

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
November 5, 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 October 15, 2013 commissioner minutes as amended. Commissioner Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the payroll of October 18, 2013 in the amount of \$335,424.13, the November 1, 2013 payroll in the amount of \$346,534.13, and the November claims in the amount of \$861,316.59. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

No reports from other committees were given.

Commissioner then proceeded to open the sealed Hay Bids for the ground around the Jackson County Highway Garage. Only one sealed bid was presented. The bid was from Plumer Hay Farms for \$150 per acre, 16 acres for five (5) years. This would be through 2019. Upon review of the bid, Commissioner Reedy made a motion to accept the hay bid from Plumer Hay Farm. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. County Attorney, Susan Bevers, will review contract and the contract will be signed at the November 19, 2013 meeting.

Jana Wessel came for commissioners to request approval for the purchase of carpet for the Jackson County Extension Office. The current carpet has been wet several times and needs replaced. Wessel presented commissioners with a quote from Carpet One. That quote came in at \$1,886.25 over the amount of \$6,000.00 that is available from the 2013 GOB. Commissioners requested that more quotes be received before they approve the purchase.

Jana Wessel then requested approval to have tree stumps removed/cleaned up at Superior Court in Seymour. The quote received was from Barry's Tree Service for \$275.00. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Michael Greene, although on the agenda, was unable to attend this meeting. He has requested to be placed on the next commissioner's agenda.

Travis Norman, although on the agenda, was unable to attend this meeting. He has also requested to be placed on the next commissioner's agenda.

Commissioner Hounshel then discussed a concern that he received from a taxpayer. Jay Newberry has requested, what he thought to be an unkept county road, to begin to be maintained to provide access to a piece of ground he believed to be landlocked. After discussion with Warren Martin and Surveyor Dan Blann previous to this meeting, Newberry has been informed that the road he refers to is not a county road but rather an access easement. Therefore, the county cannot maintain this easement and he was directed to gain approval from

the property owners to access the property through this easement. Newberry could also access this property through DNR access points.

Clifford Sommers and Raymond Bachmann (President), Jackson County History Center, came before commissioners to request permission to organize a committee to plan for local celebrations of the 2016 bicentennial of Indiana, Jackson County and Brownstown. They also requested that the Commissioners support said committee and the bicentennial celebration as much as possible. They also requested that one or more commissioners become a member of the planning committee. Commissioner Reedy stated that he would sit on the planning committee and made a motion to approve the previous requests. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioners also advised to contact Tina Stark with the Jackson County Visitor's Center for assistance.

County Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin came before Commissioners requesting approval of a lease for a road grader. The contract has been reviewed by Attorney Susan Bevers. The lease is for \$26,922 per year for three (3) years. Motion to approve the lease was made by Commissioner Reedy. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Martin also provided information regarding the county auction that was held in October, informing commissioners that the Highway money that was received from this auction this year will pay the first lease payment.

Martin informed commissioners that in regards to the Shieldstown Bridge, the Supplement 1 agreement needs signed. This agreement is assuring that it will come to letting in October 2014 and that the county will hit that target date. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve and sign the agreement. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Martin brought before commissioners an additional for Owens Communications. This is for the purchase of Broadband radios in the amount of \$24,965. The purchase is for 28-30 radios. Additional amount of \$24,965.00 has been requested for fund 2-201-441.

Martin addressed the speed limit ordinance regarding Rockford Bridge (Bridge #228). After discussion, Commissioner Joray made a motion to change the speed limit to 35 mph from the **State Right of Way at State Road 11 to ½ mile past the Rockford Bridge**. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Martin informed commissioners that the Motor Vehicle Money received to date is \$163,900. All but approximately \$16,000 has gone to repair roads in Jackson County.

Martin asked Commissioners if there was anything else he needed to follow up on in regards to the Vallonia Stormwater project. Commissioners told him that at this time, he doesn't need to do anything else.

Martin informed commissioners that Toppe's have received their letter for purchase of property for a county retention pond, and asked Attorney Bevers about Shoemaker's letter. Attorney Bevers will send out a letter to Shoemaker's in regards to purchasing property from them.

Sheriff Mike Carothers presented the October 2013 Jail Report, Meal Expenditure Report and the Dog Detention Report.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard informed commissioners that all phones have been installed and are working.

Hubbard then presented the proposed 2014 Health Insurance Premiums for employees. He stated that Tuesday November 12th starts open enrollment, with several informational sessions scheduled. He stated that the SIHO clinic will remain open through 2014 and that currently 40-

45% of employees are using the clinic. Upon review of the 2014 Insurance Premiums, Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Hubbard also stated that the United Way kickoff will be Wed, Nov 6th, 2013 in Brownstown and Thurs, Nov 7th, 2013 in Seymour.

County Auditor, Kathy Hohenstreiter informed commissioners that they have been given the 2014 Claims and Payroll Schedules.

Hohenstreiter then asked for direction as to the remaining monies left in the Pershing Township Fire Dept Fund. After discussion, commissioners decided that this money was match money that was put up by the Fire Department and therefore needs to be given back to the department after verification with the Fire Department regarding the amount.

Hohenstreiter informed commissioners of properties that did not sell on the 2013 Tax Sale. After discussion, Commissioner Reedy made a motion to hold a certificate sale for the remaining properties with a minimum bid of \$200. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Hohenstreiter was advised to contact SRI to get a date for the sale.

County Attorney, Susan Bevers then asked commissioners for approval of the contract with Thomson Reuters for the printing of the 2014 tax bills. The amount for printing and postage is for \$16,500. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

The meeting recessed until November 19, 2013 at 9:30AM.

Jerry Hounshel - President

Matt Reedy

Thomas M. Joray

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest