

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
October 02, 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 September 18, 2012 meeting as presented. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the payroll of September 21 in the amount of \$324,287.69 and the payroll of October 5, 2012 in the amount of \$325,943.45. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the claims of October 2, 2012 in the amount of \$843,927.87. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Community Corrections Director J.L. Brewer presented the fiscal year annual report for Commissioners review and requested that a letter be signed in support of the Indiana Department of Corrections 2012-2013 grant application for Jackson-Jennings Regional Community Corrections. J.L. also requested that a letter be signed showing support of the 2012-2013 budget as approved by the Jackson-Jennings Regional Community Corrections Advisory Board. John Schafstall made a motion to approve both requests. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Larry Raymer, county park board member informed Commissioners that the board has been working on a 5-year plan for county parks. The plan includes the development of a soccer field in the area of Jackson Street to State Road 250 in Brownstown. Commissioners discussed the contract with Plummer Hay Farms which does not expire until 2014. Mr. Raymer stated that the project could be delayed until after that period allowing the county to use the property as needed but requested that the property be given to the park after the 5-year period if the county has no use for it. John Schafstall made a motion to table the issue to allow time to speak with Mr. Plummer. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

D.A.R.E Officer Bob Lucas requested that the Commissioners declare the month of November 2012 as D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Awareness month. Mr. Lucas stated that each **year in November the Sheriff's office has their graduations for the 5th** graders completing the DARE program. The late Herschel Baughman started the DARE program in Jackson County and would be very proud of the way the program has been accepted into our community. Commissioner directed Attorney Susan Bevers to draft document for the next scheduled meeting.

Jerry Hounshel read a letter received from Jackson County resident Ann Wells. Mrs. Wells sent her congratulations on the walking trail and has offered to donate replacement trees for those that were removed to make room for the trail. Highway Supervisor Warren Martin stated that Schneider Nursery will sell trees for individuals who would like to donate.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners that he has received notice from

Indiana Department of Transportation that claims submitted to receive federal funds for the replacement of several portions of roadway on C.R. 525 N. has been approved. The work was a part of the 2008 Emergency Relief Program.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin presented Letter of Understanding to be signed by Commissioners to accept the Official Detour which will be in place beginning October 10, 2012 and ending on November 21, 2012 to allow pipe replacement on State Road 135 at the Jackson/Browns County line. The official detour will be State Road 58, I65 and State Road 46. John Schafstall made a motion of approval. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin announced that Schleter Road will be closed for culvert replacement from October 9, 2012 to October 15, 2012.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin requested additional monies from the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund in the amount of \$30,000.00 for fuel. Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the request. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin requested permission for the Highway Department to go on 10 hour days with Friday off in May 2013. Jerry Hounshel stated that he feels this should be the Highway Supervisor's decision. Commissioners discussed how vacation and sick time would be accrued. Warren will speak with Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard on the issue.

Emergency Management Director Duane Davis presented the 2011 Emergency Management Performance Grant-Competitive Sub-grant Agreement for approval. The sub-grant is for an amount not to exceed \$4,054.00 and be used for the purchase of a dual head radio for the mobile command unit. The grant will also cover the travel, lodging and meals for the IDCE Conference. Matt Reedy made a motion to approve. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

County Auditor Debra Eggeman presented the 2013 Holiday Schedule for approval. John Schafstall made a motion to approve. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard informed Commissioners of a detailed expense report received from our insurance provider for work done on the Lions Den lawsuit against Jackson County. Matt Reedy made a motion to table paying the invoice to allow the County Attorney to review. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

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

Matt Reedy reported that he recently attended a meeting regarding the Energy Audit performed for Jackson County.

Jerry Hounshel reported that he recently attended a K-9 Control meeting. There are some concerns with the present contract with Red Sky Rescue and the committee is working towards a solution.

The meeting recessed until October 16, 2012 at 9:00 AM.

Signed this 16th day of October 2012.

Jerry Hounshel

John Schafstall

Matt Reedy

Debra Eggeman - attest