

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
April 15, 2014  
9:30 a.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 9:30AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a silent prayer observed.

Commissioner Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the April 1, 2014 commissioner minutes. Commissioner Tom Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the payroll of April 4, 2014 in the amount of \$339,163.63. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. No claims were presented for approval.

**Reports from other Committees :**

Commissioner Reedy stated that Lifetime member of the Jackson County Juvenile Home, Louie Sommers, has passed away.

Commissioner Hounshel stated that the Fair Board is proceeding with constructing a new restroom, to be completed before the 2014 Jackson County Fair. Commissioner Reedy and Commissioner Hounshel stated that John Schafstall from the Fair Board has asked if the County Hwy Department could demolish the old restroom facility.

**End of Reports from Other Committees.**

Steve Wischmeier, on behalf of the Grassy Fork Volunteer Fire Department, came before commissioners to ask approval to close a portion of a county road. The road to be closed is what runs past the GFVFD from 450 E to 540 S. This closure would occur on June 20<sup>th</sup> & June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 during the time in which the pulls are taking place. Wischmeier stated that this is the same request that was granted in 2013. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Debra Wayman, on behalf of Hope: Medora Goes Pink came before commissioners to ask approval to close a portion of St Rd 235. Wayman was advised by commissioners to contact INDOT since this is a state road and not under commissioner jurisdiction. Wayman thanked them for their time and extended an invitation to attend the 2014 Hope: Medora Goes Pink.

Dennis Brasher, Jackson County Ambulance Supervisor, informed commissioners that a new ambulance was taking into service yesterday (April 14, 2014). He then requested that commissioners sign title over to Carr Twp VFD for the 2007 Ford E450 Ambulance. This transfer was previously approved by commissioners. Commissioner Hounshel signed the title as requested for the 2007 Ford E450 Ambulance VIN # 1FDXE45P57DA51277.

Morris Tippin, with the Friends of the Medora Covered Bridge and Area, came before commissioners requesting approval to use the Medora Covered Bridge on Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner on the Bridge. The dinner will begin at 6:30p.m. Tippin stated that the Certificate of Liability is already on record in the Auditor's Office. Tippin also informed commissioners that a Road Rally, Euchre Tournament and a Dog Show may possibly occur during the day of the festival. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve using the bridge for the dinner. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Tippin also

asked for the banks to be mowed by the county.

Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin, gave commissioners a handout on asphalt information for the year. He requested a signature on a notice to proceed.

O'Mara: \$1,102,790.90

Milestone: \$316,072.30

Total: \$1,418,863.20

Commissioners, stating that the asphalt bids had already been approved, signed the notice to proceed.

Martin then presented Amendment #5 to the Cavanaugh Bridge. This amendment is to comply with requirements for pictures and write up to be done by Bernardin Lockmuehler. This will add \$3,600 to the contract, which is an 80/20 reimbursement. Martin asked for approval to give permission for Bernardin Lockmuehler to begin the process. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

County Auditor, Kathy Hohenstreiter, stated that the Auditor's office has purchased new desk chairs. Hohenstreiter asked for permission to allow Medora Police Dept to salvage chairs that could be used at their department. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Hohenstreiter reported on the Commissioners Certificate Sale from April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014. She stated that all properties were sold, so now 100% of the properties offered at tax sale are back on Tax Roll.

County Attorney, Susan Bevers, stated that she is waiting on WTH in regards to GIS limited use agreement.

Sheriff Mike Carothers then presented commissioners with the March 2014 Jail Report, Meal Expenditure Report and the Dog Detention Report.

Commissioner Hounshel then presented the March 2014 Juvenile Detention Center Report, stating that Steve Redicker was unable to attend today's commissioners meeting.

Reminder was given that the time capsule contents would be opened on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in the courthouse lobby.

The meeting recessed until May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 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