

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
August 07, 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.

Jerry Hounshel announced that Community Corrections employee Mark Leslie has passed away. Mr. Leslie has been an employee of Jackson County for twenty years and will be missed.

Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2012 minutes as presented. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the payroll of July 27, 2012 in the amount of \$326,490.08 and the claims of August 07, 2012 in the amount of \$1,976,088.90. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Joe Bradley, a resident of the Lake & Forest Club east of Brownstown appeared before Commissioners stating his concerns about a confined animal feeding operation being set up about a mile east of Brownstown. The Town Council of Brownstown has spoken out that this operation would be detrimental to Jackson County and Mr. Bradley requested that County Commissioners also issue a statement. Mr. Bradley stated that he is aware that the Commissioners do not have a part in the final decision but that Commissioners do have a responsibility to protect the Town of Brownstown. Dr. Wes Whitler spoke in regards to the health issues which this type of operation may cause. **Jerry Hounshel commented that the Commissioners' are not turning a deaf ear to these issues but it is ultimately the Board of Zoning who will make the decision.** Commissioners agreed that a Committee would be set up to help regulate these types of businesses.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners that additional funding will be received from INDOT to finish work on the Rockford Bridge.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners that the bids for a new excavator will be opened at the August 21, 2012 meeting. Warren also informed Commissioners that the mowing tractors will not be received until October 2012. Attorney Susan Bevers will review the timeline on the bid for the mowers.

John Schafstall made a motion to assist the City of Seymour in the cleaning of ditches. John stated that he received a request from Mayor Craig Luedeman. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard informed Commissioners that he has received quotes from various insurance carriers and will have an update at the next scheduled meeting.

Matt Reedy gave an update on the remodeling of the Juvenile Home stating that everything is going well.

The meeting recessed until August 21, 2012 at 9:00 AM.

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Jerry Hounshel - President

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John Schafstall

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Matt Reedy

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Debra Eggeman - attest