

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
April 21, 2015
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 minutes as amended of the April 7, 2015 Commissioner Meeting. Commissioner Tom Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

After the Commissioners review, Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve the payroll of April 17, 2015 in the amount of \$359,446.29, and Claims for April 21, 2015 in the amount of \$379,852.66. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees:

Commissioner Hounshel stated that he spoke to the Council at the April 15th meeting in regards to the courthouse expansion process. Commissioner Hounshel stated that he will attend the May council meeting as well in hopes of getting a response on a timeline for this project.

Commissioner Reedy then stated that Jason Fee informed him that he received an email from Dr. McGill in regards to the property that the Commissioners were interested in purchasing.

End of Reports from other committees.

Steve Redicker, Juvenile Detention Center Director then presented Commissioners with the March 2015 JCJDC report. Redicker also stated that \$13,000 will be coming in May from Brownstown Schools for the salary share of the center's Educator.

Kurt Kegerreis, with the Southeast IN Work Force Investment Board then came before Commissioners. Kegerreis presented an overview of what the board has accomplished in the past year and invited the Commissioners to attend the local elected officials meeting, which will be held in Versailles on May 19th, 2015. Kegerreis then asked commissioners to sign a letter of support to stay a ten county region, versus becoming one board for the entire state of Indiana. After discussion, Commissioner Reedy made a motion to sign the letter of support. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Sherry Johnson, secretary of the Jackson County Watermelon Festival came before Commissioners to discuss electrical issues that the Watermelon Festival faced in 2014. After discussion, it was decided that Johnson should go back to the Festival committee and see if they want to move to temporary poles. Once the festival committee reaches a decision, Johnson was advised to return to the Commissioners.

Mitch Patrick, Jackson County Maintenance Manager, then presented a comparison of gas bills from 2013, 2014 and to the present for 2015. This shows the cost savings that is being seen from the installation of the new boiler in the courthouse. Patrick also informed Commissioners that he is working on a five (5) year maintenance plan.

Commissioner Hounshel then stated that a quote of \$1300.00 has been presented for the purchase of a 7ft x 14ft trailer. This trailer would be primarily used to move the mower. However, the quote is for a longer trailer which could help in other areas as well. It was stated that the money is available in the

custodian budget. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the purchase of the discussed trailer. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin then presented change order #5 for the Rockford Bridge for approval. The change order deals with re-seeding around the bridge area. This increases the dollar amount \$2920.50. Martin also presented change order #6. There is no money change on this order, only a time extension, the finish date changed due to weather issues. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve both change orders as presented. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Martin then discussed the following issues with commissioners:

1. Shieldstown Bridge is to begin mid – May 2015.
2. Cavanaugh work is ready to begin when the water recedes.
3. Jerry Allman called and requested the county take over roads located by his property. This is off US Hwy 31, by Schneiders woodworking. The road has 14-15 properties. After discussion, Martin was advised to call Allman and inform him the county is not interested in the roads.
4. Martin asked Attorney Susan Bevers to provide a phone number to Tom Joray for Kenny Spoor.
5. Paving at the Fair Grounds, that the county committed to last year, is completed.
6. The stop signs are up on Center St in Vallonia, Martin asked if the Resolution was present to be signed. Attorney Bevers then presented Resolution 2015-No.5 for signature, name of street was addressed at the March 17, 2015 meeting. Commissioners then signed Resolution 2015-No.5.
7. All contracts are signed with O'Mara in regards to 2015 paving, notice to proceed was sent this past Monday. Paving will most likely begin once school is complete in May/June 2015.

Lastly, Martin presented his thoughts on a possible Logging Ordinance. Attorney Bevers, the Commissioners and Martin held a discussion on this issue due to damage on some of the county roads. Commissioner Reedy suggested that Martin and Attorney Bevers work together on the wording of the legal document to bring to the next Commissioner meeting.

Emergency Management Director, Duane Davis presented Commissioners the Jan – Feb 2015 Bi-Monthly report. Davis also informed the Commissioners of a full scale –active shooter- exercise that was completed at Seymour High School. He stated he is in discussion with Brownstown to possibly hold this exercise at a Brownstown school in the future. Davis also stated he is working on an updated County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard presented the following board appointments to be addressed:

1. Cemetary Board – Resignation of Herschel Forgey. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to appoint Leroy Creees to replace Herschel Forgey. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
2. Health Board – Resignation of John Brittain. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to appoint Joyce McKinney to replace John Brittain. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
3. Plan Commission – Resignation of Bill Burnside. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to appoint Cynthia Barnard to replace Bill Burnside. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
4. Ambulance Service Authority Board – Resignation of Gary Meyer. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to appoint Warren Forgey (new CEO of Schneck) to replace Gary Meyer. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Hounshel instructed Hubbard to send a thank you letter for years of service to any member retiring from a board. All Commissioners agreed.

Auditor, Kathy Hohenstreiter then informed the Commissioners of the two properties that did not sell at the April 15, 2015 Commissioners Certificate Sale. After discussion, the following action were advised:

1. 611 North Ave, Seymour –County Attorney Bevers will send notices to begin the process of getting a deed in Jackson County Commissioners name.
2. Commercial Building in Crothersville – County Attorney Bevers is to work with Crothersville Town Attorney to try to work on a solution for this property.

Commissioners recessed until Wednesday, May 6th, 2015 at 6:00PM.

Jerry Hounshel – President

Matt Reedy

Thomas M. Joray

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest