

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
May 19, 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 of the May 6, 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 15, 2015 in the amount of \$360,636.16, and Claims for May 19, 2015 in the amount of \$302,963.22. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees:

Commissioner Reedy reported on the Juvenile Home, stating that it is currently at ten (10) beds and having to turn people away. He stated that only two years ago, the county was worried about needing to shut down due to low capacity.

Commissioner Joray stated that the Public Defender Committee has decided to recommend moving forward with the Public Defender Office. Discussion was held about how a board would form, who would appoint them, reimbursement possibilities and amount of staff.

End of Reports from other committees.

Kay Cummings Schwade and Ben Spencer came before commissioners to request permission for Vernon Twp to form a Fire Protection District. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Brenda Turner, with the Jackson County Drug Free Council presented commissioners with the 2015 Grant Allocation Recommendations. After review, Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve as presented. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Charlotte Sellers, on behalf of the Jackson County History Center then asked Commissioners for approval to dispose of some unsalvageable materials in the county dumpster. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Juvenile Detention Center Director, Steve Redicker presented the Center's April 2015 Monthly Report.

OLD BUSINESS

The commissioners and County Attorney Susan Bevers then discussed the Commercial Vehicle loading/unloading ordinance. Bevers stated that the draft excludes Farm Vehicles, Municipal Commercial Vehicles and Utility Vehicles. Commissioners then asked former Commissioner Gary Darlage who is also a current county logger for his view on this ordinance. Darlage stated that he would appreciate Bevers and the Commissioners to look into this further before passing. Darlage stated that logging business' are bonded with the DNR but doesn't know the specifics. After discussion, Commissioner Reedy made a motion to table this issue until more information could be found. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners were then presented with the Everbridge contract. Everbridge is the mass notification system that is used for inclement weather. The contract is for 3 years. After review, Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

END OF OLD BUSINESS

County Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter stated that at the next meeting she will present an ambulance title for signature that will be transferring to Pershing Township Fire Dept.

Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin presented an additional appropriation for approval. The request is to move money reimbursed from road damage to sand and gravel.

Martin then presented an update to Commissioners on Bridge 195.

Martin then discussed possibly signage that needs to be placed at the Medora Covered Bridge. He stated that a campfire had been set under the bridge. Martin was directed to place signs for no open fires/no camping/no smoking on our right of way.

Martin stated that Dave O'Mara is going to begin the 2015 paving on Tuesday May 26 in District 3.

Duane Davis then presented commissioners with the Emergency management bimonthly report for March/April 2015. Davis also presented the 2013 Homeland Security Grant Prog. Sub Grant Agreement for approval. (EDS#C44P-5-814BB)

Davis also stated that the county has received partial Salary Reimbursement for his department on May 18, 2015 in the amount of \$26,396.31. This was quietus number #13703 into the County General Fund 1000-702.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard, stated that the Pershing Twp Fire Protection Advisory Board had a Commissioner appointee that passed away. Commissioners need to find a replacement.

Sheriff Mike Carothers then stated that the current Jail head count is 225-232 with 60 females.

Lin Montgomery and Shara Calhoun, with the Jackson County Health Department – at the request of Dr. Bobb, presented information to commissioners regarding the HIV and Hep C issue in Scott County. They discussed that with the close proximity to our county, that the Jackson County Health Department is taking proactive steps and will be holding free testing on Tuesdays from 3 -6 pm until June 16th at The Alley in Seymour.

Commissioners recessed until Tuesday, June 2nd, 2015 at 6:00PM.

Jerry Hounshel – President

Matt Reedy

Thomas M. Joray

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest