

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
January 03, 2012

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 retain Jerry Hounshel as President of the Board of Commissioners and Matt Reedy as Vice President for calendar year 2012. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2011 minutes as presented. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the payroll of December 30, 2011 in the amount of \$328,909.17. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Juvenile Home Director Dan Banks requesting approval to move forward with needed renovation and remodeling. Dan stated that he would like to begin with a new roof and ventilation system first. The cost of the project will be around \$50,800.00 and will be paid from the CHINS fund. John Schafstall made a motion to approve contingent upon Council approval. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Custodian Jana Wessell appeared before Commissioners requesting direction on how to proceed with claims payment since she will be responsible for paying utility claims for all county offices. Jana stated that she would prefer to prepare the claims herself since she is now responsible for the budget. Commissioners instructed Jana to contact office holders on the new procedure.

Jerry Hounshel recommended the following Commissioner's Board Appointment:

Board of Review

Jim Weesner and Max Noblitt - Terms expired on December 31, 2011.

The Jackson County Cemetery Commission

Tom Cooley - Term expired December 31, 2011.

Hospital Board - Jackson County Schneck

Raphael Carter M.D. and Jack McCorry - Terms expired on December 31, 2011.

Jackson County Plan Commission

John Schafstall and Jerry Otte - Terms expired on first Monday of 2012.

Jackson County Board of Zoning Appeals

Jerry Otte - Term expired on first Monday of 2012.

Alcoholic Beverage Board

Kenny Sweeney - Term expired on December 31, 2011.

County Drainage Board

Orville Schnitker and John Schafstall - Terms expired on December 31, 2011.

Jackson County Industrial Development Corporation

Matt Reedy - Term expired on December 31, 2011

Jackson County Community Corrections Advisory Board

Roger Bane - Term expired on December 31, 2011.

Jackson County Recycling District Board of Directors

Lenvel Robinson

Board of Trustees - Pershing Township

Michael Hall - Term expires first Monday of January 2012.

Board of Trustees - Brownstown Township

Thelma Greathouse - Term expires December 31, 2011.

Board of Trustees - Driftwood Township

Harold Garland - To replace Richard Berry who chose not to continue.

Tom Hackman - To replace Lloyd Grider whose term expired on December 31, 2011.

Bruce Shoemaker - Term expires on December 31, 2011.

Board of Fire Trustees - Grassy Fork Township

Randy Bobb - Term expired December 31, 2011.

Board of Trustees - Hamilton Township

Matt Boknecht - Term expired on December 31, 2011.

Board of Trustees - Jackson/Washington Township

Larry Sunbury - Term expired December 31, 2011.

Board of Trustees - Owen/Salt Creek Township

Jeff Blevins - Term expired December 31, 2011.

Board of Fire Trustees - Redding Township

Joe Schepman - Term expired December 31, 2011

Jackson County Visitor Promotion Commission

Jack Montgomery and Joyce Burbrink - Terms expired on December 31, 2011.

Jackson County Board of Health

Judy Tape - To replace Norma Prewitt who chose not to continue. Dr. Kenneth Bobb will contact Harry Baxter and Edgar Hackman before re-appointment to the board.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve all board appointments recommended by Jerry Hounshel with the exception of the Board of Health. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Dr. Kenneth Bobb requested approval of a contract with Lin Montgomery to provide services as **the Health Department's Public Health Educator. Funds are provided for this position through grants.** Matt Reedy made a motion to approve. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

John Beatty with Beatty Insurance gave an update on the County's Property and Casualty Insurance policy and requested renewal. John stated that due to the removal of several vehicles from the policy there will be a savings from last year. John Schafstall made a motion to approve. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Sheriff Mike Carothers presented the Inmate Meal Expenditure Report for 2011.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners that the grant for tourism has been forwarded to INDOT. The grant will cover signage for the Medora Covered Bridge. INDOT will

place and maintain the signs.

Attorney Susan Bevers presented the Lien and Restrictive Covenant Agreement for approval. Jackson County has applied for and received an award of Community Development Block Grant funds on behalf of the Pershing Volunteer Fire Department from the Office of Community and Rural Affairs. This agreement maintains that the real estate shall comply with all applicable compatible use requirements of the program. Jerry Hounshel made a motion to approve. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Attorney Susan Bevers presented a Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act form stating that Jackson County did not receive 1) 80% or more of its annual gross revenues in U.S. Federal Contracts, subcontracts, loans, grants, sub grants and/or cooperative agreements. 2) Did not receive \$25,000,000.00 or more in annual gross revenues from U.S. federal contracts, subcontracts, loans, grants, sub grants and/or cooperative agreements. Matt Reedy made a motion to approve. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Attorney Susan Bevers presented Resolution 2012-1 for approval. Resolution 2012-1 is a resolution to establish meeting dates and times for the Board of Commissioners. The Commissioners will meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00 PM and on the third Tuesday of every month at 9:00 AM. John Schafstall made a motion to approve. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Attorney Susan Bevers presented a renewal maintenance contract with BIS Digital for the recording system at Superior Court I. Matt Reedy made a motion to approve. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jerry Hounshel announced that Commissioners will proceed with looking for more space in the offices at the courthouse and annex building. A space study was done earlier but the project was tabled due to the economy. Jerry stated that Commissioners may look in to hiring a consulting firm to assist.

Matt Reedy stated that he would like to review what Commissioners are paying for membership to various organizations.

Jerry Hounshel reported on the sewer bill which is owed to the Town of Brownstown. Jerry appeared before the County Council for direction and the issue was tabled to allow Council Members to meet with Town Board members.

The meeting recessed until January 17, 2012 at 9:00 A.M.

Signed this 3rd day of January, 2012

Jerry Hounshel - President

Matt Reedy

John Schafstall

Debra Eggeman - attest