

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
August 19, 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 Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the August 5, 2014 commissioner minutes . Commissioner Tom Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the payroll of August 8, 2014 in the amount of \$345,438.60. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. No claims were presented for approval.

Reports from other Committees :

Commissioner Joray stated that the Planning Commissioner was holding a meeting this evening and that the CAFO ordinance would be discussed.

Commissioner Hounshel stated that the future of the Jackson County Juvenile Detention Center has been recently discussed. Commissioners stated that there is no interest among the Board of Commissioners for the closure of the Jackson County Juvenile Detention Center.

End of Reports from other Committees

Amanda Lowery, on behalf of the Fort Vallonia Days Festival Committee, came before commissioners asking for approval for road closures starting at 6pm on October 17th until 6pm on October 19th, 2014 for the annual festival. The following road closures were outlined in a letter Lowery presented from Ann Cooper - President of Fort Vallonia Days Inc.:

- South Main Street from Church Street to Commerce Street
- Water Street from St Louis to South Main Street
- Commerce Street from SR 135 to South Main Street

Also noted -South Main Street will be open intermittently throughout the festival as needed.

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the road closures for the dates stated. Commissioner Joray seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Hounshel abstained due to conflict of interest.

Tabitha Patton, Secretary of the Brownstown Watermelon Festival Board, requested permission to use the Courthouse grounds and restrooms during the 2014 Jackson County Watermelon Festival, stating that the request is the same as 2013. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Bill Reed with INDOT, came before commissioners asking for their approval and signatures for an unofficial detour route for the closing of a portion of ST RD 58 for the reconstruction of a bridge. Reed stated that the road will be closed starting the week of Sept 8, 2014 and remain closed for 2-3 months. Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin has reviewed the unofficial detour route. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the unofficial detour route as presented. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Hounshel stated that Amy Henson was not present but had asked to possibly hang a banner/sign on the courthouse fence. Commissioners advised that if she calls or stops in to direct her to custodian Jana Wessel.

Anne Scarlett, with the Jackson County Juvenile Detention Center presented the July 2014 JCJDC report.

Sheriff Mike Carothers presented two titles for signature. The following vehicles are to be traded in at Bob Poynter's in Seymour for a value of \$2500 each:

2010 Crown Vic Police Int VIN 2FABP7BV6AX126832

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

Jackson County Emergency Management Director, Duane Davis, came before commissioners to discuss changes that were made to the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

Davis stated that changes were made to make sure that the plan meets State Department and FEMA standards. Davis stated that the original plan was signed by Commissioners Gill, Fish and Darlage. Davis is now asking current commissioners to sign the update. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve pending Attorney Susan Bevers approval. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Davis also stated that his office is still flooding when a heavy rain falls. Highway Supervisor Martin stated that Maintenance Manager Mitch Patrick will install a grating and see what results occur.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard presented a year to date report of the health insurance costs.

Hubbard stated that there is approximately \$430,000 left in the 2014 budget.

Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin presented an unofficial detour route for the closure of ST RD 258. The unofficial detour route includes CR 300W to 100W. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Martin presented an INDOT contract for bridge inspection. This contract is a typical 80% reimbursement. EDS#A249-15-320318. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Martin stated that salt bids are in and up 20% from 2013. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve for additional for Salt & Cinders. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Martin presented information for completed 2014 paving. Martin stated that 24.4 mi of road was paved for a total of \$1,455,953.76. Also, 37.2 mi of road has been chip/sealed at a cost of \$290,000.

Martin stated that he is having schedule issues with Bridge 228 at Rockford. He assured commissioners that he is talking to everyone he can to try to get it back on schedule. Martin stated that if the bridge is not open to traffic on or by November 30th, 2014, a fine of \$1,500 per day will be charged. Martin also informed commissioners that next Tuesday at 2pm, there is a job meeting and asked commissioners to attend if possible.

Martin stated that the Cavanaugh and Shieldstown projects are still on schedule.

Commissioner Joray made a motion to change a yield sign to a stop sign. This is for CR 950E to stop at CR 340N. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Reedy then advised Martin to look at yield signs around the county and bring a recommendation to commissioners for changes that need to be made.

County Attorney, Susan Bevers presented an addendum to the Tyler Technology contract for the Jackson County Assessor. The change that was made in this addendum was to the Assessment dates. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Attorney Bevers and Commissioner Hounshel, on behalf of the Ambulance Board discussed the route it is pursuing to attain an ambulance substation on the East side of the railroad tracks in Seymour. The ambulance board has decided to try to obtain the Garage Building and property it sits on at the vacant State Police Post in Seymour. The Ambulance Board asked Attorney Bevers to prepare a letter of support and ask the Jackson County Commissioners to sign. This letter will be sent to Representative Jim Lucas to present to the Governor of Indiana. Commissioner Joray made a motion to sign the letter of support. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

The meeting recessed until September 2, 2014 at 6:00PM.

Jerry Hounshel - President

Matt Reedy

Thomas M. Joray

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest