

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
April 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 as corrected for the April 03, 2012 Commissioners meeting. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Juvenile Home Director Dan Banks appeared before Commissioners requesting to finish Phase II of the Juvenile Home remodeling. Dan stated that the estimated cost to finish the project will be \$29,805.00. Matt Reedy who is the Commissioners appointee to the Juvenile Home Board made a motion to approve the request. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioner that he has received three bids for tractors and mowers as follows:

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| 1) | New Albany Tractor   | \$49,500.00 |
| 2) | Deer Country Tractor | \$54,724.00 |
| 3) | Smith Implementation | \$59,500.00 |

Warren recommended that the award go to low bidder New Albany Tractor - \$49,500. Warren also stated that he does not feel that using the Online Reverse Auction service to acquire the bids has resulted in a savings to the county. Matt Reedy made a motion to follow the recommendation and award the bid to New Albany Tractor. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners that he has met with Sheriff Mike Carothers on the issue of placing speed limit signs in the Starve Hollow Lake area. The Sheriff and Mike both agree that there should be 35 mph speed limit signs at the beginning and end of a stretch of road from St. Road 135 to Co. Road 540 S. Jerry Hounshel agreed and made a motion to approve. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Attorney Susan Bevers will draft an ordinance to be signed at the next scheduled meeting.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin recommended that a speed limit of 35mph be set on a stretch of road in Carr Township beginning at 1100 W. to 1200 W. Matt Reedy agreed and made a motion to approve. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners of a public hearing for the Vallonia Storm Drain Project to be held on Thursday, May 3, 2012 at 6:00 PM at the Vallonia Grade School Gym.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners of an update received from Bernardin, Lochmueller & Associates for the Cavanaugh Bridge #228.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners of the recent vandalism of Bridge #154 located in the Dudleytown area. Theft of guard rail and tension posts was reported. The Highway Department has erected signs to close the bridge. Janssen & Spaans Engineering has inspected the bridge and feels that repairs can be made. The cost to replace the bridge could cost around \$250,000.00.

Sheriff Mike Carothers reported that officers are documenting calls received on complaints of loud music near Cloverleaf Drive in Seymour and will present them to the Prosecutor. Sheriff Carothers also reported that the department is investigating the theft of materials at Bridge #228 and suggested that an award be offered for information and conviction of the person involved. Highway Supervisor Warren Martin suggested that the award be paid from the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund. Attorney Susan Bevers will look into the possibility of offering an award.

Community Corrections Director J.L. Brewer presented the fiscal year 2012/2013 grant agreement for approval. John Schafstall made a motion to approve. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. J.L. also gave an update on his research in acquiring the State Police Post property in Seymour for a work release program.

Custodian Jana Wessel appeared before Commissioners stating that County Attorney Susan Bevers is reviewing quotes for the Fire Alarm System and will present at the next scheduled meeting. Jana also requested guidance on the placement of signs on the courthouse fence announcing upcoming events for certain organizations. Jerry Hounshel recommended that organizations seek permission from Commissioners, erect the signs no more than (7) days before the event, and take down the day after the event. John Schafstall made a motion to follow the recommendation made by Jerry Hounshel and place Jana Wessel in charge of monitoring. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Duane Davis appeared before Commissioner requesting that unlimited text messaging be added to his cell phone plan. Duane explained that text messaging is very important and will allow him to receive important updates. John Schafstall made a motion to approve the request. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard informed Commissioners that he has received an invoice from Janssen & Spaans Engineering in the amount of \$3,192.00. A consulting agreement was approved at the January 17, 2012 Commissioners meeting to allow Janssen & Spaans to provide consulting services for the expansion of county government buildings in Brownstown, Indiana. Jerry Hounshel made a motion to approve the payment of the invoice from funds available at County Council's discretion. **Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.**

Attorney Susan Bevers informed Commissioners that the Certificates for properties 36-66-19-201-003.000-009 and 36-66-18-315-034.000-119 which are located in Seymour can be assigned to the City of Seymour. Susan has spoken with Mayor Craig Luedeman and he would like the Certificates assigned to the Seymour Development Commission. John Schafstall made a motion to approve assigning the Certificates to the City of Seymour. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

The meeting recessed until May 1, 2012 at 6:00 PM.

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Jerry Hounshel - President

John Schafstall

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Matt Reedy

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Debra Eggeman - attest