

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
November 15, 2011

Members Present: Commissioner Jerry Hounshel, Commissioner John Schafstall

Others Present: Sheriff Mike Carothers, Attorney Susan Bevers, Deputy Auditor Rita Hinnners

Jerry Hounshel called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a silent prayer observed.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2011 minutes as presented. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the payroll of November 4, 2011 in the amount of \$316,909.17. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Juvenile Detention Center Director John Long presented the center's report for October, 2011.

Prosecutor Rick Poynter appeared before Commissioners to inform them of his **intentions to purchase a new computer system for the prosecutor's office.** The system will be purchased with monies from the Asset Forfeiture Fund. Mr. Poynter will be requesting an additional appropriation from the Asset Forfeiture Fund in the near future. John Schafstall made a motion to approve the purchase contingent on Council approval. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Jerry Hounshel opened bids for brine equipment. Two (2) bids were received. 1) **Agro-Chem East of Wilmington, Ohio - Tanks (\$7,970.00), Brine Maker (\$14,545.00).** 2) J. Edinger & Sons, Louisville, Ky. Total price for all (\$83,683.00). John Schafstall made a motion to take the bids under advisement. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Attorney Susan Bevers presented Ordinance 2011-27 for signature. Ordinance 2011-27 is an ordinance amending the County Council Districts in Jackson County. Commissioners signed. Was voted on and approved at a prior meeting.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin presented plans for Bridge #149 in Washington Township which was signed by Commissioners.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin presented a progress report for Bridge #195 through October 2011 which was received from Bernardin, Lockmueller & Associates, Inc.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners of the receipt of a LPA

Selection Review Checklist from INDOT for the Shieldstown Covered Bridge.

Commissioners reviewed a letter received from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in regards to the Vallonia Storm Drain Project. The letter stated that the agency does not anticipate any significant impacts from the proposed construction, however it should be recognized that vegetation-lined ditches are beneficial for downstream water quality.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin provided a summary of quote approved at the November 1, 2011 meeting as follows:

- 1) Georges of Seymour was the low quote for items listed.
- 2) County Materials - **Low quote** on sands
- 3) **Lees Ready Mix - Sole quote** for concrete 4% drop from last years pricing.
- 4) **Jackson/Jennings Co-op - Low quote** for gas/oils.
- 5) Lucas-Ackerman - Low quote on culverts.

Attorney Susan Bevers has researched the right of way permit procedures and found that any company doing work on a county right of way must first have a permit.

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard presented an addition for the county handbook on internet usage. John Schafstall made a motion to table the issue to allow further review of the addition. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Brad Napier with the Presbyterian Church in Brownstown appeared before Commissioners requesting permission to place a signs for the church. Commissioners advised that it will have to be determined if the signs are on county or state property before a decision can be made.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the 2012 Holiday Schedule as presented by the Auditor. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

The meeting recessed until December 6, 2011 at 6:00 PM.

Jerry Hounshel - President

John Schafstall

Matt Reedy

Debra Eggeman - attest

