

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
September 16, 2014
9:30 AM

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 September 2, 2014 commissioner minutes with the following change: In the paragraph discussing replacement of the boiler, change "The boiler quoted will cost approximately 60% less on fuel" to The boiler quoted will cost approximately 40% less on fuel". Commissioner Tom Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the payroll of September 5, 2014 in the amount of \$342,326.05. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees :

Commissioner Reedy stated that the population of the County Juvenile Home is increasing and that the home may have to ask for more help by the end of 2014.

End of Reports from other Committees

Judge Poynter, Judge Markel and Sheriff Carothers came before Commissioners asking for approval of contracts to install Video Equipment at Superior Court I, Circuit Court and the Jackson County Jail. This video equipment will allow initial hearings to be held remotely. These remote hearings will help with security of prisoners, save on man hours - jailors can stay at the jail and have less transportation costs. Judge Poynter and Judge Markel have funds in the bond to pay for this equipment. Sheriff Carothers stated that he has funds available for this equipment. Mike Moren, with Business Information Systems (BIS), discussed cost for each location and yearly support fees involved. The current contract states that a deposit is required before the start of the project. It was discussed with Moren that Jackson County cannot pay from the Bond until a project is complete. Moren stated that there will be an initial call to Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter from BIS and that she can inform BIS of this at that time. Moren stated that this should not be a problem, just needs to be explained to BIS. Discussion was held regarding adding this system to Superior Court II as well. Auditor Hohenstreiter stated that as of right now, Judge MacTavish does not have current Bond funds for this project. Hohenstreiter also stated that "old" bond funds may be available to help cover the cost of installation in Superior Court II. Auditor Hohenstreiter was instructed to inform Council that pending approval, she needs to inform Council that there will be a yearly support fee of approximately \$1,000 for each location. The following motion was then made by Commissioner Reedy:

Approval of the contract with BIS for a cost of \$12,831.75 for Superior Court I, out of Bond funds

\$11,648.75 for Circuit Court, out of Bond funds

\$14,861.00 for Jail/Juv Det Center out of Jail funds

Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy then made a motion to approve adding the initial hearing system to Superior Court II pending funds in Bond in the amount of \$11,648.75. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Attorney Susan Bevers stated that contracts look suitable, with the exception of required deposit.

Jackson Jennings Community Corrections Director, JL Brewer then presented the July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014 Annual Report to Commissioners. Upon review of the Annual Report, Brewer then submitted the amended Grant Agreement for approval. This is the second year of the grant agreement. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the Grant Agreement amendment. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Mark Norman, on behalf of the Jackson County Fair Board presented a report/update of the restroom project. Norman stated that the total cost was \$213,263.51 (this does not include donated time/materials). Norman stated that \$62,770 was collected in cash donations and \$20,000 of in kind donations. Norman stated that the restroom is paid in full but that the balance after the fair is way down and therefore cannot do any other improvements until the balance has been built up.

Commissioner Hounshel then read Resolution 2014-No.6, Commissioner Bill #12. This resolution deals with the Sheriff Departments Retirement. The amended plan was approved in a previous commissioner meeting, this is just an approval for the signing. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Juvenile Detention Center Director, Steve Redicker then presented commissioners with the August 2014 monthly report.

County Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin informed commissioners that the Cavanaugh Bridge letting was last week. Martin also recommends E & B Paving, Inc. for the project. E & B Paving, Inc. had the low bid of \$2,386,500.00. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve Martin's recommendation. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Martin then presented Change Order #2 and Change Order #3 for Rockford Bridge. Change order #2 is in regards to the dump site for the concrete slabs. Change order #3 is in regards to checking the compaction on approaches. Martin stated that no monetary changes were made in these change orders. Martin also stated that Change order #1 will be presented soon, it is in process. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve and sign change order #2 & #3. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Martin then discussed with commissioners the possibility of vacating a 50 ft. Right of Way in Vallonia. This ROW runs North and South in the Shroeders Addition to the town of Vallonia Lots 15 & 16 are on the West, Lots 17 & 18 on East. After discussion, Commissioner Reedy made a motion to have this move on to Planning Commissioner and make a recommendation to vacate. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Martin then stated that all Stop Signs and Yield Signs in the county are plotted. There are approximately 230 yield signs. Martin stated that it cost \$28 per sign to replace a Yield with a Stop. Martin and commissioner discussed getting a plan together with Sheriff Carothers and phasing this project over a 2 to 3 year period.

Martin also stated that Bridge 228, Rockford, is moving along well at this point. A completion date is set for November 23, 2014.

Commissioners then discussed Oxmoor Estates, Lot 15. Michael Gross had brought an issue up at the previous meeting. The county surveyor has completed a Topo and upon review this looks not to be a county issue. Commissioner Joray recommended Attorney Bevers send a letter to Mr. Gross with the findings.

Sheriff Carothers stated that the current head count at the Jail is 234, including 62 females. Sheriff Carothers then stated that there is a problem maintaining the overhead lights in the POD area. He stated it will cost \$26,000 to replace the lights, which, after rebates will be down to \$12,000-\$13,000. He stated that the plan is to pay for this expense from commissary. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the expense of \$26,000 and that the rebates be put into the general fund and then back to commissary. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard stated that the information he received back from SIHO ins. includes a 3.59% increase for 2015. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Hubbard also stated that the United Way Kick-off will be held Sept 30 & Oct 1, 2014.

Emergency Management Director, Duane Davis presented the July - August 2014 Bi-monthly Report.

Joe Bradley asked the commissioners to consider imposing a moratorium on confined feeding operations. Attorney Bevers stated she would like to speak with Bartholomew County Attorney to receive more information on this process. Bevers will provide more information at the next meeting. Commissioner Joray stated on behalf of the Planning Commission, that they are trying to expedite the process, but also trying to make the right decisions.

Auditor Hohenstreiter stated that she would like to have all dormant funds cleaned up by the end of 2014.

The meeting recessed until October 7, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Jerry Hounshel - President

Matt Reedy

Thomas M. Joray

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest