

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
October 16, 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 was observed.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Merle Barnett appeared before Commissioner requesting the widening of the north east corner at **the intersection of Stahl's Corner. Mr. Barnett also stated that there is a tree which is blocking view** and should be cut. After reviewing photos of the area Commissioners agreed with Mr. Barnett and directed Highway Supervisor Warren Martin to look at the intersection.

Plan Commissioner Mike Weir requested clarification on the temporary appointment of Jason Fee to the Board of Zoning. Jason was appointed to fill in for James Lucas. Mike explained that the appointments are for a 1-year period and would like for Jason Fee to remain on the board until the end of the year. John Schafstall made a motion to appoint Jason Fee to the Board of Zoning until the end of 2012. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Solid Waste Director Debbie Hackman requested the use of courthouse facilities for the annual Hometown Christmas which is to be held on December 3, 2012 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. John Schafstall made a motion to approve the request. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners discussed the schedule of Commissioner meetings for 2013. Jerry Hounshel made a motion to meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00 PM and the third Tuesday of the month at 9:00 AM. In the event that the meeting date is a scheduled holiday the Commissioner will meet on the following day. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Margie Strange with Schneider's nursery and Debbie Hackman presented to Commissioners a plan which Margie has put together for the planting a variety of trees and shrubs along the walking trail and requested input from the Commissioners. Margie explained that items can be purchased at Schneider's Nursery by persons wanting to donate a tree or shrub. A master plan board will be placed at the nursery which will show trees purchased and a plaque will be put in place with the name of the person donating. John Schafstall made a motion that Commissioners work with Schneider's Nursery on the project. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin reported that Bridge #161 on Schleter Road in Seymour will be opened later today.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin reported that he received a call regarding a yield sign placement at the intersection of 275 N. & 1040 E. Warren stated that he has not been able to locate the ordinance pertaining to the placement and requested assistance from Attorney Susan

Bever. After much discussion Commissioners agreed that there should be a stop sign placed at this intersection instead of the yield sign. John Schafstall made a motion to place a stop sign at 1040 E. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Larry Raymer with the county parks board appeared before Commissioners regarding the placement of a soccer field on county owned property near the county park on Jackson Street to State Road 250 in Brownstown. Mr. Raymer previously proposed a plan which would allow five (5) years for Commissioners to either use the land for another project or donate the land for a permanent soccer field. John Schafstall stated that he is not in favor of giving property away but has no problem with Park & Recreation using the property. Commissioners agreed that they want to have the option of using the property in the future if the need arises but will allow Park & Recreation to use the land for the soccer field indefinitely.

Jerry Hounshel made a motion to recognize November 2012 as Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) awareness month. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

The meeting recessed until Wednesday November 7, 2012 at 6:00 PM.

Jerry Hounshel - President

John Schafstall

Matt Reedy

Debra Eggeman - attest

