

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
August 4, 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 July 21, 2015 Commissioner Meeting. Commissioner Jerry Hounshel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Matt Reedy abstained from the vote due to his absence from that meeting.

After review, Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve the Payroll of July 24, 2015 in the amount of \$350,473.77, and Claims for August 4, 2015 in the amount of \$1,766,534.42 (which included electronic checks). Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Reports from other Committees:**

Commissioner Hounshel commented that the 2015 Jackson County Fair is over, and that despite the hot temperatures, the fair once again was a success.

Commissioner Hounshel also stated that the Ambulance board is still in discussion with the State for the possible east side station location and that other possibilities are also being discussed as possible options.

**End of Reports from other committees.**

Larry Raymer, with Jackson County Park and Rec, came before Commissioners to inform them that a U6 soccer league would like to begin in the fall of 2015. Also, the Junior league football teams have expressed interest in using the soccer field for practice. It was discussed that no insurance is needed for practices, but that Liability Insurance is necessary to have league games. Also, discussion was held as to what needs to happen to the funds that are collected through this league. It was decided that the funds collected would be put in the County General fund designated to a special appropriation line. Commissioner Reedy then made a motion for Attorney Bevers to create an Interlocal Agreement or Memorandum of Understanding between Commissioners and Jackson County Park and Rec in regards to the discussed issue. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Larry Raymer then asked for the approval of Commissioners to place a storage building at the north end of the property by the woods. Park and Rec funds will purchase the building. Commissioners granted permission to place the building on the property, with the understanding that the building is property of Jackson County. This storage building will be included on county insurance with Park and Rec reimbursing the county for the cost of the insurance.

Larry Raymer stated that they are ready to place trees along the walking trail that would be considered 'fair parking'. Commissioner Hounshel will discuss with the fair board as to where they would prefer the trees to be located. Commissioner Hounshel will then let Raymer know what is decided.

Centerstone representatives, Terrye Davidson, Jenny Harrison and Becky Alexander then came before Commissioners with the 2014 Centerstone Annual Report. They discussed services provided and issues treated.

Several members of the Spraytown community were present at the meeting to discuss the condition of county road 950 North. Pamela Hill stated that this dead end road is in very bad condition. Hill also stated that it is the understanding of some of the community members that this road was on the 2015 paving schedule but had been removed due to logging taking place near Waymansville. John Johnson stated that he runs his business from property on this road and is concerned for the safety of travelers of this road. Max Jacobus, then spoke to Commissioners in regards to the 'logging' that was discussed. Jacobus stated that he is the person being named as the reason the road is not being paved. Jacobus stated that he does not have a current logging contract which would affect this road. Commissioner Hounshel stated that Jacobus, to the best of his knowledge, is not the reason for the road not being paved in 2015. Commissioner Hounshel also stated that they will keep the road open and passable until it can be paved. It was stated that this road is scheduled on the 2016 paving program.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Martha's Vineyard –

At the July 21, 2015, the question was presented as to whether the roads at Martha's Vineyard are county owned or not.

Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin stated that he contacted the Inventory Assets Supervisor for INDOT. They verified that Martha's Vineyard roads are NOT on Jackson County road inventory. The application to acquire Martha's Vineyard roads has never been submitted by Jackson County.

Many residents from Martha's Vineyard were present for the meeting. Beth Smith, Jerry Owens, Mr & Mrs Lloyd Kerkhof, Mr & Mrs McCleary, Karen Owens, Chuck Seitz and Jane Rogers all spoke in regards to issues that are occurring with the roads. The roads in Martha's Vineyard have not received the top coat of paving. The residents want to resolve the issue of how these roads are to receive this final paving. The developer is not able to finish the paving, he has offered \$15,000 toward the paving if the county will finance the rest. Residents had many concerns including but not limited to the following:

- Why do other subdivisions that were started after Martha's Vineyard already have paving complete? Answer: There is a new ordinance in place that has specific time frames.
- A drain in the road has a hole, if someone is injured who is liable?
- A storm sewer is backing up behind a residents home.
- Why did the county not do anything when the letter of credit from the developer expired? Answer: The Vice President of the bank was contacted and the letter of credit would not be renewed by the bank.
- Who's responsibility is it now to get these roads paved?
- Since chip and seal is cheaper- would this be an option? Answer: No, due to the way the concrete, curb and gutter, chip and seal is not an option.

After discussion, Commissioner Joray asked for an opinion on what the residents options are. It was suggested that the residents call a meeting of the Home Owners Association and decide what stand they would like to take toward the developer of the subdivision. After further discussion, Commissioner Joray made a motion for the county to sue Heritage Development, KenMar and/or Kenny Spoor for performance bond in order to complete the paving of these roads. This motion died due to the lack of a second.

Commissioner Hounshel read the 2015 Ordinance #13- Commissioner Bill #14 –An ordinance concerning heavy road use of county highways by commercial logging enterprises. After discussion, the Commissioners advised Attorney Bevers to contact John Beatty insurance so that a declaration can be attached to this ordinance. Commissioner Reedy then made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

### **END OF OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Hounshel stated that he was approached by a citizen regarding County Road 50 South, off Highway 11 to County Road 860 East. This road was recently paved, has a faded Children at Play sign, and has a lot of high speed traffic. After discussion, Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to change the speed limit for this stretch of road on 50 South to 35mph and to place Children at Play signs – one from the East and one from the West- on this road. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin discussed the following topics:

1. The issue with Harrison Street in Kurtz that was discussed at the last meeting has been resolved.
2. In regards to the the old Kieffer Paper Mill property - still waiting on IDEM.
3. The 2015 Paving Program is complete.
4. The Chip and Seal process has begun for 2015.
5. In regards to Bridge 228 – the \$158,000 change order was turned down. The \$20,000 change order was ok'd and already included in agreement. Waiting on IDEM ok for seeding to begin.
6. Cavanaugh Bridge 195 – weather pending, progress will soon be seen.

Brad Issacs came before Commissioners to discuss the Shieldstown Covered Bridge. Issacs stated that crews are on site and progress is being made.

Commissioner Hounshel stated the annual dinner on the Medora Covered Bridge was held, all went well and that approximately 250 people were in attendance.

Sheriff Mike Carothers presented commissioners with the July 2015 Jail Report, Meal Expenditure Report and Dog Detention Report. Sheriff Carothers then stated that the new lighting that was installed in the pods has saved approximately \$806 per month.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard, presented Commissioners with their August 2015 calendar. Hubbard also discussed the following regarding insurance:

1. He has applied for quotes for 2016
2. Talked with hospital to see if we are getting best prices
3. Claims are up 20% over last year at this time
4. Seems to be high amount of emergency room visits
5. 85% of medications being used are generic , which is way above the average

Commissioner Hounshel stated that the insulation that was newly installed at the Health Department is working great. The insulation has helped tremendously during the hot weather this summer.

Commissioners recessed until Tuesday, August 18th, 2015 at 9:30AM.

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Jerry Hounshel – President

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Matt Reedy

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Thomas M. Joray

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Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest