

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
March 5, 2013  
6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Jerry Hounshel, Commissioner Matt Reedy,  
Commissioner Tom Joray

All Commissioners were present for meeting.

Commissioner Jerry Hounshel called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a silent prayer observed.

Commissioner Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2013 meeting. Commissioner Tom Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the payroll of February 22, 2013 in the amount of \$333,695.81. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve Monthly Claims of March 5, 2013 in the amount of \$1,143,532.55. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy commented on the progress of the County Juvenile Home and stated that the Grand Opening is scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Commissioner Hounshel commented that the K-9 committee had met this week and is scheduled to meet again next week.

Commissioner Hounshel stated that both he and Commissioner Joray attended the meeting of the Jackson County Fair Board Committee the previous evening.

Jackson County Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin then opened sealed bids submitted for Paving. Two (2) sealed bids were submitted. The first bid opened by Martin was submitted by **Dave O'Mara Contractors Inc.** Martin commented that all paperwork was in order. Martin then proceeded to read all of **O'Mara's bid information. Upon completion of this bid, Martin then opened a bid submitted by Milestone Contractors LP.** Martin commented that all paperwork was in order. **Martin then proceeded to read all of Milestone's bid information. Upon completion of reading the two (2) sealed bids, Martin left with consultant Jason Fee to review both bids in order to make a recommendation later in meeting.**

Raymond Bachmann with the Jackson County History Center then came before Commissioners to request that they sign a proclamation to declare April 2013 Jackson County History Month. Motion was made by Commissioner Reedy to make the proclamation. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

County Attorney, Susan Bevers informed Commissioners that a Minimum bid needs to be set for the upcoming Commissioners Certificate Sale. Motion was made by Commissioner Reedy to set the minimum bid at \$200.00. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Wilma Wessel and Darlene Butt with Brownstown Ewing Main Street informed Commissioners that on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 they will be hosting an Arts Fest. The Arts Fest was not going to be a fundraiser-it would **be a showcase of our community's local artists and businesses. At 10am-** on the 27<sup>th</sup> -they will have a Volks Walk-5K & 10K that would have 8 historic stops along the walk.

The following needs were requested from the Commissioners:

1. That the Courthouse be open from 10am to 5pm on April 27<sup>th</sup>, (the courthouse will be one of the historic stops on the Walk) so attendees of the Arts Fest can view the inside.
2. Attendees of the Arts Fest would be allowed to use the Courthouse restrooms.
3. To place a banner on the Courthouse fence.
4. To use the Courthouse lawn along Main Street for a Bake Sale booths.
5. To allow artist to set up on Courthouse lawn to paint during time of Arts Fest.
6. To use picnic tables from the park-History Center will be serving food.

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the requests made. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. They did ask the committee to coordinate their needs with Courthouse Custodian -Jana Wessel and if they wanted to close off any of the streets, that they contact the city of Brownstown . Wilma Wessel (358-2199) and Linda McCormick can be contacted if anyone needs more information.

Prosecutor Amy Travis came before Commissioners to request the signing of a standing order. The standing order was for state and federal requirements that the Prosecutors office needed. She stated that the standing order certifies that at this time, **the Prosecutor's Office has no d**iscriminatory claims or judgments against it. Commissioner Jerry Hounshel made a motion to approve the signing of the standing order. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jackson County Highway Supervisor Warren Martin recommended to Commissioners to accept **the bid submitted by Dave O'Mara for paving. The total amount for all projects is \$920,713.15.** This bid came in under budget by \$79,286.85. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve **accepting the Dave O'Mara bid. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.**

Jackson County Highway Supervisor Warren Martin presented an INDOT contract, which has been reviewed by County Attorney Susan Bevers. This contract is for Construction Engineering Costs of Bridge 228. The contract is for the amount of \$287,000. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

County Attorney Susan Bevers presented a Deductive Change Order to make final payment for the Pershing Twp Fire Dept. Motion was made by Commissioner Joray to sign the Order presented. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard discussed with Commissioners three invoices that had been received from Barnes and Thornburg. Hubbard requested guidance on where funds should be taken to pay these invoices. After discussion, decision was made to pay invoice from Professional Fees, the lobbying invoice from the Rainy Day Fund and hold off on other invoice **for Jim Gutting regarding the legal preparation of the General Obligation Bonds -series 2013** until issuance of the bond.

Planning Commissioner, Mike Weir stated that he needs a copy of the Ordinance stating the Acreage change from one (1) acre to two (2) acres. He was advised that a copy could be made for him in the **Auditor's** office .

The meeting recessed until March 19, 2013 at 9:30AM.

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Jerry Hounshel - President

Matt Reedy

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Tom Joray

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Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest