

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
June 2, 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 Tom Joray made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2015 Commissioner Meeting. Commissioner Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

After review, Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve the payroll of May 29, 2015 in the amount of \$349,461.60, and Claims for June 2, 2015 in the amount of \$3,402,715.02 including electronic checks. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees:

Fair Board- Commissioner Hounshel stated that the repair/replacement of boards on the outside bleachers at the grandstand is almost complete. He also stated that the Jackson County Conservation Clubs have agreed to put in a new aquarium before this year's fair. Everything seems to be on track for the 2015 Jackson County Fair.

End of Reports from other committees.

Janet Longest came before Commissioners to discuss the current condition on the Heighton Hill Cemetery in Carr Township. Longest stated that the cemetery holds 169 stones total, with 168 of those in need of immediate conservation. Longest discussed the history of cemetery and the current condition of stones. The cost to repair/conservise the stones would be approximately \$5,000. Longest stated that she has spoke with the Carr Township Trustee, who stated no money was budgeted for the conservation of these stones. County Attorney Susan Bevers mentioned that the Carr Township Grant Fund at the Jackson County Community Foundation may be an option for this project or possibly contacting the Bicentennial Committee for a legacy project.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Bevers and Commissioners discussed Ordinance 2015 – No. 13. It was stated that the current DNR bond that loggers are required to carry does not cover damage that could occur to roads. Bevers talked with John Beatty, who recommended looking into Restoration Bonds for these individuals/companies. After discussion, Commissioner Reedy made a motion that a committee be created so that more information can be gathered before a final decision is made on this Ordinance. Commissioner Reedy stated that he would like the committee to consist of himself, Attorney Bevers, Warren Martin, Jerry Ault and five (5) loggers/sawmill owners. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners then discussed the creation of a Public Defender Office. After discussion, Commissioner Joray made a motion to advise Attorney Bevers to draft an Ordinance for next commissioners meeting to review. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to appoint Vickie Fleetwood to the Pershing Township Fire Protection Board. Fleetwood would replace Rhea Dawn Ault on this board. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-No.16, Commissioner Bill #15. This ordinance is to establish a Fire Protection District in Vernon Township – within the township but outside of Crothersville town limits. The town of Crothersville has adopted the Fire Protection District for inside the town limits. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners then discussed appointments that need to be made to the Vernon Township Fire Protection Board. After discussion the following appointments were made:

Term:	Appointee:
1 year	Lynn Howard
2 years	Steve Murphy
3 years	Odes Densford
4 years	Terry Grey
4 years	Brad Barron

END OF OLD BUSINESS

County Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter presented an ambulance title for signature that Commissioners had previously approved to be transferred to Pershing Township Fire Dept.

Sheriff Mike Carothers then presented Commissioners with the May 2015 Jail Report and Dog Detention Report. Sheriff Carothers stated that the Meal Expenditure Report was not ready by the time of this meeting, so he will present it at the June 16th meeting.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard presented Commissioners with their June 2015 calendar. Hubbard also informed the Commissioners that he will present a preliminary 2016 budget next month. This budget will include numbers for the public defenders office.

Jerry Ault, with the Jackson County Highway Department informed Commissioners that the 2015 Reclaiming program is complete. Seven (7) mile of road has been reclaimed for a cost of \$48,730.75. Ault also stated that O'Mara has not began the 2015 paving project and a new start date has not been given.

Joe Bradley then reminded Commissioners that the current CAFO moratorium is scheduled to be lifted on June 15th, 2015. Bradley stressed that he advocates changing the current 500 ft rule to at least 1000 ft. Commissioners asked Attorney Bevers to talk with Bartholomew County, who is currently working on an ordinance for this issue as well.

Commissioners recessed until Tuesday, June 16th, 2015 at 9:30AM.

Jerry Hounshel – President

Matt Reedy

Thomas M. Joray

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest