

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
March 4, 2014  
6:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Jerry Hounshel, Commissioner Matt Reedy &  
Commissioner Tom Joray

Absent: All commissioners were present for this meeting.

Commissioner Jerry Hounshel called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a silent prayer observed.

Commissioner Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the February 18, 2014 commissioner minutes. Commissioner Tom Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the payroll of February 21, 2014 in the amount of \$339,528.08 and monthly claims in the amount of \$960,278.61. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Reports from other Committees:**

Commissioner Hounshel stated that the Fair Board is getting quotes for a replacement of the current restroom facility to be constructed at the Jackson County Fair Grounds.

**End of Reports from other Committees .**

Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin came before commissioners with a recommendation to sign the On- Call contract with Jansen & Spaans. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the signing of the Jansen & Spaans contract. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Cliff Sommers with the Bicentennial Committee appeared before commissioners with a committee update. The opening of the time capsule is set for April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 11a.m. Sommers reported that the committee is sending out some formal invitations and they are working to get speakers for the day. He reported that the committee also appointed officers. Officers include: Cliff Sommers-Chairman, Ray Bachman-Co Chairman, Chris Sommers-Secretary and Doug Pogue-Treasurer. Sommers asked for clarification as to who owned the time capsule and the contents. After discussion, Commissioner Reedy made a motion to clarify that the time capsule and contents are to become property of the Jackson County History Center pending the Centers acceptance. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Darrell Crocket then requested approval for the placement of the Jackson County Watermelon Festival Stage on county property. The 2014 Jackson County Watermelon Festival will be held on Sept 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to allow the Festival to place the stage on county property, at the same place as in 2013. Stage cannot remain on property more than 7 days before and 7 days after the festival. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Crockett then asked commissioners for comments regarding possible carnival campers for the 2015 festival. After discussion, commissioners advised that the campers may park at the Jackson County Park, but that carnival campers must take waste with them-no trash to remain.

Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin came before commissioners with a utility agreement for the Cavanaugh Bridge with Jackson County REMC. The contract is for \$9,000, to move utilities. This is an 80/20 agreement. The county will be reimbursed 80%. The agreement with

Bernardin Lochmueller & Associates, Inc. was forwarded to the Commissioners for their approval. Commissioner Reedy made the motion to approve, Commissioner Joray seconded the motion, with 3 yes votes, pending review of County Attorney Bevers. Martin then discussed a new \$600 fee from IDEM. The fee is to check drawings and make inspections. Martin stated that this fee will be paid out of the bridge fund.

Martin stated that he will have a report for Commissioners in regards to salt, cinders, sand, etc.

Jackson County Sheriff, Mike Carothers presented the February 2014 Jail Report, February 2014 Meal Expenditure Report and the February 2014 Dog Detention Report.

Sheriff Carothers also stated that as of April 1, 2014, the county will cease operations with the current short term dog holding facility. Red Sky now has a holding area, so they will serve as the counties short term dog holding facility. Commissioners advised to renegotiate with Red Sky.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard presented a list of bills that were created from the water damage at Superior Ct 1 in Seymour. Hubbard asked commissioners where to place the insurance check money when it comes in regarding the water damage. It was discussed that it cannot be placed into the CAGIT fund. After discussion, Commissioner Reedy made a motion to create a line item in the Commissioners budget to place the money into County General. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. The line item will be called Insurance Liability Reimbursement pending council approval. Commissioners directed Hubbard to pay invoices from Care of Inmates to get invoices paid quicker. An additional appropriation will be advertised and presented to council for approval to allow the revenue to be adjusted to the new appropriation line.

The meeting recessed until March 8, 2014 at 9:30AM.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jerry Hounshel - President

Matt Reedy

\_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas M. Joray

\_\_\_\_\_  
Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest