

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
August 6, 2013  
6:00 p.m.-amended

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 Hounshel mentioned two (2) corrections that need to be made to the minutes of the July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting. Corrections will be made and minutes are to be approved at the next meeting.

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the payroll of July 26, 2013 in the amount of \$338,198.02 and monthly claims in the amount of \$1,257,058.71 Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

No reports from other committees were given.

Darrell Crockett, on behalf of the Watermelon Festival Committee came before commissioners to discuss the Melon Fest incorporating Fireworks into the 2013 Melon Fest. Fireworks would be set up at the volleyball court in the county park with the Brownstown Volunteer Fire Department on site. The fireworks would be on the Saturday night of the Melon Fest. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve if proof of Insurance coverage is provided to the Auditor's Office. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Bobbie Campbell, Watermelon Festival treasurer, asked commissioners to open the courthouse for restroom use during the Melon Fest. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the use of restrooms during the Melon Fest. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Shelina Stuckwisch, on behalf of Judge Poynter, came before commissioners to ask for approval to purchase a new copier for Circuit Court. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the purchase. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jim Shepard, on behalf of ARC of Jackson County along with Carla Ault, came before commissioners to request 2014 funding. The funding that was provided in 2013 was \$31,500. Commissioner Hounshel stated that \$31,500 has been placed into the 2014 budget for the ARC of Jackson County, so funding is in place. Shepard thanked Commissioners for their support.

Richard Starkey of Barnes and Thornburg LLP, representing the City of Seymour came before commissioners asking for approval of a resolution which states the county will allow the Seymour Redevelopment Committee to act on the TIF area before annexation is complete. Seymour City Mayor Craig Luedeman gave a brief report to commissioners-the TIF project is a 200 unit luxury apartment complex located north of Burkhart Blvd. Kenny Spoor and Kevin Arthur addressed commissioners stating that they are opposed to the -not to exceed \$3,000,000 bond and TIF district. After the discussion of the bond and TIF district, Commissioner Hounshel read Resolution #10, Commissioner Bill #14, year 2013. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the resolution to give Seymour Redevelopment Commission permission to proceed with the bond process even though the annexation is not complete. Commissioner Hounshel

seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Joray voted against the resolution.

County Assessor, Bev Gaiter came before commissioners to request the approval to purchase XSoft Cama Software and the signing of contracts. Software purchase for the Assessor was included in the 2013 series GO Bond. Contract has been reviewed by County Attorney, Susan Bevers. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Contracts were signed.

Commissioner Reedy was very pleased to read a letter describing the scene at the Jackson County Jail that prompted the nomination of Officer of the Year. Officer Lisa Baughman was awarded Corrections Officer of the year for assisting an injured Deputy Davis after an altercation with an inmate. Without her assistance, the injuries to Deputy Davis could have been even worse.

Commissioner Hounshel stated that the Brownstown Public Library Board has an appointment that will end on August 31, 2013. Commissioner Joray made a motion to reappoint Jackie Gibson to the Library Board. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. This term will be from August 31, 2013 thru 2017.

Commissioner Hounshel stated that a request for the previous Community Corrections office in the annex has been made by the Prosecutor to use for the Child Support Division. Another request was made by Mike Weir to use the Lewis/Insurance building for Planning and Zoning. The present Planning/Zoning area will be occupied by Emergency Management. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the requests. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Hounshel stated that he has a request from the Vallonia Christian Church minister to close Main St to St Louis Ave in Vallonia on August 11 & August 18 from approximately 4pm to 9pm for Tent Worship Services. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin came before commissioner with additional appropriations.

\$75,400 for Highway- 2-202-233 -Bituminous Mixed Agg.-MVH distribution for month of August, 2013

\$50,000 for Highway-2-202-393 -Purchase of Right of Way

\$27,048 for Cum Bridge-25-115-500-Bridge Reinspection-80% reimbursement from State

\$8,763.21 for Cum Bridge-25-115-195-Bridge #195 Cavanaugh Bridge-80% reimb from State

\$400,000 for Cum Bridge-25-115-228-Bridge #228

\$123,431.60 for Cum Bridge-25-115-195 -Bridge #195

\$56,800 for Cum Bridge-25-115-500 -Bridge Reinspection

\$16,976 for Cum Bridge-25-115-358-Shieldstown Covered Bridge

\$2,304 for Cum Bridge-25-115-358-Shieldstown Covered Bridge-80% reimb from State

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

Martin stated that the new county highway trucks are in and being fitted with snow equipment.

Martin also asked commissioners for approval to change a yield sign to a stop sign on CR 700 N 675 W. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to change to a Stop sign. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Martin also requested approval to change a yield sign to a stop sign on CR 200 N at the intersection of 500 E. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Martin stated that 27 miles of chip and seal has been completed. He also stated that he would like to replace the current distributor truck. He has checked into possibilities. Commissioner Hounshel stated that he would like for Martin to get figures for another distributor truck and move forward with purchase.

Martin stated that bid packets for excavation of the old Thomas property are out and bids will be opened and read at the September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 commissioner's meeting.

Sheriff Mike Carothers presented commissioners with the July 2013 Jail Report, July 2013 Meal Expenditure Report and the 2013 Dog Detention Report.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard stated that the renegotiation for SIHO contracts is set for Wednesday August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 1:00pm. Hubbard stated that by going with a PRI phone system in Seymour there will be a cost savings for the county. This is a consolidation of all the stand alone lines.

Commissioner Reedy stated that he received a survey from the Attorney of the Lake County Board of Commissioners. This survey was given to County Attorney Bevers for review.

The meeting recessed until August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 9:30AM.

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Jerry Hounshel - President

Matt Reedy

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