

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
January 6, 2015
6:00 PM

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

Commissioner Jerry Hounshel called the meeting to order at 6:30PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a silent prayer observed.

Sheriff Michael Carothers performed the swearing in of the Commissioners for 2015.

Election of 2015 Officers

Motion was made by Commissioner Matt Reedy to retain Commissioner Jerry Hounshel as President and Commissioner Reedy as Vice President. Commissioner Tom Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the payroll of December 23, 2014 in the amount of \$689,324.31, and monthly Claims including electronic checks for a total of . Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the December 16, 2014 commissioner minutes with the following change: The last sentence in the last paragraph should readopinions on Public Defenders from..... Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy then made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 31st, 2014 Special Meeting. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees:

County Attorney stated that a lease is being worked out between the State and Jackson County for the additional Ambulance Station to be located on the East side of the railroad tracks located at the previous State Police Post Garage.

End of Reports from other Committees

Mike Weir, Jackson County Plan Commission, presented the Findings and Reports for Vacating an unnamed street in Vallonia. The Findings and Reports stated that the Plan Commissioners does Not recommend the vacation of this street. Petition was denied by Plan Commission, dated 12/16/14. Discussion followed in regards to the best use of this street. It currently provides access to a field and the garages of property owners on either side. Property owner, Harold Garland stated he does not want the street vacated. Property owner Berl Robinson stated he does want the street vacated. Commissioner stated that the biggest problem seems to be parking on the pavement of this street, blocking access for thru traffic. After discussion, Commissioner Joray made a motion to place signs on this road stating No Parking on 20 ft of Roadway (pavement) and place a Stop Sign Southbound at Main Street. The no parking on pavement will allow for delivery vehicles to park for a short time to make their delivery. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Attorney Bevers was instructed to inquire on the process of naming this street and prepare an ordinance for the next meeting regarding the signage.

John Beatty, with Beatty Insurance came before commissioners for the Annual Review of the County Casualty & Liability Policy. Beatty explained portions of the policy, noting changes that were made. This policy is with One Beacon. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Attorney Bevers presented the 2015 Sheriff contract stating that the only difference from the previous contract is the Salary Amount. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Old Business

Jackson County Clerk, Amanda Lowery was present to answer questions regarding the previously approved 2015 Holiday Schedule. Commissioners questions creating Holidays for May 5th and November 3rd, 2015. Lowery explained that these are city election days for 2015. Lowery stated that she would like to use the Courthouse annex for this election, so that the affected voters would have a consistent polling site. These voters are currently voting at different sites depending on the type of election. After discussion, Commissioner Reedy made a motion to remove May 5th and November 3rd from the 2015 Holiday Schedule. These two days are not considered county holidays but the Courthouse offices will be closed to the public on these days, allowing Lowery to conduct the election in the Courthouse lobby. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. The 2015 Holiday Schedule-Revised was then signed by all commissioners.

Roy Fleetwood then came before commissioners to discuss a Stop Sign on Cleveland Street in Kurtz. Fleetwood stated his dismay to the fact that on December 2nd commissioners agreed to a Stop Sign on 2nd Street and Cleveland Street in Kurtz, then on December 16th, 2014 decided to make this only a temporary stop sign. John Gorbett and James Griffin, residents on Cleveland Street also spoke on behalf of keeping this a permanent Stop Sign. Commissioner Reedy explained that it was changed at the meeting on the 16th, due to the commissioners understanding that the traffic problem had mostly been caused by the closure of State Rd 58 for a bridge replacement. Fleetwood, Gorbett and Griffin all agreed that the traffic problem was present before the closure of State Road 58, but that this closure has increased the problem. Commissioners decided to have the Sheriff increase presence in the area and investigate the traffic issue greater. Commissioners will readdress this issue again before State Road 58 reopens.

Board Appointments:

Grassy Ford Fire Protection District Advisory Board -

Commissioner Joray made a motion for Walt Wintin to replace Parke Hackman to be effective

1-15-15. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jackson Washington Fire Protection District Advisory Board-

Commissioner Reedy made a motion for Barry Stuckwisch to replace Richard Stuckwisch. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Committee for Criminal Code Issues:

Commissioner Joray agreed to sit on the Public Defender Study Committee on behalf of the commissioners. Attorney Bevers will contact the other representatives to come up with a meeting time for the committee. Those included will be Commissioner Joray, Up to three(3) members of Council, Jeff Hubbard, Attorney Bevers, All three(3) Judges, Jackson County Prosecutor, Sheriff Carothers, and a representative from Community Corrections and Probation.

End of Old Business

Sheriff Carothers then presented the December 2014 Jail Report, Meal Expenditure Report and Dog Detention Report. Also included was the 2014 Annual Meal Expenditure Report. Sheriff Carothers also stated the the lights in the PODS and front entrance have been changed to LED.

Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin then stated that he plans on purchasing a copier in 2015 with Bond money specified for this purpose.

Martin then stated that he is getting specs together for the two (2) trucks that the Highway Department plans to purchase in 2015.

Martin then stated that he received a call from a resident in Oxmoore Estates concerning the traffic speed. After discussion, Commissioner Joray made a motion to lower the speed limit from 55mph to 35mph on CR 200N from 850 E (O'Brien St) to 1000 E, then north until Stop Sign at 275 N. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Martin also provided commissioners with an update on Bridge 195 with a scheduled finish date of November 2015.

Duane Davis, Jackson County Emergency Mgmt, then presented the 2014 Homeland Security Sub Grant Program Agreement. This is for a \$20,000 grant, which would be used to update the 800 radios to P25. Attorney Bevers has reviewed the agreement. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jeff Hubbard then presented the Commissioners with their January 2015 calendar.

Commissioner Hounshel then read Resolution No.1 Commissioner Bill No. 1 - 2015. This resolution is to set meeting dates and times for 2015 Commissioners. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Kathy Hohenstreiter, Jackson County Auditor, then presented an Agreement for the County Cost Allocation with Dossett Consulting, LLC. This contract is for one cost allocation plan for year end financial data for 2015 for use in 2017 . Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve pending Attorney Bevers review. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners recessed until January 20th, 2015 at 9:00AM, for Board of Finance to be followed at 9:30AM for regular meeting.

Jerry Hounshel - President

Matt Reedy

Thomas M. Joray

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest