

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
July 15, 2014  
9:30 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Jerry Hounshel, Commissioner Matt Reedy & Commissioner Tom Joray  
Absent: All present.

Commissioner Jerry Hounshel called the meeting to order at 9:30AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a silent prayer observed.

Commissioner Tom Joray made a motion to approve the July 1, 2014 commissioner minutes. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Reedy abstained from this vote due to his absence from the July 1, 2014 meeting.

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the payroll of July 11, 2014 in the amount of \$347,337.00. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Reports from other Committees :**

No Reports Given.

John Schafstall, on behalf of the Jackson County Fair Board, invited the Commissioners to the Grand Opening of the new restroom facilities on Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. He stated mirrors were going in today and that would complete the work. Schafstall also thanked the county and the County Highway Department for all their help in the demolition of the old facility and building of the new facility.

Jackson County Juvenile Detention Center Director, Steve Redicker, present commissioners with the June 2014 monthly report and also the January - June 2014 report for the Detention Center.

County Surveyor, Dan Blann, stated that the digitized GIS mapping project was complete. His office completed this layering project ahead of schedule and he presented maps for approval. Approval would make these maps the official maps, current through July 15, 2014. Commissioner Reedy asked Blann to also include layers of Council and Commissioner Districts. Blann stated he will present the maps to the Planning Commissioner meeting scheduled for this evening. Blann stated that by completing this project in-house, he estimates a saving of approximately \$25,000. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the updates to the county maps and send forward the information to WTH so this information will be available to the public. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Terrye Davidson, Becky Alexander and Jenny Harrison, representing Centerstone, came before commissioners to present the 2013 Annual Report. They discussed issues that were treated in 2013 and programs provided. It was also stated that Centerstone would be very interest in participating in drug court, should that program begin in the county.

Darrell W Crockett, on behalf of the Brownstown Watermelon Festival asked commissioners for permission to use the county park for Fireworks during the festival. He stated all would be like last year. Insurance will be provided and the fire dept. will be on site when fireworks are set off. Crockett also asked for permission to set the stage up as it was in 2013. Stage may need to be brought in a little sooner this year, as it has some repairs that need to be taken care of. The Brownstown Watermelon Festival will be held September 5, 6 & 7, 2014. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the use of the county park for Fireworks and to also set up the stage as it was in 2013. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

## **PROPOSED COURTHOUSE EXPANSION**

Judge Bruce MacTavish addressed commissioners in regards to current safety concerns in regards to Superior Court II. Judge MacTavish stated that Superior Court II handles volatile cases and that the current setup does not allow for proper safety and security of those present in the courtroom or waiting outside of the courtroom. The current room being used as a courtroom was to be a temporary situation. That temporary situation is now going on 7 years. Judge MacTavish stated that he feels a new court facility needs to be built soon in order to best protect those using his courtroom.

Bill Cooler, with Cooler Design then discussed the current plans for a new Judicial Center to be built between the Courthouse and annex. Cooler stated that the current plans call for an approx. 20,000 sq ft 1<sup>st</sup> floor and an approx. 10,000 sq. ft. basement. This facility would provide storage in the basement and house Circuit Court, Superior Court and Prosecutors office along with several meeting rooms, Judges chambers, etc. on the main level of the facility. This proposal also includes relocating several offices. The current annex would hold the Clerk office, Voter registration office, IT dept., Probation, Child Support and Emergency Management. The current courthouse would hold the Treasurer, Auditor, Recorder, Assessor, Surveyor, Veteran's Services offices, Planning and Zoning and the HR dept. Cooler stated that this project would cost approximately \$10,000,000. Cooler also stated another option of creating a second floor on the Judicial Center. The second floor would essentially be the same floor plan on the first. The relocating of the other offices would remain the same. The cost of the project would then be approximately \$14,000,000.

Andrew Lanam, with Reedy Financial Group then discussed with Commissioners different funding options for this project. Lanam discussed impact this project would have on property taxes if this route was chosen. Lanam also discussed the impact of waiting until current bond is paid to begin payments on a new bond.

After discussion, Commissioner Reedy made a motion to move forward with project for purposes of discussion and send to Council for possible funding. Commissioner Joray seconded, stating he is in favor of no impact on property taxes for this project. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

## **END OF EXPANSION DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Hounshel stated that he was approached by Custodian Jana Wessel with a request to purchase a new Zero Turn 61" cut, lawn mower. Wessel has two (2) quotes ranging from \$7,500 - \$7,800. Commissioner Joray made a motion to go to council for funding. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Ordinance 2014-No.13, Commissioner Bill No 7 - An ordinance amending Jackson County Code 153, Zoning Code of the County of Jackson. (CAFO)

Discussion was held by commissioners regarding the changes that were made to provide the current amendment. Attorney Bevers advised commissioners on the process that would occur if this amendment was approved on 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Commissioner Hounshel then asked for brief comments from the public. Don Schnitker, Paul Pottschmidt, Joe Bradley spoke briefly with the consensus being that they would like to read the current version before making further comments. Don Greathouse and Thelma Greathouse expressed their concern for any facility in a flood plain. Commissioner Hounshel then performed the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 2014-No.13, Commissioner Bill No.7. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve upon 1<sup>st</sup> reading and recommends 3 readings for this ordinance. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin provided commissioners with the Shieldstown Bridge Drawings for signature. These drawings were approved at the previous meeting. This project will begin in October 2014 with no excavation taking place on CSX railroad right of way.

Martin also provided LPA consulting agreement for Shieldstown Bridge for signature by commissioners. Commissioner signed the agreement.

Martin then presented the Janssen & Spaans Engineering Inc. bridge inspection contract for 2015 -2018.

Martin presented three (3) Additional Appropriations for approval. The additional are as follows:

\$81,640.00	County Highway	2-23600-0531	MVH Additional Paving money	
\$22,024.70	Cum Bridge	25-19500-115	Bridge 195	80% reimb from State
\$ 1,549.70	Cum Bridge	25-22800-115	Bridge 228	100% reimb from State

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Martin and the Commissioners then discussed the road issue at Martha's Vineyard. Martin stated that Kenny Spoor has the specifics for the samples and also where he can send those samples. Martin suggested a letter should be sent from the County Attorney to Mr. Spoor in order to get a timeline on the paving. Commissioners asked Attorney Bevers to send a letter to Mr. Spoor.

Martin then provided the commissioners with the last progress report of the design phase for bridge 195 - Cavanaugh.

Martin stated that all road grinding has been completed. County road 600 N will be chip and sealed yet this year while Retreat road will sit as is over the winter.

Don Schnitker then asked Martin if county road 400 E north of Cortland will be getting a shoulder. Martin stated that it will.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard, stated that he is getting initial insurance quotes. He also suggested that the insurance committee have a meeting to review the quotes.

Ron Scott, from the State Forestry Department was present at the meeting. He stated that commissioners may see him or another representative more often attending meetings as it is now a goal to get more involved with the communities.

Attorney Bevers presented a Rumpke agreement for the Juvenile Home. The agreement is for a 2 yard container. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Lieutenant Andy Wayman presented a bill from Granau for sprinkler service.

It was stated that Ordinance 2014-No.13 will be on the Jackson County website, available to the public.

The meeting recessed until August 5, 2014 at 6:00PM.

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Jerry Hounshel - President

Matt Reedy

Thomas M. Joray

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Kathy Hohenstreiter-attest