

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
November 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 Hounshel, on behalf of the Commissioners, expressed condolences to the family of Renee Blaker, a county employee, who was in a tragic accident this past week and passed away.

Commissioner Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the October 21, 2014 commissioner minutes. Commissioners also signed the October 7, 2014 amended minutes. These were approved at the October 21, 2014 meeting. Commissioner Tom Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the payroll of Oct 31, 2014 in the amount of \$348,435.15 and monthly claims in the amount of \$1,560,417.33. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Auditor, Kathy Hohenstreiter also presented a report of Electronic Checks for approval. When the Auditor's Office switched financial/payroll systems earlier in 2014, several payments began being processed electronically i.e. perf, social security, medicare, state and county tax. The report before Commissioners is for all electronic checks from June 1, 2014 - October 31, 2014. The total amount as of October 31, 2014 was \$1,683,925.82. Hohenstreiter stated that starting in December, commissioners will receive this report on a monthly basis. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees : None.

Kevin Arthur was on the agenda to discuss the Prairie Wind Subdivision, however he was not in attendance for this meeting.

Auditor Hohenstreiter informed commissioners that nine (9) properties did not sell at the 2014 Tax Sale. After discussion, Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve Resolution #9, Commissioner Bill #12, to take these to Commissioners Certificate Sale with a minimum bid of \$200. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Ordinance 2014-No.41 Commissioner Bill No.23- Adoption of New Flood Plain Maps, was then discussed. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the Ordinance 2014-No.41. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy then performed the 1st reading of Ordinance 31, Commissioner Bill #13 - 2014. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. This ordinance is in regards to restricting motorized vehicle traffic on the county walking trail and in county parks,. Commissioner Reedy then performed the 2nd reading of Ordinance 31, Commissioner Bill #13-2014. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve upon 2nd reading and waive 3rd reading. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Kealey Braughton and Rick Temple then came before Commissioners in regards to starting a canoe and kayak rental and primitive camping business on Hwy 50. Temple stated that they have approached DNR and County Planning and Zoning. Temple states that the Braughtons are getting conflicting information from these departments, due to the conflicting information, they cannot proceed with starting the business. County Attorney, Susan Bevers advised Braughton and Temple to go before the Plan Commission with their application and any information they have received from DNR. They were informed that the Plan Commission meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm and that they need to contact appropriate people to be placed on the agenda. Temple stated his frustration with the process, stating that this is the first time they have been told to go before the Plan Commission.

Phil Walker, Gary McDonald, Joe Bradley then spoke in regards to CAFO concerns. Becky Vehslage was also on the agenda to speak, but respectfully declined stating that the individuals before her had stated her concerns. Walker voiced concerns on biofilters and setback limits. McDonald stated his concern about set back limits, biofilters , health issues in regards to the Broshears CAFO, and spoke in favor of a moratorium. Bradley then stated that he feels the Plan Commission Process could be improved. Bradley also recommended continuing the Citizen Advisory Committee and have them update the commissioners regularly. Bradley then stated his concerns on biofilters and setbacks. Following this discussion, Commissioner Reedy made a motion for the Citizen Advisory Committee to continue and report back to commissioners semi annually or annually. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

CAFO Ordinance 2014-No.13 . Attorney Bevers stated that the 1st reading was completed by commissioners at a previous meeting and was then sent to Plan Commission. The Plan Commission then held a Public Hearing on the issue. Plan Commission then recommended changes to the ordinance. This is what is now before the Commissioners. Attorney Bevers discussed the changes that were made to the ordinance. Commissioner Joray then discussed the Plan Commission reasoning for changing the 1,000 ft setback to 500 ft. Gary McDonald then commented that if the setback stayed 1,000 ft, then special exceptions could be asked for from the BZA.

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve Ordinance 2014-No.13, Commissioner Bill No.17 as amended by Plan Commission with the attachment of Exhibit A - map that pertains to **1 mi from incorporated towns and ½ mi from unincorporated towns**. Commissioner Joray seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Hounshel voted No.

Commissioner Reedy then made a motion to place a temporary Moratorium until March 15, 2015. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Joray voted No.

It was stated that a copy of the ordinance will be available on the county website and in the Auditor’s Office as soon as it is received by the county Auditor.

Change County Yield Signs to Stop Signs. Ordinances were brought before commissioners in regards to changing all county yield signs to stop signs.

Ord #	Comm Bill #	Twp	1st	2nd	Vote
34	17	Grassy Fork	Commissioner Reedy	Commissioner Joray	3-0,carried
33	16	Driftwood	Commissioner Reedy	Commissioner Joray	3-0,carried
35	18	Washington	Commissioner Reedy	Commissioner Joray	3-0,carried

32	15	Brownstown	Commissioner Reedy	Commissioner Joray	3-0,carried
36	19	Redding	Commissioner Reedy	Commissioner Joray	3-0,carried
37	20	Jackson	Commissioner Reedy	Commissioner Joray	3-0,carried
38	21	Salt Creek	Commissioner Reedy	Commissioner Joray	3-0,carried
39	22	Pershing	Commissioner Reedy	Commissioner Joray	3-0,carried

END OF OLD BUSINESS

Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin asked for approval of the following additional appropriations:

Cum Bridge-Bridge 228 \$225,280 80% reimb from State 1135-22800-115
 Cum Bridge-Bridge 228 \$12,946.30 100% reimb from State 1135-22800-115
 Highway -Guardrail \$1,578.60 Insurance reimb for damage to guardrail 1176-23410-0531

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

Martin then requested approval for Change Order #4 for Bridge 228-Rockford. This change order is in the amount of \$36,150 and is in regards to the approaches to the bridge. This is part of the 80/20 reimbursement plan. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve Change Order #4 for Bridge 228. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Martin stated that the bridge is still on schedule, with an open to traffic date of November 23, 2014. Martin stated that the plaque for the bridge has been ordered at a cost of \$375.06.

Martin stated that they are waiting on Purchase Orders in regards to the Shieldstown Bridge. The counties 20% has been paid. Martin stated that as soon as an ok is received from INDOT they will be ready to start.

Martin stated that at this point no response has been received from All Star Paving regarding the letter that was discussed at the previous meeting.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard, presented a proposed 5% increase to the employee health insurance premium rates for 2015. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve this increase. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

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

Auditor Hohenstreiter presented the 2015 County Holiday Schedule. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Auditor Hohenstreiter also presented Resolution No. 10 -Commissioner Bill No. 14. The resolution deals with adopting computerized real estate transfer records rather than manual transfer books. As of January 2015, the auditor's office will no longer be using manual transfer books. Commissioner Reedy made the motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Auditor Hohenstreiter then stated that the county received \$11,301.02 from the Indiana Dept. of Natural Resources for the 2013-2014 timber sales. Fifty percent of the revenue is receipted into the County General fund and the other fifty percent is distributed to the qualifying Volunteer Fire Departments. Checks have been printed and mailed to the VFDs.

Commissioners recessed until November 18th, 2014 at 9:30AM.

Jerry Hounshel - President

Matt Reedy

Thomas M. Joray

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest