

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
August 18, 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 August 4, 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 Aug 7, 2015 in the amount of \$357,376.71, and Claims for August 18, 2015 in the amount of \$1,536,624.00. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees:

Commissioner Reedy stated that the Juvenile Home board met with council members to discuss current funding issues.

Commissioner Joray stated that the Plan Commission has met and formed a committee to find a new Building Commissioner, to replace Mike Weir upon his retirement.

End of Reports from other committees.

Amanda Lowery came before the Commissioners on behalf of the Fort Vallonia Days committee. Lowery asked for approval to close certain streets for the annual festival which will be from 6pm on Friday October 16, 2015 to 6pm on October 18, 2015. The following street closures were requested:
South Main Street from Church Street to Commerce Street
Water Street from St Louis to South Main Street
Commerce Street from State Road 135 to South Main Street
Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Amanda Lowery, Clerk of Jackson County, then approached the Commissioners with Notice of Polling Places for Approval and signatures for the November 2015 election. Commissioner Reedy made the motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three

Lowery then discussed a fund that has a \$120 surplus that is unidentifiable. Lowery stated that this is from the ISET child support system that was opened in 1999. Lowery assumes that some of the surplus may be from start up money and interest accrual, etc. The State Board of Accounts and ISETS have been made aware of the situation and have offered no answer in how to clean up this account. After discussion, Commissioner Reedy made a motion to move this surplus into the General Fund. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

County Surveyor, Daniel Blann then presented the Commissioners with a 2015 Drainage Board Ditch Review. Discussion followed regarding financials, project summaries, legal drains and the duties and responsibilities of the drainage board. Blann presented the Commissioners with a handout/booklet that describes what was discussed in detail.

ARA representative Trena Carter then came before Commissioners to present a cooperative agreement in regards to applying for a Grant for improvements to be made in the Glenbrook Subdivision/William McDonald ditch of Seymour. Carter wanted to make the Commissioners aware of the project and ask for approval to apply for the grant. Commissioner Reedy made a motion for approval to be given to President Hounshel to sign the agreement pending review of the County Attorney. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Trena Carter and Jackie Hill then discussed with Commissioners a new Workforce Development Program. This program would benefit county wide, so they were asking to apply with Jackson County as the main applicant. JCIDC and Jennings county would be co-applicants. This new program is in the early stage of development, but would look at employer needs and give training that reflected those needs. No money is being asked for from the county. The maximum for this grant is \$250,000 with local match of \$50,000. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Keith Boling with Veterans Services, approached Commissioners for the approval to purchase a van out of the 2013 Bond. The van will cost after trade approximately \$21,700. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve a Dodge Grand Caravan from Bowman's. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioners advised Boling to include money in the new bond for the next van.

Commissioner Hounshel then read Ordinance 2015- #22, Commissioner Bill #20. This ordinance sets a \$25 post judgement sheriff service fee. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

JL Brewer, Jackson Jennings Community Corrections, and County Prosecutor, Amy Marie Travis then came before commissioner with a following vehicle request/transfer.

- Travis requested purchasing a Ford Taurus for \$21,036.20 from Bloomington Ford with Bond Funds
- JL Brewer requested to trade his 2006 Ford in toward this purchase for the prosecutors office
- Travis and Brewer both request to transfer the current 2008 Proscutor Crown Vic to Community Corrections.
- Brewer agrees to pay the \$1400 difference of trade in value from the 2006 & 2008.
2006 Comm Corrections Ford CVP -VIN #2FAFP71W56X134214 -*TRADED
2008 Prosecutor Crown Vic - VIN #2FAHP71V48X132229 -*TRANSFERRED TO COMMUNITY CORR.

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Juvenile Detention Center, Steve Redicker presented the Commissioner with the JCIDC July 2015 monthly report.

Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin came before Commissioners with the following:

1. Request for President Hounshel to sign application to receive a rebate (approximately \$700) for fuel tax for 1st six months of 2015. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
2. INDOT Quarterly Tracking Meeting – Martin stated that there is a problem with the 80/20 reimbursements in the Seymour District. The county is waiting on approximately \$191,000. Martin stated that he has spoken with Kathy McKellip with LPA.
3. 2015 Paving is complete. The project came in at \$1,617,170. 2016 paving budget should be approximately \$1.8 million.
4. The unofficial detour route in Salt Creek Township has been approved so that repairs can be made.

5. Approximately 14 mile of Chip and Seal has been laid so far in 2015.
6. Martin updated that he is losing 2 Full Time employees and has replacements for these two.
7. Martin then stated that 1 more empoloyee is leaving. He is still looking for a replacement for this position.
8. Martin will begin working on the 2016 paving program in the next month.

Commissioner Hounshel stated that he would like to see more boaring taking place instead of road cuts, especially the newly paved roads. Commissioners advised Warren Martin to ask other counties how they are addressing this issue.

Commissioner Joray also asked Martin to see if there were faster/better ways to get the shoulders on newly paved roads done.

Emergency Management Director, Duane Davis approached Commissioners with the following:

1. On Thursday (8-20-15) at 1pm there is a scheduled meeting with FEMA. Jackson County has requested assistance for damages caused by recent flooding. Davis stated that he hoping to recoup at least 75%.
2. Presented a resolution by IN Dept of Homeland Security. All Indiana counties have been instructed to request that the Board of Commissioners President be given the authority to sign to accept grants. This will help the process move more efficiently. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to allow the President of the Board of Commissioners to have the authority to sign. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Hounshel then asked Commissioners Reedy and Joray for permission to work with Duane Davis and Mitch Patrick to get quotes for Chemical Grounds for the annex and courthouse. Commissioners Reedy and Joray agreed.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard presented the following to Commissioners:

1. The budget hearings are tomorrow and Commissioners budget is scheduled at 2:20 pm.
2. The 211 invoice has been received.
3. An Ad started in the paper last Saturday for the position that is currently held by Mike Weir- Building Commissioner.
4. Stated that Lori Rodgers with the SBOA has informed him that a County Ordinance needs to be created stating that the counties current blanket bond covers individuals that handle money for at least \$5,000.
5. Asked Commissioners where the Public Defender office will be located. Hubbard stated that he needed to know do to the issue of ordering phones or getting phone lines ran. Commissioners stated that the goal is to start the office January 1, 2016 and be temporarily located in the West end of the Superior Court Building in Seymour.

Building Commissioner, Mike Weir, asked for direction regarding a property that needs cleaned up along State Road 258 in Cortland. The county last cleaned the property in September 2012. Commissioner Joray made a motion to send a certified notice to deeded owner and also the holder of the tax sale certificate, wait the required ten (10) days, then proceed. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Weir informed Commissioners that he has sent out three (3) mailings for properties in Freetown.

Commissioner Hounshel then read Ordinance 2015- #21, Commissioner Bill #19. This ordinance is for the reduction of speed on County Road 50 South in Washington Twp from State Road 11 to County Road 860 E to 35 mph. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

County Attorney Susan Bevers was advised by Commissioners to send a update on financing for the new Judicial Center to Cooler Design per Bill Cooler's request.

Attorney Bevers then presented the Commissioners with a one (1) year Lease with Brownstown Soccer Association for Review. Bevers asked Commissioners to review the document and will be discussed and possibly approved at the next meeting.

Commissioners recessed until Tuesday, September 1st, 2015 at 6:00PM.

Jerry Hounshel – President

Matt Reedy

Thomas M. Joray

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest