

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
January 15, 2013

Members Present: Commissioner Jerry Hounshel, Commissioner Matt Reedy,
Commissioner Tom Joray

Commissioner Jerry Hounshel called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a silent prayer observed.

Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2013 minutes as amended. Commissioner Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the payroll of January 11, 2013 in the amount of \$345,357.51. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. No claims were presented to be approved.

County Attorney Susan Bevers discussed the Property Maintenance Code with Commissioners. This code originated in 2009. The proposed amendment to this ordinance is to change from a 1 acre to a 2 acre lot size. Commissioner Tom Joray made a motion to make this change. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Parke Vehslage addressed the County Commissioners with a statement of opposition in response to the creation of a two (2) mile zone around the Town of Brownstown. Susan Bevers will review the legalities regarding this two (2) mile zone. Mr. Vehslage was thanked for his statement and for bringing this information to **the commissioners'** attention.

Community Corrections Director J.L. Brewer discussed the Indiana Dept of Corrections Grant and Budget with Commissioners. Brewer requested support with this grant/budget by the commissioners. Before the Grant/Budget could be approved, commissioners requested discussion of Community Corrections new lease agreement. Brewer then discussed the new location of Community Corrections in Seymour on the corner of Carter and Tipton Streets. The lease is for 3 years @ \$1550/mo. The building is approximately 2,000 sq. ft. The owners are constructing a conference area within the building. He also informed commissioners that if Community Corrections leave this location before 5 years, a penalty of \$5,724.15 will have to be paid. Insurance for the building, which was determined to be like renters insurance, will be approximately at a cost of \$100 per yr. Move in date is to be announced. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve this move for Community Corrections and Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Following the approval of the lease, the grant/budget was readdressed. After discussion, Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the signing of the letter of support for the Indiana Dept of Corrections Grant and Budget. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Dept Supervisor, Warren Martin along with Eric Brunn, from Strand & Associates discussed Bridge 228/Rockford with Commissioners. Six (6) county parcels are affected by this Bridge replacement. All six parcels have committed, waiting on some paperwork to be completed. All permits except DNR are ready. Utilities are in final coordination. They are looking at a work date beginning in August 2013.

Supervisor Martin informed commissioners of a preliminary on site field check for the Shieldstown Bridge. Martin discussed the paving program for 2013, working with a \$1 million budget. Paving is completed based on road evaluations. He hopes to have bids for paving by 2nd Commissioners meeting in February. Martin discussed Chip & Seal, which is done by County crew. Approximately 40 miles will be completed in 2013 for a cost of approximately \$182,067. Martin also discussed Bridge 225. A new proposal was discussed which shortened the bridge and took off approximately \$300,000 from the cost of the bridge. He then discussed the completion of the Texas Eastern pipeline. Texas Eastern has requested the \$10,000 bond to be released. Discussion concluded that as long as work is satisfactory, the bond can be released to Texas Eastern.

Supervisor Martin informed commissioners that 10 residents of Vallonia have received letters regarding the Vallonia Stormwater Grant. They will begin making calls to these residents following this commissioners meeting.

Commissioners complimented Supervisor Martin and the Highway Dept on their work on the roads with the recent snow.

Sheriff Mike Carothers submitted the Jail Report (July - Dec 2012) and Inmate Meal Expenditure Report for Jan - Dec 2012. Sheriff Carothers discussed the Dog Detention Report for 2012.

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard discussed a proposal with the new Health Clinic in Seymour. The proposal is for 6 months, for employees only, no dependants. The cost to the county for the 6 month agreement will be \$14,775. The clinic would become available to employees starting March 1, 2013. Upon discussion of county employee surveys, which came back as 75% saying they would use the clinic and the estimated savings to the county, Commissioner Reedy made a motion to accept this 6 month proposal, as long as the 6 months are closely monitored to see if beneficial for the county and employees. Commissioner Joray seconded the motion. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Hubbard will approach Council for approval at January 16th, 2013 meeting.

Building Commissioner Mike Weir informed the commissioners that Deputy Electronics will be here on January 25th at 2pm to check on the recording system in the Superior II Courtroom. This will be invoiced to the commissioners.

Attorney Susan Bevers presented a contract amendment with Tyler Technologies. The amendment is adding Tyler Technology as technical advisor, up to 40 days/year with no increase in cost. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to accept the amendment. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Joray abstained from this vote due to original contract being approved before he was elected commissioner.

Attorney Susan Bevers also presented two (2) vehicle registrations for County Commissioners to sign. These were for a Car and for a Trailer purchased by the Health Department.

It was stated that Energy Committee will meet after the commissioners meeting is recessed.

Commissioner Reedy requested the Auditor to research a claim paid to JBM for approximately \$1400.00, regarding Pershing Twp VFD.

The meeting recessed until February 5, 2013 at 6:00 PM.

Commissioner Jerry Hounshel - **President**

Commissioner Matt Reedy

Commissioner Tom Joray

Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest