

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
July 21, 2015
9:30 AM

Present: Commissioner Jerry Hounshel & Commissioner Tom Joray
Absent: Commissioner Matt Reedy

Commissioner Jerry Hounshel called the meeting to order at 9:30AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a silent prayer observed.

Commissioner Tom Joray made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2015 Commissioner Meeting. Commissioner Jerry Hounshel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

After review, Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve the payroll of July 10, 2015 in the amount of \$356,149.55, and Claims, for July 21, 2015 in the amount of \$235,592.33. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees:

Commissioner Hounshel stated that a lot is going on at the fairgrounds in preparation for the 2015 Jackson County Fair.

Commissioner Hounshel also stated that the Ambulance board is still in discussion with the State for the possible east side station location.

End of Reports from other committees.

Juvenile Detention Center Director, Steve Redicker, came before the Commissioners with the following:

- June 2015 JCJDC Report
- January 2015 – June 2015 report -6 month review.
- Taser training is complete and that all transport officers now carry a taser.
- Video arraignment equipment is working well.
- JCJDC received 100% DOC Compliance on the recently completed Annual Inspection Report.

Terry Ault and Paul Hoevener then came before the Commissioners on behalf of the Jackson County Soil & Water Conservation District. They presented an informational packet as to what the district does. Ault and Hoevener stated that a new part time position is being requested. Commissioner Joray and Commissioner Hounshel stated their support for the new PT position and advised to approach council for final approval.

Lloyd Kerkhof, Jerry Owens and Betty McCleery then came before Commissioners to discuss the paving issue at Martha's Vineyard.

- Kerkhof and Owens presented information stating that the HOA was established in 2005 and that a letter of dissolution from the state was dated 6/20/08.
- Kerkhof and Owens stated that they and McCleery have had discussions with two local lawyers. The first lawyer stated that the developer and county hold responsibility for the roads. The second lawyer stated that the roads are listed on Jackson County inventory, GIS doesn't show them owned by Kenny Spoor and that a plat on 4/14/05 dedicates the streets to the public so in his opinion this conclusively demonstrates that the county had the roads at Martha's Vineyard.
- Commissioner Joray stated that he has spoke with Kenny Spoor. Spoor has offered \$15,000 to help pave. The job would cost approximately \$50,000 - \$54,000.

County Attorney Susan Bevers then responded. Bevers stated that the Secretary of State has the HOA listed as an active entity. Bevers stated that Spoor did post a Performance bond but that it expired and the bank will not renew. The Maintenance bond phase was never reached.

Warren Martin then stated that his latest inventory does not show these roads on the county inventory. He will double check if an application was ever made by the previous Highway Department Supervisor.

After discussion, Commissioner Joray discussed an option to get the paving complete:

Total Project \$50,000 - \$54,000

Spoor \$15,000

County \$35,000 - \$39,000

Homeowners pay \$100 per year for three years. This money reimbursed to county. Forty four properties are located at Martha's Vineyard.

Homeowners \$13,200 (over three years)

Final County Cost \$21,800 - \$25,800

Kerkhof and Owens agreed that they will wait until Commissioners decide on this option and until they get a guarantee from Commissioners that these roads will be county roads if this option is done, until they approach any homeowners with the option.

Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter presented the Semi-Annual Sub Recipient report for Pershing Township Volunteer Fire Department. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve signing the report. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Hounshel signed the report.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Hounshel then read Resolution #9, Commissioner Bill #18. This resolution amends a previous resolution regarding the Sheriffs Compensation Plan. This plan was discussed in detail at the previous commissioners meeting. After discussion, Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Emergency Management Director, Duane Davis then presented Commissioners with the Bi-Monthly Report for Emergency Management. Davis then stated that his office has flooded three times in the past week due to heavy rain. The lightning strike/power surge has caused damage to equipment in his office. Davis stated that he is working with the Highway Department to be able to reach damage amounts that will allow a declaration to be given, allowing the county to recoup some of the losses. Davis and Commissioners then discussed the possibility of using the Everbridge alert system for road closures due to paving and flooding issues.

Commissioners elected to wait until the next scheduled meeting to make any action on the Loading/Unloading Ordinance up for approval, due to Commissioner Reedy's absence.

END OF OLD BUSINESS

Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin discussed the following topics:

1. There are IDEM issues at the location of the old Keefer Mill property. The issues are not found to be major.
2. District 1 paving is complete.
3. The bridge on 300 N has been condemned. The road will be closed for 3-4 days to allow new pipe to go in. This repair will occur when the flood water recedes.
4. Regarding the closure of part of Harrison St in Kurtz, Martin will tell residents to get petition and survey and bring the issue up to planning and zoning.
5. Bond money - \$1,500 is left. Martin stated that this money will be used to purchase items for the foyer at the Highway Garage. All items will be purchased within the rules of the bond.

Brad Issacs came before Commissioners to discuss the Shieldstown Covered Bridge. Issacs stated that the day after the last Commissioners meeting, crews were on site. Siding has been removed, construction signs are in place and approved by INDOT. CAP review will take place in 2-4 weeks.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard, stated that the lightning strike/surge that occurred with a recent storm destroyed four (4) phones. The six (6) phones that he had originally purchased as extra have been used. Commissioner Joray made a motion to allow Hubbard to request approval from Council to purchase ten (10) phones. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners recessed until Tuesday, August 4th, 2015 at 6:00PM.

Jerry Hounshel – President

Matt Reedy

Thomas M. Joray

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest