

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
August 5, 2014
6:00 p.m.

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

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 July 15, 2014 commissioner minutes. Commissioner Tom Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the payroll of July 25, 2014 in the amount of \$340,823.24 and claims in the amount of \$2,102,695.62. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees :

Commissioner Hounshel stated that the Hospital Board is working on a new appointment. A list of names will be provided at the next meeting of the Hospital Board.

End of Reports from other Committees

Award Presentation:

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to make the following presentation. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

The Jackson County Commissioners then presented Deputy Rick Meyer with the Commissioners Distinguished Service Award. Deputy Meyer was injured in the line of duty on May 8, 2014 responding to a call in the Tampico area where he sustained two (2) bullet wounds. Despite his injuries he still managed to bring the suspects into custody. Deputy Meyer is now back to work at the Jackson County Sheriff's Department. Commissioners Hounshel, Reedy and Joray presented this Award to Deputy Meyer for fulfilling his oath and for his outstanding service to the residents of Jackson County.

Heather Davis then presented the 2015- 911 Budget to commissioners for approval. Due to the State 911 Board's ruling on ineligible expenses, some of the line items that were in previous years' budgets have been removed for the 2015 budget year. Three (3) additional dispatchers have been added to this year's budget. Davis stated the need for additional dispatchers due to the increase of the volume of calls. In the past 16 yrs there has only been 1 part-time dispatcher hired and the call volume has gone from approximately 2,000 calls to 16,000 calls. The 2015-911 budget is \$40,000 over the 2014 budget with the additional 3 dispatcher salaries . Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the 2015 - 911 Budget. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Although on the agenda, no representative was present from Fort Vallonia Days Committee.

Gilbert Claycamp and Zach Morris came before commissioners to request work be done on a ditch to resolve drainage issues. Morris stated that this is in regards to a ditch on county road 200 E & 875 N. It was also stated that work has previously been done on the culvert and ditch by the County Highway Dept, but that it is not complete. Morris and Claycamp requested that a plan be in place so that this can be resolved as soon as possible. Highway Supervisor Warren Martin stated that he will get County Surveyor Blann out to the property to help get this resolved before the end of the year.

Commissioner Hounshel then discussed a request from the Jackson County Health Department to officially release ownership of a storage shed that is County owned on G Ave. in Freeman Field. The building sits on property owned by the Seymour Community Schools. This storage shed had previously been used by the Health Department to store equipment. After discussion and looking at photos of the shed, commissioner Reedy made a motion to officially release ownership as long as Dr. Bobb and the Health Department Board are in favor of this decision to the Seymour Community Schools. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Hounshel then discussed the brick storage shed that sits on county property behind The Subway at 104 E Cross St in Brownstown. This storage shed is in need of some repair to make it a secure storage shed. It is proposed to have the county maintenance employee install an overhead garage door and have mason work done to close up the other two door openings and three window openings. The cost would be \$495.00 for the garage door and \$2,100.00 for the masonry work. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners then stated that an appointment needs to be made to the Bicentennial committee. Tina Stark, the former Visitor Center Director held the appointed position. However, she is no longer employed by the county. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to appoint the new Visitor Center Director, Karen Weik to the Bicentennial committee. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway supervisor, Warren Martin then came before commissioner with the following additional appropriation:

County Highway- \$1,227.48 to 2-23410-0531 - Insurance reimbursement for guardrail damage
Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Martin stated that he has sent the unofficial detour route for work on US Hwy 31 to INDOT and that paperwork will be sent to him soon for approval and signatures of Commissioners.

Martin updated that 2014 contract paving is done. He stated 24.4 miles have been completed for an approximate cost of \$56,000 - \$57,000 per mile. Martin stated that approximately 40 miles of chip and seal have been completed at a cost of \$7,957.62 per mile.

Martin is waiting to hear back from Kenny Spoor in regards to a letter sent pertaining to the paving issue at Martha's Vineyard.

Martin also wanted to mention that the performance bond for Wally Pfaffenberger is coming close to the 2 year mark.

Martin stated that he received the quarterly report from INDOT on the bridge construction in Jackson County. He stated that Rockford Bridge #228 is underway. Martin wanted to remind the Commissioners that a progress meeting is held on the second Tuesday of each month at the conservation club located next to the bridge.

Martin stated that he received the State inventory list and he has begun the process of adding new county roads to the list.

Sheriff Mike Carothers presented the July 2014 Jail Report, Meal Expenditure Report and Dog Detention Report.

Sheriff Carothers then presented one (1) title for commissioners to sign for a vehicle to be traded in at Poynters for a 2015 vehicle. The vehicle being traded in is a 2009 Crown Victoria Police Int -Vin# ending in 9965.

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

It was also discussed that Sheriff Carothers will get with Highway Supervisor Martin to coordinate a County Auction to sell miscellaneous items.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard informed commissioners that he hopes to begin receiving insurance quotes next week.

County Attorney, Susan Bevers updated commissioners on the Town of Crothersville's request for help with animal control. Bevers stated that the town is working on ordinances and she will keep commissioners updated as she gets information.

Attorney Bevers also presented Resolution 2014-#5 for approval. The lease agreement for the CAT equipment used by the County Highway required a resolution. This resolution is for the January 27, 2014 equipment lease. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

The meeting recessed until August 19, 2014 at 9:30AM.

Jerry Hounshel - President

Matt Reedy

Thomas M. Joray

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest