

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
May 21, 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 Tom Joray made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2013 meeting. Commissioner Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the payroll of May 17, 2013 in the amount of \$339,707.70. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

No reports from other committees were given.

Judge MacTavish appeared before commissioners requesting approval for 2013 GOB series purchases. Commissioners agreed to allow Judge MacTavish to go ahead with his purchases of a microwave and shredders.

County Attorney, Susan Bevers discussed with commissioners a change to our current contract with SRI, the company that holds the county Tax Sales. The change would involve a \$5 per parcel increase for all parcels certified for tax sale, from \$70 per parcel to \$75 per parcel. This will be an addendum to the current contract. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the addendum to the contract. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners were reminded by the Auditor that the Commissioner Certificate Sale will be held on May 22, 2013 at 10am in the courthouse lobby.

County Attorney, Susan Bevers informed commissioners that she is waiting on an executed copy of the Interlocal agreement, which commissioners had previously approved. She will send the agreement to the Auditor's office for all the commissioners to sign.

Bevers brought before commissioners, Ordinance No. 11 for signature. The ordinance, which involves a revised personnel policy, was previously approved at the April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting. Ordinance No.11 was then signed by all commissioners.

Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin, brought before commissioners the following contracts to be signed by commissioners:

1. Bernardin, Lockmuehler & Assoc. Inc- Right-a-way engineering for the Cavanaugh Bridge. Their fees are not to exceed \$50,300 for their services on this Bridge. Motion was made by Commissioner Reedy to accept. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
2. Bernardin, Lockmuehler & Assoc. Inc - The estimates of the seven (7) parcels that are needed to purchase for the Cavanaugh Bridge. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
3. Indiana American - Utility reimbursement agreement. Eric, with Strand & Associates discussed this agreement with commissioners. After review by County Attorney Bevers,

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Martin informed commissioners that the Highway has purchased a Truck from Poynter Chevrolet. This vehicle will be used by Maintenance. The plow and salt box for this truck will be purchased through Edinger.

Martin informed commissioners that the county contract paving with O'Mara is complete. In total, 18 miles of county roads were paved. The county highway will now focus on the 30 mile of chip and seal to be completed.

Martin also informed commissioners that he has applied to state for sales tax reimbursement for the last three (3) years. This is for sales tax the highway pays on fuel. Estimated reimbursement is \$30,595.

Sheriff Mike Carothers came before commissioners asking for approval for 2 new vehicles to be purchased from the 2013 GOB series. The vehicles will be purchased from Poynters at the cost of \$25,082 each. Also, asking for a Tahoe to be purchased out of the speeding ordinance fund at a cost of \$30,167. The sheriff will be trading in three (3) vehicles toward the purchase of these new vehicles. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Sheriff Carothers then asked Commissioners about a 2013 county auction. After discussion, it was decided to hold a sale in October. Highway Supervisor Warren Martin will get information about this sale to all offices.

Building Commissioner, Mike Weir came before commissioner asking for consideration to move Planning/Zoning to the old Community Corrections office.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard presented an invoice of approximately \$5,200 for new furniture that was purchased for community corrections. Auditor Hohenstreiter is to check with Reedy Financial to see if the funds for the invoice can come from CAGIT misc or the 2010 GOB series.

Discussion was held as to where county weed control expense should come from.

Hubbard then informed commissioners that he is receiving quotes for the new phone system.

Discussion was then held about possible ways to spend the remaining amount of the 2010 Series bond. Commissioner Reedy understanding is that monies that are not spent or invoiced by May 31, 2013 become taxable income on June 1, 2013.

Custodian Jana Wessel asked for permission to contact Thomas's to see if they are planning to mow the grass at the property the county purchased. Commissioners advised Bevers to contact Thomas's about their plans for the yard.

Commissioners discussed the utility services at the Thomas and Lewis properties. It was determined that all utilities are to remain on at the Lewis property. Electric and water are to be disconnected at the Thomas property. County will pay sewer bill. Keys to the Thomas property are to be kept in the Auditor's office. The fate of the Thomas property will be up for discussion at the next commissioner meeting.

Commissioners Reedy and Hounshel stated that the grand opening of the Juvenile Home went very well.

Commissioner Reedy stated that a written agreement needs to be made with Parks/Rec regarding the new soccer field. The current verbal agreement is not working. The details of A Memorandum of Understanding or Interlocal Agreement will be discussed at the executive session to be held at 5:00 pm on June 4<sup>th</sup>. The project has currently been put on hold until some issues can be worked out.

Commissioner Hounshel stated that Dr Carter has given notice to resign from the hospital board, as of May 31, 2013. Commissioners will need to find a new appointee.

The meeting recessed until June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 5:00PM for a non public executive session. The regular public meeting will follow on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 6:00 PM

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Jerry Hounshel - President

Matt Reedy

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Thomas M. Joray

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Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest