

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
July 7, 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 June 16, 2015 Commissioner Meeting. Commissioner Tom Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

After review, Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve the payroll of June 26, 2015 in the amount of \$355,987.86, and Claims – including Electronic Checks and Settlement Checks, for July 7, 2015 in the amount of \$27,506,767.86. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees:

Commissioner Hounshel stated that the fairgrounds new fish tanks are installed, and concrete may be added around tanks before the fair.

End of Reports from other committees.

Adam Nicholson came before Commissioners to request a road closure for a Sertoma fundraising event. The fundraiser is for Nicholson's father, and would be held on August 1st, 2015 from noon – 6pm. Nicholson is requesting the closure on Water St between Main and St. Louis streets in Vallonia. It was discussed that this closure would not interfere with any residential entry/exit. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Nicholson was advised to bring a Certificate of Liability Insurance to the Auditor's office.

Commissioners then discussed who would be their representative on the Southeast IN Workforce board. Commissioner Joray stated that he would serve again as representative to the Workforce board. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to appoint Commissioner Joray to the board. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy then made a motion to appoint Mark Cash as the Chief Elected Official on the Southeast IN Workforce Board. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Sheriff Carothers then presented Commissioners with information regarding a new 457B plan that the department is thinking of moving to. The Sheriff presented an Ordinance dated 5/18/10 that pertains to the current deferred compensation plan. The new ordinance that he then presented specifies the plan/plans offered. Sheriff Carothers stated that the reason he brought the new ordinance is because other counties have had problems with employees being allowed to roll their old deferred comp plan into the new one, when they had an ordinance in place like the county currently has. This new plan will be for all Sheriff and Jail employees, full and part time. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve pending the County Attorney's review. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

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

Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin discussed the following topics:

- 1) Martin presented a \$120,000 deduct Change Order for Rockford Bridge #228. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the Change Order. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
- 2) Stated that he received a request from a resident of Kurtz regarding closing an unimproved section of Harrison Street.
- 3) The audit of Cavanaugh Bridge #195 showed practices/procedures and wage scales to be in order.
- 4) Martin presented an additional appropriation for approval. This additional is for \$500,000, moving into Highway Chip n seal/Paving. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
- 5) Dave O'Mara has began paving for 2015. Martin stated that O'Mara accidentally paved a road that had been removed from the 2015 Paving Project. County will pay O'Mara the cost only on the road.
- 6) SWINGING BRIDGE-individual contacted the Highway dept wishing to sell property/right of way. COUNTY does NOT show ownership to the property on any survey map. Area is labeled as Unimproved.
- 7) Martin received a letter from Tim Molinari of Mutton Creek regarding increasing the intersection at the flashing light at Cortland on Highway 258. Discussion was held, resulting in the agreement that any trees/brush obstructing view and increasing the intersection size would be a State Highway issue.
- 8) Driveway culvert – Martin will be talking with Attorney Bevers on this issue.
- 9) Brad Isaac representing Janssen & Spaans Engineering, Inc. updated the Commissioners in regards to the Shieldstown bridge – work was to begin on April 1, 2015. Work has yet to begin. Martin hoped that detour signs would go up this coming Thursday. INDOT is aware of the issue that have occurred with this bridge. Duncan Robertson are the contractors for this project. July 12, 2016 is the date for prefinal inspection.

Arann Banks, Visitor Center Director and Cindy Lucas, Visitor Center board member then came before the Commissioners. Banks and Lucas stated that at the last Visitor Center board meeting, President Bill Klaes brought up Arann Banks driving the Visitor Center car as a take home car wanting the car to have more visibility rather than just being parked the the Visitor Center parking lot. The board voted unanimously yes to allow Arann Banks to drive the car home and to work daily. After discussion, Commissioner Reedy made a motion to allow current Visitor Center Director, Arann Banks to drive the Visitor Center car to work and home and to meetings that are work related. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard handed the Commissioners their 2015 July calendars.

OLD BUSINESS

Public Defender Board – Commissioner Reedy made a motion to appoint Bruce Wynn to the Public Defender Board. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Loading/Unloading Ordinance – Attorney Bevers provided a copy of drafted ordinance to each of the Commissioners for their review.

END OF OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Bevers then informed the Commissioners that the Crothersville Town Board will accept an assignment of the building at 121 E Howard St, Crothersville, IN 47229. This building did not sell at the Commissioners Certificate Sale on April 15, 2015. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve and sign the assignment to the Town of Crothersville. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Attorney Bevers then stated that the Unicell property in Ewing has been recertified for the October 2015 tax sale which is schedule for October 27, 2015 at 10 am.

Commissioner Hounshel then read Resolution 2015-#8, Commissioner Bill #17. This assigns the Certificate for 121 E Howard St, Crothersville, IN 47229 to the Town of Crothersville. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Hounshel then asked Attorney Bevers about the small piece of property on North St in Seymour that was previously discussed at a meeting. Bevers stated that notice was sent certified mail but returned. The next step will be to publish notice for this piece of property.

Commissioners recessed until Tuesday, July 21st, 2015 at 9:30 AM.

Jerry Hounshel – President

Matt Reedy

Thomas M. Joray

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest