

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
July 2, 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 6:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a silent prayer observed.

Commissioner Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2013 meeting. Commissioner Tom Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the payroll of June 28, 2013 in the amount of \$335,144.99 and July claims in the amount of \$826,393.48. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Hounshel stated that he and Commissioner Joray were in attendance for the latest Fair Board Meeting and stated that all was set for the 2013 Jackson County Fair.

Kenny Whipker, Executive Liaison for Sheriff and County Jail Operations, gave a report to commissioners regarding the latest Jail Inspection. He stated that the result of the inspection showed an issue of overcrowding. A discussion of overcrowding followed. Whipker gave recommendations to decrease this issue.

Jim Wayman, appeared before commissioners as a representative of the City of Seymour. He requested the approval to widen Mutton Creek Dr. He stated that the Mutton Creek lift station is having problems and in order to repair the issues, a taper lane needs to be added for access to the lift station. He also requested permission to place a fence around the station; one side of the fence would be on the street right-of-way. After discussion, Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve requesting and that the County Highway be contacted before paving begins. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Mike Weiler, with New Life Missionary Baptist Church, requested the use of the Courthouse lawn for a gospel concert. The concert will be held on Sunday, Sept 1 from 4pm-7pm. No restrooms will be needed for the event, but outside electric was requested. Commissioners advised Weiler that a copy of a Certificate of Liability must be filed in the Jackson County Auditor's Office, and to get with Jana Wessel for specific details. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Hounshel stated he had received notice from Bryan Hendrix, who sits on the Hamilton Twp Fire District Board, which he will be unable to complete his term, which is set to expire on Dec 31, 2013. Commissioner Joray made a motion to appoint Greg Marshall to complete the remainder of Hendrix's term. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard and Highway Supervisor Warren Martin came before commissioners to discuss the Job Description for County Maintenance Manager. After discussion of the current description and the proposed job description, Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the proposed Description, with the addition that no overtime will be given. Comp Time will be allowed at the supervisor discretion. Commissioner Joray seconded.

Three (3) yes votes motion carried.

Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin, requested commissioner approval of Amendment #4 for the Cavanaugh Bridge (bridge 195). The amendment is for the purchase of another piece of right-of-way. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Martin stated that the asbestos inspection has been completed on the property purchased from the Thomas'. Martin estimates a total cost of the inspection to be \$750. Discussion was held and decided that the contractor will have salvage rights.

Martin then gave an update to commissioners due to the storm that effected Pershing and Salt Creek Twps. last night-July, 1, 2013.

Emergency management supervisor, Duane Davis, came before commissioners to discuss a Smart Weather Alerting system, which the 911 board elected to fund. This is a phone notification system that can be used for national Weather Service Warnings, Missing Persons and other purposes within the county. The cost for the system is \$17,999.99 annually. County Attorney, Susan Bevers, stated that as the contract is written for three (3) years and there is no opt out option for the county. After discussion, Commissioners requested a change from 3 year contract to a 1 year (renewable yearly) contract. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve pending the listed change. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Davis then brought before commissioners a document to be signed regarding the Emergency Management Performance Grant. This grant pays 50% of the Emergency Management salaries. Commissioners were asked to sign the document, stating that Emergency Management has met the required standards for the grant. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Mike Carothers, Jackson county Sheriff presented the June 2013 Jail Report, the June 2013 Meal Expenditure Report, the June 2013 Dog Detention Report and the Jan - June 2013 Commissary Report.

Carothers also discussed with Commissioners the overcrowding issue discussed earlier with Kenny Whipker. It was recommended that a Potential of New Institution (PONI) review be done.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard, discussed with commissioners the statute that pertains to the Board of Review (PTABOA). After discussion, Commissioners requested that this topic be discussed at the next commissioners meeting.

Hubbard then presented the Commissioners with the 2014 Commissioners Budget for review. Motion was made by Commissioner Reedy to take the budget before Council. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Sheriff Carothers stated that the Jail had taken a lightning strike which damaged some computers and other equipment.

County Attorney, Susan Bevers, stated that a Memorandum of Understanding has been sent to Mr. Raymor, with Park and Rec. Mr. Raymor is on the agenda to be present at the next Commissioner's Meeting.

Councilman Charlie Murphy stated that Kenny Whipker has also asked to be on the agenda for the next council Meeting, July 17, 2013. Murphy invited commissioners to attend that council meeting as well.

The meeting recessed until July 16th, 2013 at 9:30AM.

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Jerry Hounshel - President

Matt Reedy

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Thomas M. Joray

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Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest