

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
August 20, 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 Reedy made a motion to approve the amended minutes from the July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 commissioner minutes. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy asked to add a sentence to a paragraph of the August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 minutes, stating that Commissioners gave Warren Martin permission to move forward with the purchase process of a new distributor truck for the Jackson County Highway. Commissioner Reedy then made a motion to approve the Amended August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 minutes with the addition. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the payroll of August 9, 2013 in the amount of \$346,359.20. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

No reports from other committees were given.

Planning and Zoning commissioner, Mike Weir came before commissioners to discuss the upcoming move of Planning and Zoning to 202 E Walnut St. in Brownstown, prior to Courthouse expansion purchase known as the Lewis Insurance Agency. He discussed getting furniture from the Jackson County Detention Center. He stated that in order to finish off the two offices, he will need to spend another \$705.00. He also discussed making the large front room of the office into a meeting room. The Office Center has given quotes for tables and chairs for the meeting room. The economy price is \$2,700.00. The higher end furniture was quoted at \$4,500.00. Weir stated that within his budget, he has approximately \$3,900.00 to put toward this purchase. Weir stated that the department will need a new fax/copier (approx. \$800.00) and a recording system (no quote at time of meeting) as well. After discussion, commissioner made a motion giving Weir the approval to go to council requesting \$7,600 - \$3,900(from budget) = \$3,700 requested to meet needs. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners and Weir then discussed that future repairs may need to be made to the old Lewis Insurance building and property.

Larry Raymer, representing the Park and Rec board then came before commissioners to discuss several topics:

- Regarding the walking trail: When grass is mowed, grass is getting on trail. Asked is when mowed, grass could be blown in opposite direction.
- Weeds in County Park: Stated that there is a batch of weeds close to the Juvenile Home that are around six (6) feet tall. Asked for assistance in getting these mowed down. Highway supervisor, Warren Martin stated that he was familiar and would help with this matter.
- Cars blocking the trail: Raymer asked if yellow lines could be put down in the Juvenile Home parking lot in front of where the trail begins. Cars have been parking in this area and blocking this entrance to the trail.

- Extention of Trail: Raymer discussed the application of the possible \$150,000 grant to complete the trail. Stated that he must find \$37,500 in matching funds before the grant can be applied for. Raymer also stated that he has a contractor that will commit to \$10,000 in materials. Asking if county highway can commit to \$10,000 in labor. Commissioners advised Raymer to speak to County Surveyor, Daniel Blann to get information on slopes and utilities that fall where the extention of the trail would fall.
- Soccer Field: Raymer stated that Park and Rec has received a variance from the zoning board for the soccer field.
- Raymer stated that he would like to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding between the Commissioners and Park and Rec. regarding the soccer field. The following were discussed:
  - o #5 in the agreement- who is in charge of the field? County Attorney, Susan Bevers, stated that the wording in the agreement is due to insurance reasons. Park and Rec are to be responsible for the day to day operations of the field.
  - o Who is responsible to mow the field/maintenance? Commissioners advised Raymer to look into private companies to get quotes for mowing.
  - o #7 in the agreement- Asked for clarification as to why it stated that monies collected are to be deposited into the County General Fund. Attorney Bevers stated that monies would be deposited into the County General Fund, then Park and Rec would present an additional to get that money moved into their fund.

After discussion, Commissioners agreed that Attorney Bevers needs to draft another agreement. Commissioners advised Raymer be put on agenda for the next commissioner meeting. Commissioners also clarified that work on the soccer field cannot start until the agreement is signed.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin then came before commissioners. Martin stated that the Shieldstown Bridge is on target. He stated that the Cavanaugh Bridge has been backed up possibly to June 2014. Martin stated that Bridge 228 came in over estimate and they are looking at ways to pull monies out of this bridge.

Martin provided Commissioners with information on the Maintenance position for the first 6 months.

Martin stated that the carpet stretching at Superior Court in Seymour has begun. One (1) room is completed and the remaining room is scheduled.

Martin stated that the \$75,000 received from Motor Vehicle Highway is being used for paving expense.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard came before commissioners to discuss county insurance. He stated that currently he has monies to approximately get through the end of September. Hubbard informed commissioners that he estimates \$200,000 will be needed to make it through the end of 2013. Commissioners recommended Hubbard go to council asking for an additional of \$200,000 for insurance expense. Hubbard informed commissioners that two meetings have been held to discuss 2014 rates. Another meeting is scheduled for Sept 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. Hubbard then stated that the end of August marks the end of the trial basis period with the SIHO 4 Your Health clinic.

Attorney Bevers asked if the scheduling of annual fire inspections could be taken on by the maintenance position. Commissioners agreed to have the maintenance position schedule the yearly inspections.

Bevers stated that the ordinances approved at the last meeting -concerning new locations of stop signs -will be drawn up and brought to the next commissioners meeting to be signed.

Bevers then presented previously approved ordinances from 2012 that do not have signatures. Ordinance #6 and Ordinance #7 -2012 were then signed by Commissioner Hounshel and Reedy.

Tom Hoene then came before commissioners with a concern about irrigation systems. His concern is in regards to the "end gun" that shoots water across the county roads. He stated that he is concerned for citizen safety and possible lawsuits on farmers if an incident would occur. He stated that Bartholomew County has an ordinance in place regarding water being sprayed over the county roads. Commissioners advised Attorney Bevers to look into surrounding county ordinances for this matter. Commissioner Hounshel advised to have this as old business for the next meeting.

Tim Hoevener, Chairman Jackson county Soil and Water Board came before commissioners to discuss Rule 5. He provided information to commissioners about erosion control in the county. Rule 5 deals with anyone who is disturbing over one (1) acre of property.

The meeting recessed until Sept 3rd, 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