

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
September 17, 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 9:30AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a silent prayer observed.

Commissioner Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the September 3, 2013 commissioner minutes. Commissioner Tom Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the payroll of September 6, 2013 in the amount of \$336,660.25 Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy reported that the Juvenile Home will be forming a letter in support of the Juvenile Detention Center. He reported that the Juvenile Home has gone from 4 kids to currently turning away kids.

Commissioner Hounshel reported that the fair board would like to report that the 2013 Jackson County fair was considered a success and that there are some maintenance issues that need to be completed at the fairgrounds.

John Long, Juvenile Detention Center Director, came before commissioners with the August 2013 Juvenile Detention Center Report.

Melvin Beeker, with RQAW, appeared before commissioners to provide an update on current and recently completed projects by the firm. Projects reported on include; new jails, jail remodeling and government centers.

Heather Davis, with Jackson County 911, asked commissioners for approval of the 2014 911 budget. Davis stated that the 911 Board decided in June to keep the 2014 budget the same as the 2013 budget. Commissioners stated that Council approves the 911 Director salary. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the 911 2014 budget with the exception of the director salary. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Heather Davis stated that at the September 2013 911 Board meeting, it was decided to purchase new radio equipment for dispatch. The current equipment is dated and parts are no longer available for repairs. The new equipment will be for two (2) dispatch centers, Sheriff's Dept and Seymour Police Dept. The quote they agreed upon is from Motorola for \$556,332. Motorola is the only company who currently manufactures at the level needed for this equipment. Commissioners stated that no bids are necessary for this purchase since it is a State QPA. Commissioner Reedy made a motion of intent to purchase the equipment for \$556,332. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner advised Davis to turn in additional request paperwork to auditor's office for publication.

OLD BUSINESS :

County Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin, came before commissioners to discuss the bids opened at the September 3, 2013 meeting regarding the demolition of the white house on Sugar St in Brownstown. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to accept the bid received from Striegel

Construction in the amount of \$13,900. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Martin stated that work can begin on this Friday, September 20th. Commissioners agreed that the alley to the annex will be closed for the demolition and advised Martin to speak with the Town of Brownstown to close the section of Sugar St behind the courthouse on Friday September 20th, 2013.

END OF OLD BUSINESS

Martin then discussed with commissioners the following bridge information:

Bridge 228- Rockford- A Plan is in place. Bridge will be open through the winter. However, site clearing will begin in October and Water and Utilities will be relocated. March of 2014 the bridge will close and an estimated completion date is set for Nov 26, 2014. Martin stated that the county has \$12,000 left in credits which has been decided will allow \$62,400 to be 100% reimbursed, after that it will be at 80/20 reimbursement.

Bridge 195- Cavanaugh- Martin has received the notice to proceed from INDOT. This allows the purchasing of Right-of-Ways to begin. There are 6-7 parcels to purchase for approximately \$40,000 total.

Martin provided commissioners with a handout regarding Motor Vehicle Highway monies being received. The handout provides a breakdown of how money received is being spent, what projects are completed using this money and the cost of each project.

Martin this requested the following additional appropriations:

Cum Bridge -\$8,591.25-80% reimbursement from the State. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Motor Vehicle Highway, \$46,000-estimated increase in MVH from Sept. 2012 to Sept. 2013 to be used for roads. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard, brought to the Commissioners' attention that there will be changes to the employee health insurance program that will go into effect Oct. 1, 2013. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve Option 7-reinsurance contract through HCC. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jackson County Sheriff, Mike Carothers provided commissioners with the August 2013 Jail Report, Meal Expenditure Report and Dog Detention Report. Discussion then followed regarding the possible Dog Facility to be built close to the Jail. After discussion, it was decided by commissioners to table this topic until the October 1, 2013 meeting, allowing private sectors to present other options to commissioners.

OLD BUSINESS:

Paul Ramsey and Duane Davis appeared before Commissioners to discuss possibly updating Davis' cell phone to include a data plan and to provide a stipend for cell phone for Robert Baldwin. After discussion, Commissioner Hounshel asked for a motion. No action was taken.

END OF OLD BUSINESS

Highway Supervisor Martin then asked Commissioners about funding the previously discussed \$13,900 for demolition of the white house on Sugar St. Commissioners advised Martin to ask council for additional. Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter advised to sign the additional request.

Martin then stated that a complaint had been filed with IDEM regarding the soccer field. The complaint questioned whether part of the field was considered wetland. IDEM has determined that the field is not wetland and that the field has no oil or contaminants. IDEM dismissed complaints after their findings.

The meeting recessed until October 1, 2013 at 6:00PM.

Jerry Hounshel - President

Matt Reedy

Thomas M. Joray

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest