

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
September 1, 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 August 18, 2015 Commissioner Meeting. Commissioner Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

After review by the Commissioners, Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the payroll of Aug 21, 2015 in the amount of \$345,358.23, and Claims for September 1, 2015 in the amount of \$1,805,228.55, including electronic checks. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees: None

Esther Hall, on behalf of the Brownstown Watermelon Festival, asked for permission to use the courthouse lawn and restrooms for the festival on September 4 -6, 2015. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Hall was advised to bring in a certificate of liability to the Auditor's office.

Bonnie Cross then spoke on behalf of concerned citizens of Shieldstown. Cross asked Commissioners for permission to ride golf carts on county roads 200 and 300 in the Shieldstown area near where the campsites are located. Cross also stated that many have been riding golf carts on the county roads for a number of years, but that recently, they feel a Sheriff's deputy has been targeting this area. Cross also asked for a children at play, reduce speed sign, and for a lower speed limit to be placed on 200N where the houses begin. Commissioners advised Cross that the Highway Superintendent and Dept will look into the area for a possible reduction of speed and bring recommendations back to the next meeting. Cross was also advised that in order for the golf carts to legally ride on the roads, they need to comply with all BMV rules-must be licensed and insured. Lee Cross questioned how long that process may take. Commissioners then stated that it is at the discretion of the Sheriff's deputies/officers as to what tickets they dispurse.

Keith Boling, with the Veteran's Services Office then presented a title for signature to use for a trade in on the purchase of a new van. The approval was already received at the last meeting for the purchase request, so Commissioner Hounshel signed the title. The VIN of the van to be traded is:
1D4GP25RO7B185729.

OLD BUSINESS

In regards to road cuts being made on the county roads, Highway Superintendent Warren Martin talked with surrounding counties to see what their procedures were for this issue. Martin stated that Bartholomew county does require a bond. After discussion, all Commissioners advised Martin that for their specific districts they request no cuts be made on roads unless no other option is available. Commissioner Reedy then made a motion for Attorney Susan Bevers to draft an ordinance that would

require a bond for when cuts are being made on the roads. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Last meeting, the issue of blanket bond coverage and the need for employees to be bonded for \$5,000 was discussed. County Attorney Susan Bevers found that a 1998 Ordinance is in place regarding this issue and that all is in order at this point and nothing needs to be changed.

The discussion of the soccer field lease was tabled until the next Commissioner meeting since Larry Raymer was not present and an answer regarding insurance is needed before action can be taken on the lease.

Commissioner Hounshel then read Resolution #11, Commissioner Bill #21. This is an EMA resolution regarding the ability of the Commissioner President to be able to sign off on Grants with the IN Dept of Homeland Security and IN Homeland Security Foundation. After the resolution was read, Commissioners discussed that they would like to see it stated in the resolution that the EMA director still needs to bring all the information in front of the entire board of Commissioners, even after the President has signed off. Commissioner Reedy stated he would like to table the resolution until the next Commissioner meeting so this can be added to the resolution by Attorney Bevers.

END OF OLD BUSINESS

Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin then came before Commissioners to discuss the following:

- Requested permission to pursue a grant for Railroad crossing striping on all county roads. Martin stated that Triple A Paint Striping is working with Grant Writer John Secore to help counties obtain this grant. This would all be at no cost to the county. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve pending Attorney Bevers' review of documents. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
- Stated that Bridge 195 contractor could get a 30-45 day extension due to flooding that has occurred this year, but that pressure is being placed for a November completion.
- Stated that due to the inferior quality of lumber that was received for the Shieldstown bridge project, the majority of the shipment was rejected.
- Informed Commissioners that a meeting with IDEM will be held Wed, Sept 2 at 10:30 regarding the retention ponds at the old Kieffer Paper mill property.
- The 2015 chip and seal program is still in progress.

Charlotte Sellers then asked Martin questions regarding Shieldstown Bridge:

Q: When does the \$1500 a day penalty start?

A: The Completion Date is June or July 2016 so after that date.

Q: Will the bridge sit uncovered over the winter?

A: As soon as acceptable wood comes in, the bridge will be enclosed, which should be before winter.

Q: There are pictures of log jams around the bridge pillars, can these be cleaned?

A: These will be cleaned up when the dams are placed so they can get to them.

Attorney Bevers advised that Dr. McGill is now ready to enter into a purchase agreement for the property at 213 E Cross Street, Brownstown, Indiana. Updated appraisals have been done, the average appraisal amount was for \$136,250 and Dr. McGill is interested to enter into a purchase agreement. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve pending Council approval for funds. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter provided Commissioners with the 2016 Holiday schedule and the Commissioner meeting dates for review. Commissioners will review and bring back recommendations or approve at next meeting.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard provided Commissioners with their September 2015 calendars. Hubbard also informed them that a meeting with INSPIRE will be next Tues (09-08-15) at 10AM. Hubbard also stated that he is pushing to get numbers for 2016 from the insurance by next Thursday (09-10-15).

Sheriff Mike Carothers presented the August 2015 Jail Report and Dog Detention Report. Sheriff Carothers stated that the Meal Expenditure Report will be available by the next meeting.

Commissioners recessed until Tuesday, September 15th, 2015 at 9:30AM.

Jerry Hounshel – President

Matt Reedy

Thomas M. Joray

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest