

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
September 15, 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 9:30 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a silent prayer observed.

Commissioner Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2015 Commissioner Meeting. Commissioner Tom Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

After Commissioners review of claims and payroll, Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve the payroll of September 4, 2015 in the amount of \$349,876.30, and Claims for September 15, 2015 in the amount of \$372,644.58. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Reports from other Committees: None**

Juvenile Detention Center Director, Steve Redicker presented the Dentention Center's August 2015 Report.

Superior Court 1 Judge, Bruce Markel then came before Commissioners to discuss equipment and security upgrade possibilities for the Superior Court building in Seymour. Equipment upgrades included new computers and equipment, new desks, shatter proof/bullet proof glass and locking doors. Judge Markel also stated that electronic filing is a possibility in the near future which would mean kiosks/scanners and security at the kiosks.

JL Brewer with Community Corrections then presented the departments Annual Report for July 1 2014 – June 30, 2015. Brewer then asked for approval of a Letter of Support to submit with a grant that has been made available through the State. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the Letter of Support. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners were then informed by Mike Weir that he will serve on the Community Corrections board until the end of 2015. Commissioners will need to appoint someone to finish the remainder of Weirs term which is through 2018.

Ralph Collins with Rumpke (Medora Landfill) then asked for the road from Highway 50 to the entrance of the Landfill be milled, repaired and paved. Collins stated that Rumpke would assist in the cost of this project. Commissioners advised Warren Martin to come up with a cost for this project so that Rumpke can decide what their contribution to the project will be.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Shieldstown Citizen Concern that was discussed at the last meeting was addressed. Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin came back with a recommendation of 30 mph speed limit on 300 N from the intersection of 200 N. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve Martin's recommendation. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Ordinance 2015- #23 Commissioner Bill #22, was then read by Commissioner Hounshel. This ordinance requires a maintenance bond in the amount of \$3,000 be in place for all road cuts. The bond is to be effective for twelve (12) months. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

At the last meeting a grant for striping at Railroad crossings was discussed. Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin stated that Seymour City has already gone through the program, and that the Town of Medora would have 2 crossings, and the Town of Crothersville would have 2 or 3 crossings. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve continuing with the grant process. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

#### **END OF OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Joray stated that he has received a call praising the roadwork done on county road 850 E.

Warren Martin stated that Bridge #228 should be done by the end of December.

County Representatives met with IDEM to discuss a parcel owned currently by Unicell (the old Kieffer Paper Mill property). Environmental issues were discussed at this meeting. This parcel was listed on the 2015 Certificate Sale. Since the parcel did not sell, the Commissioners are the certificate holders. However, Unicell is still the owner. This parcel once again has delinquent taxes and is up for the 2015 tax sale. It was advised to do a full disclosure of this parcel and a special notice at the Tax Sale. The parcel number being referred to is: 36-54-10-401-003.000-002.

The Cavanaugh Bridge, #195, will be receiving a 40-60 day extension on the completion date due to high flood water. This bridge should hopefully be open to traffic in November 2015.

It was stated that a call had been received by Commissioners from the Mutton Creek Lot Association President. The president requested No Parking signs due to residents using the roads for 'storage' parking. Discussion was held with Commissioners asking Martin to look at the issue but that this looks to be more a Lot Association matter.

Martin stated that at the location of the 'old swinging bridge' in Carr Twp, that Janssen and Spaans came back with a 18T limit.

The Commissioners requested a short break.

Commissioner Hounshel called the meeting back to order.

#### **Additional OLD BUSINESS**

The lease for the soccer field had been returned along with a Certificate of Liability to the Commissioners from Larry Raymer. The presented lease was signed by two (2) members of the Soccer Association. After discussion, Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve the lease with the Soccer Association. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

The EMA e-signature from Grant applications was discussed. The e-signature is to be used only as a tool to speed up the grant process. The grant must still be brought to Commissioners for approval. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to give authority for Commissioner Reedy to be the Commissioner to provide the e-signature and for the Auditor to provide e-signature. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Hounshel then read Resolution 2015-#11, Commissioner Bill #21. This resolution authorized the President of the Board of Commissioners to authorize subgrant agreements to assist in timely submission to the IN Dept of Homeland Security and the IN Homeland Security Foundation. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Duane Davis then provided Commissioners with the EMA bi-monthly report for July and August 2015.

Commissioners then discussed entering into a purchase agreement for the property located at 213 E Cross St, Brownstown. The purchase agreement amount is \$136,250. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve pending Council approval of funds. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners then discussed the 2016 Holiday Schedule and Commissioner Meeting dates as printed. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Sheriff Mike Carothers presented the August 2015 Meal Expenditure report.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard stated that the Insurance meeting did not take place as discussed at the last meeting. It has been reschedule.

Commissioners recessed until Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 6:00PM.

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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