

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
January 17, 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 9:00 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a silent prayer observed.

Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2012 minutes as presented. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the payroll dated January 13, 2012 in the amount of \$328,030.12. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Morris Tippen appeared before Commissioners requesting permission to hold activities at the Medora Covered Bridge on August 4, 2012. There will be a meal served at 6:30 PM. Mr. Tippen explained that he has submitted proof of liability to the Auditors office. If the number of people attending grows it may be necessary to hold the festivities on August 3<sup>rd</sup> also. John Schafstall made a motion to approve the request. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Custodian Jana Wessel requested that a mileage line be added to her budget to allow her travel to and from Superior Court 1 when necessary. Jerry Hounshel made a motion to add the mileage line and transfer monies within her budget. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Bill Kidd appeared before Commissioners requesting signage to alert drivers of children playing on 1175 N. on 1250 E to the Jackson Jennings county line. John Schafstall made a motion to **approve the request upon the County Attorney's preparation of an ordinance to address the** signage. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Attorney Susan Bevers will present the ordinance for signature at the next scheduled meeting.

Marvin Huffman and Larry Rollins appeared before Commissioners seeking tentative approval on a proposal to widen Carolyn Drive in Leslie Lake Sub-Division. John Schafstall and Warren Martin have reviewed the plans and given ideas as to what Commissioners expect. John Schafstall made a motion to give tentative approval to the proposal once Commissioners are confident that all specifications have been met. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jim Wayman requested approval of construction plans for the Prairie Wind Sub-division. Highway Supervisor Warren Martin stated that he has no issues with Mr. **Wayman's** proposal. John Schafstall made a motion to approve. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion

carried.

Jason Fee with Janssen & Spaans Engineering presented a Consulting Agreement to provide services for the expansion of the County Government buildings in Brownstown, Indiana. The services needed for each phase shall be determined by the County as needed. Matt Reedy **made a motion to approve pending the County Attorney's approval. John Schafstall seconded.** Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jason Fee with Janssen & Spaans Engineering presented a Consulting Contract for preliminary engineering for the rehabilitation of the Shieldstown Covered Bridge. Matt Reedy made a motion to approve. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners that he has received an update on the Bell Ford Bridge project from Tom Crouch. Mr. Crouch also stated that due to new administration he will no longer be employed by the City of Lawrence but Keith Johnson will replace him.

Commissioners discussed using Electronic Auction Services, Inc. for the purchase of equipment and trucks. Warren Martin stated that he is not convinced that using them is a good idea. Matt Reedy questioned the benefits of contracting with EASI.

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard requested direction on the payment of annual fees in the amount of \$950.00 to the Association of County Commissioners. Matt Reedy made a motion to table the issue and instructed Jeff to check with other counties on membership. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Beth White, a probation employee requested permission to use a vacant office at Superior Court I for an exercise room. Beth explained that equipment for the room will be furnished by the employees. John Schafstall made a motion to table the request for further review. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Sheriff Mike Carothers presented the December 2011 Jail Report.

Auditor Debra Eggeman presented the annual Covered Bridge Certification for signature.

Assistant Director of the Emergency Management Department Robert Baldwin presented the 2010 Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program Sub-Grant Agreement with the Indiana Department of Homeland Security. The grant is to replace radios which are not Narrow Band compliant. The required match is for an amount not to exceed \$975.00. John Schafstall made a motion to approve contingent upon Council approval of the required match. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jerry Hounshel led the discussion on the amendment of Ordinance 1999-5. This ordinance describes the make up of the nine-member Advisor Board for the Juvenile Detention Center. Jerry explained that the ordinance calls for a representative of the Jackson County Family and Children and they are no longer allowed to serve on the board. Jerry made a motion that this be changed to a representative from the Jackson County Juvenile Home. Jerry also made a motion amending the ordinance to read that the President of the Board of Commissioners cannot also be appointed President of the Board. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Juvenile Detention Center Director John Long presented the annual report for 2011.

The meeting recessed until February 7, 2012 at 6:00 PM.

Signed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January 2012.

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Jerry Hounshel - President

Matt Reedy

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John Schafstall

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Debra Eggeman - attest