

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
June 5, 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 May 15, 2012 minutes as corrected. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the payroll of May 18, 2012 in the amount of \$339,866.50 and the payroll of June 01, 2012 in the amount of \$332,727.74. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the claims of June 5, 2012 in the amount of \$1,166,347.71. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Community Corrections Director J.L. Brewer appeared before Commissioners proposing the establishment of a regional home detention program. The Department of Corrections has offered an opportunity for Jackson County to receive additional grant funding if Jackson County joins forces with Jennings County. J.L. explained that his department currently monitors Jennings County detainees but receives no funding. If the county joins forces with Jennings County, Jackson County will receive additional grant funding in the amount of \$154,000.00. Matt Reedy expressed his concern that additional employees will need to be hired. Matt Reedy made a motion of intent to pursue only if the wording in the agreement states that additional expenses will be fully funded by the grant. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Hamilton Township resident Cheryl Heckman appeared before Commissioners stating that she has applied for assistance with the Hamilton Township Trustee and has been denied. Ms. Heckman is seeking assistance with her electric and water bills. Ms. Heckman also stated that she would like to see something set up where the elderly people living in the county could be checked on at regular intervals. John Schafstall made a motion to set up a hearing at the next scheduled Commissioner meeting with the Hamilton Township Trustee to discuss eligibility requirements for township assistance.

Brenda Turner with Drug Free Council **presented the Council's recommendations for allocation of the Drug Free Community funds for approval.** Matt Reedy made a motion to approve. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Duane Davis submitted the Emergency Management Performance Grant Salaries Sub-Grant Agreement for approval. The sub-grant is for an amount not to exceed \$26,696.80 and will reimburse for salaries for 2011. John Schafstall made a motion to approve. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Marvin Huffman with Farrow & Huffman Surveying requested signature on a plat which is within the 2-mile fringe area in Seymour. The Plat Committee has voted to include the Commissioners on issues in this area. John Schafstall made a motion to approve. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Laura Lubker who owns a farm on 600 S. appeared before Commissioners stating that there were problems with beavers building in a culvert leading onto the property and the Highway Department requested permission to clean it out. Permission was granted and the culvert was cleaned out and Ms. Lubker was told that a new culvert would be installed. When the new culvert was installed it was found to be too small and unacceptable. Highway Supervisor Warren Martin stated that he feels the Highway Department has done everything possible remedy this problem. John Schafstall stated that he has looked at the new culvert and due to the length it is hard for farm trucks to turn into the farm area. John recommended adding a few feet on each end to lengthen the culvert. Matt Reedy made a motion to add three (3) additional feet to each end of the existing culvert. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Courthouse Custodian Jana Wessel informed Commissioners that a person fell on the north side of the courthouse due to the gutter not being seen. Highway Supervisor Warren Martin will assist Jana in getting striping for the gutters. Jana also informed Commissioners of problems with hot water heaters in the courthouse.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners that:

- 1) Bridge #149 will be reopened by the end of June.
- 2) Mowing will be finished up by this Friday.
- 3) There will be a total of 25 miles of chip and seal. This includes all three (3) districts.

Sheriff Mike Carothers submitted the Jail Report for May 2012. Sheriff Carothers also informed Commissioners that an officer hit a deer and has broken his arm. There are also damages to the vehicle

The meeting recessed until June 19, 2012 at 9:00 AM.

Jerry Hounshel - President

Matt Reedy

John Schafstall

Debra Eggeman - attest