

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
April 16, 2013  
9:30 a.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 9:30 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a silent prayer observed.

Commissioner Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2013. Commissioner Tom Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the payroll of April 5, 2013 in the amount of \$340,289.11. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. No Claims were presented for approval.

Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin opened sealed bids that had been submitted for 2 trucks and snow equipment:

The following companies submitted bids:

JX Peterbilt -Indianapolis, IN

J Edhinger & Son Inc.-Louisville, KY

KTS-Kentucky Truck Sales-Jeffersonville, IN

Kenworth of Indianapolis Inc-Indianapolis, IN

Peterson Truck Center-Louisville, KY

Palfleet Truck Equipment-Indianapolis, IN

Seymour Mack Sales & Service Inc.-Seymour, IN

Elpers Truck Equipment-Evansville, IN

\*See attached sheet for bid information.

Motion was made by Commissioner Reedy to take all bids under advisement. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Hwy. Supervisor Martin then presented Commissioners with the Jackson County Highway's Annual Report for Commissioners to sign and date. Annual report was signed and dated by all commissioners. Martin then requested Commissioner- President Hounshel to sign a document from Bernard Lockmuehler stating that the Jackson County Hwy Dept follows state and federal rules and regulations in regards to right-a-ways. Document was signed and dated by Commissioner Hounshel.

Martin then discussed an inter-local agreement regarding Cavanaugh Bridge. County Attorney Susan Bevers will discuss this matter with Washington Co. Attorney, who requested the agreement.

Martin then informed commissioners that paving starting yesterday ( 4-15-2013)in District 3.

Emily Nelson, with Wessler Engineering, requested Commissioners agree to a GIS limited use agreement. Wessler Engineering has been hired by the City of Seymour for a Storm Water

Study and they need access to GIS to complete the study. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to accept. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Eric Buckles, with the Grassy Fork VFD came before Commissioners to request a road closure for the Grassy Fork Spring Tractor Pulls. The road would be closed from Friday at 8am until Saturday night after the completion of the Tractor Pulls. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to close the road with the same specifications that was approved last year for the 2012 Tractor Pulls. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Community Corrections Supervisor, JL Brewer presented a Grant Agreement for approval. The agreement is between the IN Dept of Corrections and Jackson Co Commissioners. The grant is in the amount of \$627,600 and will fund Community Corrections for the next two (2) years. Previously, grant funding was for a one (1) year period. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Brewer informed commissioners that the project income fund in up \$54,000 from November 1, 2012 to March 2013. Brewer also stated that Community Corrections is tentatively planning to move to their new facility the first part of May.

Juvenile Detention Center Director, John Long presented for review the March 2013 monthly report to commissioners.

Director Long then discussed with commissioners the education program at the JC Detention Center. From 2000-2007, Brownstown Central School Corp provided a Full -Time Teacher. In **2007 this was cut to ½ day teacher. In 2011 this was cut to only a substitute teacher for ½ day.** This continued till last month, in which no teacher was provided. Since the Juvenile Detention Center must provide a teacher, the Assistant Director has picked up this responsibility as well. Long has spoke with BCSC and they are will to provide \$13,000/yr if they do not have to provide the teacher. Long requested the following changes to solve this problem:

Reclassify Assistant Director to Exec 1 level and bring back two (2) supervisor positions from existing personnel.

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to reclassify the assistant director position and create two (2) supervisor positions and eliminate two (2) officer positions all pending Council approval. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jackson County Auditor, Kathy Hohenstreiter spoke regarding the 2013 GOB series. Hohenstreiter stated that on April 11, 2013 a good faith deposit of \$19,800 or 1% was received and put into Fund 53. The final signing is scheduled for April 17, 2013 at 11AM at Lorenzo and Bevers Law Office.

Jackson County Attorney, Susan Bevers informed commissioners that with amendments being made to the personnel policy, Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard would like to print a new policy for all employees. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. This will be Ordinance 11.

Commissioner Hounshel spoke regarding the workforce investment board. He stated they now request commissioners are on the board along with the mayor. The information went to County Attorney for review.

An on-site visit will be held on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 12:30 for the Vallonia Stormwater project.

Eric Brunn with Strand and Associates presented commissioners with Title Sheets to sign in regard to Bridge 228 (Rockford Bridge). Work on the bridge is expected to begin late fall 2013. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin stated that INDOT has moved back funding to 2015 for the Cavanaugh Bridge.

Sheriff Mike Carothers invited all to the April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Council Meeting which will be held at the Sheriff's Department. A meal will be provided for all attendees.

The meeting recessed until May 7, 2013 at 6:00PM.

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Jerry Hounshel - President

Matt Reedy

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Thomas M. Joray

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Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest