

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
May 1, 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 April 17, 2012 minutes as presented. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the payroll of April 20, 2012 in the amount of \$329,561.00 and the claims of May 1, 2012 in the amount of \$793,599.41. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting which was held on February 15, 2012. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Mark Heirbrandt, Account Executive for Ameresco appeared before Commissioners offering assistance to the county in performing an energy analysis. Mr. Heirbrandt explained that there is no cost for the initial consultation. Dan Rininger with Rininger Consulting was also in attendance and gave a glowing recommendation for Ameresco. Matt Reedy stated that a representative from Perfection Group is now performing the same service but he sees no problem in having a second opinion. Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard informed Commissioners that the Jackson County Solid Waste performed this service a few years ago and suggested reviewing their findings. All Commissioners agreed that **to allow both company's to perform the initial review.** Matt Reedy also requested that Solid Waste Director Debbie Hackman present the report from their analysis so that Commissioner may compare them. Mr. Heirbrandt was instructed to work with Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard to obtain access to the various departments.

Debbie Hackman gave a brief update on the Walking Trail and stated that work will begin this month.

Carol Brown with the Brownstown Fund for the Arts requested permission for the Columbus City Band to perform on the courthouse lawn on June 24, 2012. Mrs. Brown also requested that the Courthouse be open for the use of restroom facilities. John Schafstall made a motion to approve the request. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. A Certificate of Liability Insurance will be forwarded to the Auditors office.

Community Corrections Director J.L. Brewer requested permission to move forward with the purchase of a new vehicle for the department. This vehicle will replace a 2006 Crown Victoria which has electrical issues and will be paid with monies with General Obligation Bond funds. Mr. Brewer informed Commissioners that due to new legislation the Community Corrections Department may purchase vehicle from the Cumulative **Capital Fund.** It is Mr. Brewer's intention to purchase future vehicles from Project Income instead. Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the purchase. John

Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jerry Hounshel opened a Reassessment Bid received from Tyler Technologies. The amount of the base bid is \$417,000.00. Matt Reedy made a motion to take under advisement pending a recommendation from the Assessor and/or the County Attorney. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Highway Supervisor Warren Martin's report to Commissioners includes the following:**

- 1) Upon inspection by IDEM the ground where the underground tanks were located has been contaminated due to leakage. In the event the ground is purchased a notation on the deed must be made as to the affected area.
- 2) A request for an Additional Appropriation from the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund in the amount of \$35,000.00 to cover the cost of drainage issues in Rockford Heights. Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the request. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
- 3) Cost estimate from Janssen & Spaans Engineering for repairs to Bridge #154 which was vandalized recently in the amount of \$17,100.00.
- 4) Report of vandalism and attempted theft of guardrails on 700 South.
- 5) Quotes to re-caulk, grind out mortar & caulk, stone sills, cap stone & accent stone around Jackson County Annex building. Two quotes received from Mills Fahnestock (\$1,775.00) and Marty Broderick (\$2,100.00). Recommendation to award to Mills Fahnestock. John Schafstall made a motion to follow recommendation and award to Mills Fahnestock. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
- 6) Public Hearing to be held on May 3, 2012 for the Vallonia Storm Drain Project.

Jerry Hounshel directed Highway Supervisor Warren Martin to assist Custodian Jana Wessell in obtaining quotes for work needing to be done at Superior Court 1. The sidewalks are cracking and the parking lot needs to be repaved.

Sheriff Mike Carothers presented the Jail Report and the Inmate Meal Expenditure Report for April, 2012.

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard informed Commissioners that the Insurance Committee may have to consider an increase in the cost per person amount from various departments. Jerry Hounshel stated that this is not surprising considering that rates have not increased for several years.

Emergency Management Director Duane Davis requested that Commissioner allow his department access to Face book. Duane explained that this will allow him to set up pages and get information out in times of an emergency. Matt Reedy stated that he would like to do more research before making a decision his recommendation will be made at the next scheduled meeting.

Attorney Susan Bevers presented quotes from three Alarm System companies. The quotes received were from Siemens (\$7,541.11), Simplex Grinnell (\$4,777.00) and Grunau (\$4,193.25). John Schafstall praised Grunau on work done at Superior Court 1 and made a motion to award to Grunau as contracts with the two other companies come up for renewal. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

John Schafstall commended Community Corrections and the Courthouse Custodial staff on work done on the courthouse lawn and local parks.

Matt Reedy stated that work on the refinancing of the Jackson County Building Corporation Bonds has been completed and county will see a savings of approximately \$300,000.00.

Jerry Hounshel announced that all properties listed on the Commissioners Certificate Sale have been sold.

The meeting recessed until May 15, 2012 at 9:00 AM.

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Jerry Hounshel - President

Matt Reedy

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John Schafstall

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Debra Eggeman - attest