

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
September 04, 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 was observed.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2012 minutes as corrected. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the claims dated for September 04, 2012 in the amount of \$1,404,006.10 and the payroll of August 24, 2012 in the amount of \$328,724.27. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Kaleb McKinney appeared before Commissioners on behalf of the Pershing Township Fire Board seeking approval of a change which will decrease the contract sum by \$4,919.00 for work on the Pershing Twp. Fire Department. John Schafstall made a motion to approve the request. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Rob Vollrath with Perfection Group gave an update on the Energy Savings Audit and gave them ideas for savings.

County Clerk Amanda Lowery requested permission to use the exercise room at Superior Court I for record storage. Permission was granted.

Matt Reedy made a motion to appoint Jack Gilbert to the Owen Township Fire District Board to replace Brian Ferguson. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners that he has reviewed the bids for the new excavator and recommended the bids received from McAllister for \$185,000. John Schafstall made a motion to award to McAllister as recommended. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Attorney Susan Bevers presented Ordinance 2012-6 form approval. Ordinance 2012-6 is an ordinance adding C.R. 550 W. in Driftwood Township to the list of roads with a maximum speed limit of forty (40) miles per hour. Matt Reedy made a motion to approve. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin gave an update on work on the Shieldstown Covered Bridge. Warren also informed Commissioners that he has applied for a grant with the Community Foundation for continued work on the Vallonia Storm Drain Project and is waiting for a response.

Attorney Susan Bevers informed Commissioners that she has been working with Debbie Hackman on an agreement in which the County Highway Dept. will pick up compost in the county to be used by the public for mulch after processed. Highway Supervisor Warren Martin gave the Solid Waste

Board a rate per day of \$733.00 which will cover the cost of the vehicle, fuel and an employee to operate the vehicle. After much discussion John Schafstall made a motion to take under advisement to allow time for Commissioners to contact the Solid Waste Board. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners discussed the recent clean-up of property located in Cortland, In. Attorney Susan Bevers advised Commissioners to attend the County Council meeting on September 26, 2012 to get direction on where to request funds to pay for the clean-up.

Joe Bradley, a resident of the Lake and Forest Club appeared before Commissioners in regards to the committee which was to be set up to review zoning ordinances on the outskirts of Brownstown. Jerry Hounshel stated that a committee would be set up at a later date due to Grant **VonDielingen's** pending request to open a Confined Feeding Operation. Commissioners discussed the implementation of a moratorium regarding the placement of CAFO in certain areas. John Schafstall expressed his opinion that Commissioner should allow the Board of Zoning Appeals to do their job. Attorney Susan Bevers stated that since there is pending approval of a CAFO, the implementation of a moratorium could bring trouble to the county. Jerry Hounshel agreed that it is premature to pass a moratorium at this time. Dr. George Weir spoke to Commissioners on the many public health hazards caused by CAFO's.

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard informed Commissioners of a meeting with insurance carriers. Jeff submitted quotes to Commissioners for their review. Jeff explained that currently \$60,000.00 is the max per person and requested to raise this to \$70,000.00. Jerry Hounshel made a motion to approve the request. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Matt Reedy directed Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard to speak with the IT Director on adding the various board member names on the Jackson County website.

The meeting recessed until September 18, 2012 at 9:00 AM.

Jerry Hounshel - President

John Schafstall

Matt Reedy

Debra Eggeman - attest

