activity report and the meal expense report for September 2011. Sheriff Carothers also reported on Canine Control. John Schafstall stated that he has heard many good reports on the Canine Control Program.

Matt Reedy reported that he has met with providers for the Fire Alarm System and will be receiving quotes from three providers.

Sheriff Mike Carothers reported that since the firing range closed at Freeman Field he has signed up several memberships at the Freetown Conservation Club. Rumke may provide a target range at no cost to the county.

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard requested direction on how to go about obtaining credit cards for some Department Heads. After much discussion Jeff was directed to check with Peoples Bank to find out if Department Heads can obtain a card **in the Department Head's name.**

Jerry Hounshel announced that he has received a bill from the Town of Brownstown for \$164,503.67 for sewer service for the county jail. Jerry stated that the Town of Brownstown has never billed the county since the new jail facilities were built and the county has already paid \$33,214.31 and was told that this was the final payment. **Due to a miscalculation on the Town's part it was found that the county was not billed enough.** Commissioners turned the issue over to County Attorney Susan Bevers who will report back at the next scheduled meeting.

The meeting recessed until October 18, 2011 at 9:00 AM

Jerry Hounshel - President

Matt Reedy

John Schafstall

Debra Eggeman - attest

