

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
September 3, 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 6:00PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a silent prayer observed.

Commissioner Tom Joray made a motion to approve the August 20th, 2013 commissioner minutes. Commissioner Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioners also signed the Amended August 6th, 2013 minutes. These minutes had been previously approved as amended.

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the payroll of August 23, 2013 in the amount of \$337,924.62. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Hounshel reported that the Dog Control Committee had met earlier today and that the committee is hoping to be able to bring some information before the Commissioners soon regarding county dog facilities.

Warren Martin, County Highway Supervisor, performed the opening of Bid Packets for the demolition of the recently acquired Thomas property. (The white house between the Courthouse Annex and Sugar St.) The following bids were opened and total demolition cost read:

- BP2 Construction: \$36,000
- Striegel Construction: \$13,900
- Dave O'Mara Contractor: \$49,752
- Rust Construction, Inc: \$18,600
- King's Trucking & Excavation: \$24,280
- Hauer Excavation: \$19,392
- Lawyer Excavation, Inc: \$24,075
- Temple & Temple Excavation: \$68,800
- Yardberry Landscape Excavation: \$29,700
- K&W : \$28,000

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to take the bids under advisement until next meeting allowing time for the County Attorney, Susan Bevers, to review the bids. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Rebecca Simler, county resident, came before the board with a concern. She stated that on **county road 300 S in Brownstown, which is about a ½ mile road, she has witnessed racing by cars, motorcycles, etc.** Simler is requested additional patrol on this road as well as a bus turn around sign, a children present sign and speed limit signs. After discussion, Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to reduce the speed limit on this road to 40mph. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioners also agreed that a bus turn around sign be placed on this road. Attorney Bevers will prepare an ordinance for the reduced speed limit on this road.

Paul Ramsey and Duane Davis approached commissioners regarding Davis' cellular package. Ramsey stated that they would like to include text and email (Data) on Davis' plan. They also

requested a stipend for Robert Baldwin, emergency management employee, stating that he currently uses his personal phone for county business. After discussion, Commissioner Reedy made a motion to table the request and to speak with Council about this request. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Trena Carter came before commissioners to inform them that the Vallonia Stormwater project was not chosen to be funded. Commissioners and Carter agreed that she will meet for a post sit visit and get as much information as possible as to what to change for the next application.

OLD BUSINESS :

Larry Raymer, Jackson County Park & Recreation, discussed paragraphs 8 & 11 in the interlocal agreement regarding the Soccer Field. Raymer stated that he did not like the maintenance paragraph. After discussion, Raymer stated that he would take care of mowing the soccer field. Raymer agreed to sign the agreement. With Raymer agreeing to take care of the mowing, Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Raymer received the ok to begin work on the soccer field.

Brian Thompson, came before Commissioners on behalf of a group of farmers that appeared at the meeting for the irrigation concern that was brought up by Mr. Hoene at the previous Commissioner Meeting. Thompson stated that there are options for the irrigation issue:

- 1) Farmers can shut off the end gun at certain times,
- 2) Farmers can run irrigation in a direction so the water is not being shot on roads during inappropriate times,
- 3) Farmers can alter when irrigation runs

Thompson stated that he believes that rules/ordinances can and will become burdensome, he believes the key will be education. Dave Wiesehan, Hamilton Twp Farmer, stated that he believes when public gets more accustomed to the irrigation systems, it will be better accepted.

After discussion, Commissioner Reedy made a motion to table this issue. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Hamilton Twp Farmer, George Mellencamp then spoke in regards to shutting off irrigation from dusk to dawn. He stated that night is the best time for the crops to be irrigated.

END OF OLD BUSINESS.

Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin, came before commissioners with additional requests. Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Reedy. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Martin then discussed possible starting dates regarding Bridge 228, 195 and Shieldstown.

Martin informed commissioners that he has a Letter of Understanding from INDOT regarding an 'unofficial' detour route. Replacement and repairing of Bridge Joints is going to begin on the bridge at the State Hwy Garage and St Road 135 (at Wayman Ditch). Commissioners need to sign the Letter of Understanding agreeing to the unofficial detour route that has been set. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jackson County Sheriff, Mike Carothers, informed commissioners that inmate Stanton who has had extreme medical bills during his stay at the Sheriff Dept, totaling \$124,848.80, has been sentenced and is no longer being held in Jackson County.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard stated that the next insurance meeting, regarding county employee insurance will be held September 12 @ 9:30a.m. Hubbard stated that savings

are being found by adjusting deductibles and premiums. He also stated that his additional request for the remainder of the year of 2013 for insurance costs will go to council at \$300,000 not \$200,000.

County Attorney, Susan Bevers, presented Ordinance 20 and Ordinance 21 for commissioners to sign. Both ordinances have previously been approved. Commissioners signed both ordinances.

The meeting recessed until Sept 17th, 2013 at 9:30AM.

Jerry Hounshel - President

Matt Reedy

Thomas M. Joray

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest