

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
August 21, 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 of the August 7, 2012 minutes as presented. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the payroll of August 10, 2012 in the amount of \$335,878.55. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Matt Reedy opened bids for a new excavator for the Highway Department with results as follows:

- 1) Southeastern Equipment Company, Gradall XL 330 III Wheel Excavator - \$269,650.00.
- 2) Southeastern Equipment Company, Hyundai Robex 210 w-9 - \$176,390.00
- 3) Southeastern Equipment Company, Hyundai Robex 170 W-9 - \$156,740.00
- 4) Westside Tractor Sales of Indiana, 2012 Deere 190 D W Excavator - \$193,700.00.
- 5) Mcallister, CAT M316D - \$185,000.00.

John Schafstall made a motion to take under advisement. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Duane Davis appeared with members of the Storm Ready Committee Paul Ramsey, David Tueck and John Bounds to announce that Jackson County is now a storm ready county. The county will now be prepared in the event of a storm disaster in the county. Commissioners thanked Duane and the committee members.

Clerk Amanda Lowery requested approval of polling sites for the November election. Amanda stated that there have been no changes. John Schafstall made a motion to approve the request. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Mark Heirbrandt with Ameresco appeared before Commissioners to report on findings regarding the energy study on the county buildings. Matt Reedy stated that he would like additional time to look over the issues found during the study.

Jeremy Smith with Weslin Estates appeared before Commissioners requesting that the county take over streets in the sub-division. Highway Supervisor Warren Martin stated that he has provided a punch list and most of the items have been taken care of. Warren recommended that the county approve the request. John Schafstall made a motion to approve. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Juvenile Detention Center Director John Long presented his report for the month of July, 2012.

Custodian Jana Wessel informed Commissioners of recent flooding in the basement area of the Courthouse Annex Building. Jerry Hounshel stated that this is a problem due to rain water running

off both of the surrounding embankments. Jerry Hounshel directed Highway Supervisor Warren Martin to meet with Jason Fee (Janssen & Spaans) to look at raising the curbs.

President of the Brownstown Town Council John Nolting appeared before Commissioners requesting that a moratorium regarding the placement of Confined Animal Feeding Operations be implemented in Jackson County. The Town of Brownstown is concerned about the number of CAF O's already in the Brownstown area. Commissioners directed Attorney Susan Bevers to do some research on drafting a moratorium and will back with Commissioners before the next Board of Zoning meeting.

Sheriff Mike Carothers submitted the Jail Report and Meal Expense Report for July, 2012.

Commissioners discussed ongoing issues with a property in Cortland which has become a health hazard due to weeds and junk left by previous tenants. Attorney Susan Bevers stated that she has contacted the bank which owns the property and is waiting for a response. Plan Commissioner Mike Weir stated that he has gone through the process to get this property cleaned up and is now at the stage where the county needs to go in and clean up the property with costs for the clean up **added to the property owner's tax bill.** **John Schafstall stated that he is very unhappy with this situation** and it is ridiculous that this has gone on for so long. Cortland resident Linda Wayt stated that rats from the property are causing damages to her home. Paul Ramsey with the Jackson County Health Department agrees that the property should be cleaned up now. Matt Reedy agreed and made a motion to begin the process of cleaning up the property. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jackson County Sheriff Mike Carothers gave an update on the overcrowding issues at Red Sky Rescue. Jerry Hounshel stated that the K9 Committee is working on resolving the situation.

Matt Reedy gave an update on the Juvenile Home remodeling project.

The meeting recessed until September 04, 2012 at 6:00 PM.

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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

