

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
May 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 6:00PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a silent prayer observed.

Commissioner Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2015 Commissioner Meeting. Commissioner Tom Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

After review, Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the payroll of May 1, 2015 in the amount of \$352,256.93, and Claims for May 6, 2015 in the amount of \$1,990,025.16. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees:

Commissioner Hounshel stated that at the last Fair Board meeting, it was decided to replace all boards on the open bleachers on the East and West end of the grandstand. They will be replaced with treated lumber.

Commissioner Hounshel also stated that the Antique Tractor Show will be on May 7th, 8th & 9th 2015 at the Fairground.

End of Reports from other committees.

Commissioner Reedy received an email from Jason Fee that Dr. McGill is ready to sell the property close to the annex. However, the prior appraisals on the property are now out dated. After discussion, Commissioner Reedy made a motion for County Attorney Susan Bevers to contact Jason Fee and request new appraisals on this property. It was stated that two (2) appraisals will be needed. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Sherry Johnson, with the Jackson County Watermelon Festival then came before Commissioners regarding the electrical situation around the courthouse. Johnson stated that the Watermelon Festival committee has decided to contact Carl Shake to look at the electrical and get his opinion on possible options before making a decision. The Watermelon Festival will be September 4th, 5th & 6th 2015.

County Attorney then presented a draft for the 'County Logging Ordinance'. The draft she prepared is a restrictive ordinance for loading and unloading of commercial vehicles that specifically excludes farm vehicles. Discussion was held on possibly excluding Utility companies from this ordinance as well. Attorney Bevers was advised to update and the Commissioners will review the ordinance and it will be discussed at the next Commissioner meeting.

Commissioner Hounshel stated that there are currently two (2) streets in Vallonia that are named Center Street. Commissioners will think of names and revisit.

Commissioner Hounshel stated that he was approached by the United Way and asked if the Commissioners would deliver a proclamation for the Kick off of the annual Day of Caring. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Hounshel will be delivering the proclamation.

Sheriff Mike Carothers presented the April 2015 Jail Report, Meal Expenditure Report and Dog Detention Report.

Sheriff Carothers then informed commissioners that the Everbridge contract will end on July 3rd or 4th. A quote has been received for \$18,000 a year for three (3) years. Commissioners and Attorney Bevers will review and discuss at next meeting.

Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin informed the Commissioners that a check for \$8,638.57 was received from Mr. Moren of Land of America for damage to 800 ft of road on 90 N in Owen Township. This check will go into Highway county paving as an advertised additional appropriation.

Martin stated that the Brownstown Town council is meeting with INDOT and CSX Railroad on May 27, 2015 to discuss the removal of track in Ewing. Martin stated that he will attend this meeting to try to get names/contacts for future use on the Shieldstown Bridge.

Martin stated that O'Mara will start with paving on approximately May 22nd or after school is out in District 3.

Commissioners recessed until Tuesday, May 19th, 2015 at 9:30AM.

Jerry Hounshel – President

Matt Reedy

Thomas M. Joray

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest