

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
April 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 approve the minutes of the March 20, 2012 minutes as amended. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the claims of April 03 in the amount of \$934,677.80, payroll of March 23, 2012 in the amount of \$321,759.02 and the payroll of April 6, 2012 in the amount of \$332,979.39. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Juvenile Detention Center Director John Long submitted the monthly report for March 2012.

Health Department employee Larry Miller requested permission to proceed with the purchase of a new vehicle for the department. The cost of the vehicle will be \$20,900.00 and funds have been appropriated in the General Obligation Bond fund. John Schafstall made a motion to approve the request. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

County Assessor Bev Gaiter informed Commissioners of changes made to property reassessment. In the past, property has been reassessed every four years but now 25 % of properties in each class will be reassessed every year. Bev requested permission to advertise for bids for a company to complete the next cycle of reassessments with the opening of the bids at the May 1st, 2012 Commissioners meeting. Matt Reedy made a motion to approve contingent upon Council approval. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Raymond Bachman appeared before Commissioners requesting the signing of a Proclamation which will declare the month of April as Jackson County History Month. Mr. Bachman stated that the Jackson County History Center has many historic resources which are valuable as teaching and research tools. Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the request. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Randy Cummings, a resident of Owen Township expressed his concerns about dogs getting loose from the Red Sky Rescue facility and creating problems. Mr. Cummings brought these concerns before Commissioners at the March 20, 2012 meeting and requested that something be done. Jerry Hounshel who is also a member of the K-9 Committee stated that the committee has met and discussing the issues. The owner of the facility Ruth Riley was also in attendance. The committee determined that Red Sky Rescue is in compliance with the contract. Sheriff Mike Carothers stated that since a new fence has been erected he has had no complaints.

Vallonia resident Alan Shelton appeared before Commissioners with a signed petition to enforce the property maintenance code. Mr. Shelton explained that there is a neighbor who has junk appliances

and other items and refuses to clean up the area. Jerry Hounshel stated that Plan Commissioner Mike Weir has begun the process by giving a citation to the owners. Commissioners will work with Mike Weir and the residents to get the area cleaned up.

Bart Brown with the Workforce Development Board appeared before Commissioners requesting signature on a **Local Elected Officials' Agreement**. Mr. Brown explained that the local elected officials shall select from among them a County Chief Elected Official to represent their interests before the local Workforce Investment Board. Attorney Susan Bevers stated that she has reviewed the agreement. Matt Reedy made a motion to approve. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

County resident Martha Ponsler who resides at 4602 S. Coverleaf Drive near Seymour appeared before Commissioners informing them of loud music in the apartment complex behind her home. Several neighbors in the area were also in attendance. Mrs. Ponsler has notified the Sheriff's Department on the issue. Attorney Susan Bevers stated that the county does not have a noise ordinance in place and it would be very hard to enforce. Sheriff Mike Carothers stated that officer's normally just request that the noise be turned off when responding to this type of call. Commissioners suggested that the Sheriff meet with the Prosecutor to find out what exactly can be done.

Sheriff Mike Carothers submitted the Jail Activity Report and the Inmate Meal Expenditure Report for March 2012.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners that the Transition Program for the Americans with Disabilities Act is now in place. The Indiana Department of Transportation requires that counties must have the program in place to be compliant and have the ability to receive any federal funding.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners that pricing is completed on Bridge #149 and work will begin at the end of April or first part of May 2012.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners that there are no speed limit signs in the Starve Hollow Lake area. There have been complaints received from residents and businesses. Sheriff Mike Carothers and Warren will make a recommendation to Commissioners as to what the speed limit should be at the next scheduled meeting.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin gave an update on the paving schedules for both Milestone Contractors and O'Mara Paving.

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard informed Commissioners that during a recent storm there was damage to several computers. Jerry Hounshel stated that he would like chemical grounds put in at the tower and will get pricing.

Attorney Susan Bevers presented a Consent Letter for approval with the Indiana Department of Homeland Security. The letter will give the IDHS the authority to retain and spend grant funds on behalf of the Commissioners of Jackson County. Matt Reedy made a motion to approve. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Susan also informed Commissioners that she will be unavailable to work for a few weeks and that Jeff Lorenzo will fill in for her.

Jeff Vollrath with The Perfection Group appeared before Commissioner proposing an energy efficiency program which will reduce utility and operating costs to the county. Tony Apro who is president of the company explained that there is no cost for the preliminary survey, and only when

Commissioners decide that there is a savings will the company be authorized. Commissioners directed Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard to send out notices to employees that the company will be visiting their departments.

Matt Reedy stated that Mayor Craig Luedeman has expressed interest in a Seymour property located on Community Drive which is listed to be sold at the Commissioners Certificate Sale. Matt Reedy made a motion directing Attorney Susan Bevers to draft a memo to either approve or disapprove their offer. John Schafstall seconded the motion. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Matt Reedy announced that a conference call will take place on April 4, 2012 Standard & Poor's for the bond rating. The county Financial Advisor Eric Reedy has requested that a representative from both the County Council and the County Commissioners be in on the call.

The meeting recessed until April 17th, 2012 at 9:00 AM.

Jerry Hounshel - President

Matt Reedy

John Schafstall

Debra Eggeman - attest