

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
October 6, 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 Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2015 Commissioner Meeting. Commissioner Tom Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

After review by the Commissioners, Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve the payroll of September 18, 2015 in the amount of \$356,177.61 and October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 in the amount of \$357,742.62, along with Claims for October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in the amount of \$2,408,856.47-which included electronic checks. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Reports from other Committees: None**

Jackson County EMS Director, Dennis Brasher, came before the Commissioners to request approval to purchase a bariatric cot with a weight limit of 850 lbs. Brasher stated that the funds are in the bond to purchase the equipment. The cot will cost \$7,940.08. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

IN Dept of Homeland Security – Amended Resolution. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to table discussion due to lack of department attendance. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Esther Hall, with the Jackson County Watermelon Festival, came before Commissioners to discuss the electrical setup that is around the courthouse. Hall stated that the State Fire Marshall listed 5 violations with the current setup. After discussion, Hall was advised to look for donations for materials/labor from businesses. Commissioners also advised Highway Director, Warren Martin along with Mitch Patrick to look at the violation sheet and get quotes for work needing to be done.

Joe Sexton then appeared before Commissioners to discuss the road condition of 400W in Owen Township. Sexton advised Commissioners of his concerns regarding the road and the residents that drive the road. Commissioner Reedy stated that he and Warren Martin have driven the road to look at the condition. Commissioner Reedy stated that it is in need of some repair, but just like every other road, it will be done when money is available. Commissioners thanked Joe Sexton for his time, effort and concern in this matter.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Ordinance regarding the speed limit in Shieldstown will be discussed at the next meeting.

Attorney Susan Bevers and Commissioner Joray informed others that interviews have taken place to replace Mike Wier. A recommendation will be taken to the Plan Commission. Attorney Bevers will look into if the Plan Commission or the Commissioners actually hire for this position.

## **END OF OLD BUSINESS**

Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin, presented the Unofficial Detour Reimbursement contract (B29693) for State Road 58 with INDOT. After Attorney review, Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Martin then presented Commissioners with an update for the 2015 paving and 2015 chip and seal programs.

Martin then asked for approval to purchase a 2004 GMC C7500 Truck from Poynter's in Seymour, and a snow plow and salt box for the truck. This truck would be used on dead end roads and possibly for some housing additions. The truck's purchase price is \$15,200. The equipment is \$24,000. The expense will be paid from the Highway Trucks and Equipment account in the Cum Cap fund. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve the purchase for a total of \$39,200.00 Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Martin then discussed the request from Rumpke to pave the road leading to their entrance. Martin stated that the cost would be \$65,831.39. This is for no milling and a 2 inch pave on top. Martin stated that in order for this to take place in 2016, he would recommend asking for at least a 75/25 split in cost with Rumpke.

Martin then discussed a county easement by Cypress Lake. Earlier this year DNR placed a locked gate at the beginning of the easement. It was found that the county has never accepted the road for a public purpose. This is now hindering farmers from harvesting fields that were in previous years accessed from this easement. DNR will allow farmers onto the easement if they sign an ingress/egress agreement. DNR has also provided a letter for a conditional permanent easement if the county will accept care and maintenance of this easement. After discussion, no action was taken on this matter at this time.

County Auditor, Kathy Hohenstreiter provided an update from ARa Trena Carter on current grant applications. In the update, Carter stated that the Glenbrook application did not qualify. Also, the Workforce Development Program grant is still moving forward and that a public hearing will be held in the Courthouse annex on October 20<sup>th</sup>, at 9am. The Commissioners were asked to make an appointment to the committee. Commissioner Reedy made a motion for Commissioner Joray to represent the Commissioners appointment and to approve the recommendations provided for other committee members. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Hohenstreiter then showed Commissioners a plaque that was presented from Carl Shake of the BiCentennial Planning Committee. Commissioner Reedy made a motion for the highway dept to assist in placing and mounting the plaque on the building at the soccer field once completed. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Sheriff Mike Carothers presented the September 2015 Jail Report, Meal Expenditure Report and Dog Detention Report.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard stated that a preliminary contract agreement with SIHO went into effect October 1, 2015. Hubbard also presented a handout with insurance options for the county. Hubbard recommended going with option #1-HCC, SIHO with Inspire. After discussion, Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Hubbard then asked for approval to approach Council with an additional appropriation for \$300,000 to pay insurance costs. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Mike Chaveas with the US National Forest then spoke with Commissioners to introduce himself and provide his information if the Commissioners would need to contact him.

Commissioners recessed until Tuesday, October 20, 2015 for regular meeting at 9:30AM. Following the public hearing at 9:00AM.

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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