

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
October 20, 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 October 6, 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 October 16, 2015 in the amount of \$347,104.01, along with Claims for October 20th, 2015 in the amount of \$548,157.10. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees:

Commissioner Reedy mentioned that he was approached by the United Way and asked to be part of a new exploratory board that is being formed. Commissioner Reedy asked if there were any objections to him accepting this offer. There were no objections.

Commissioner Hounshel reported that the Fair Board recently held their annual meeting. He stated that the board was very pleased with the 2015 Jackson County Fair and the board also elected officers for 2016.

Commissioner Hounshel reported that the Ambulance board is still working with the State to obtain the former Indiana State Police Post garage for a new East side ambulance station location.

End of Reports from other Committees.

Maria Powell with the Brownstown Chamber of Commerce came before the Commissioners to request using the Courthouse lobby on December 8th from 6-8pm for a Christmas celebration with Santa. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve pending Powell talk with Jana Wessel to make sure this would not cause any conflicts. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Trena Carter and Jackie Hill came before Commissioners in a Public hearing for the Workforce Development Community Block Grant:

1. The approval of the Cooperation Agreement. This agreement is between the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and Jackson and Jennings Counties in regards to the grant. Attorney Susan Bevers has reviewed the document. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
2. The approval of the 4 Factor Analysis and Language Access Plan. This document has been reviewed by Attorney Susan Bevers. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
3. Approval of Resolution 2015-#12. This resolution allows Commissioner Hounshel to sign documents in regards to the grant. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion approved.

4. Request that Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter be allowed to sign for verification that money is available from JCIDC and Jennings County Economic Development in regards to this grant. Hohenstreiter was granted this permission.
5. Requested a signature for the Workforce Development Program Application Package. The Application was signed.
6. A Selection committee need to be appointed to review the Proposals that are received in the Auditor's office by the end of today. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to appoint Jackie Hill, Trish Speer and Tom Joray to this committee. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

CJ Foster then came before Commissioners on behalf of the local Fraternal Order of Police. Foster asked the Commissioners for approval of a Resolution of Support for Law Enforcement in Jackson County. The need for the resolution is to show Washington that a stand is being taken against the crisis of violent crimes against police officers across the Country . This resolution along with other County resolutions will be sent to Washington asking for the continuation of some programs that are possibly stopping. Examples would be the Bullet Proof Vest Program and law enforcement receiving used military equipment. The resolution presented was Resolution #13, Commissioner Bill #25. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Hounshel then read Ordinance #34, Commissioner Bill #23. This Ordinance is in regards to lowering the Speed Limit in Shieldstown to 30 mph –location reads as follows: On County Rd 300 N Hamilton Township between from its intersection with County Road 200 N then extending 1,688 ft. in a northeasterly direction. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Attorney Bevers was advised to draft an amended IN Dept of Homeland Security Resolution for possible approval at the next commissioner meeting. This amended resolution is in regards to obtaining a second signature on required documents.

END OF OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Hounshel stated that the Juvenile Center Director, Steve Redicker, left the Sept 2015 Monthly Report for them to review. Commissioner Hounshel stated that Redicker needed to get back to the Center and was unable to stay for the meeting. Auditor Hohenstreiter stated that Redicker will be coming to her office later today to discuss the current status of the Juvenile Det Center 2015 budget. Hohenstreiter stated that they will be short in the meal account, due to increased inmate population this year and it will be brought to Council for a suggested solution. Sheriff Carothers then stated that the funds needed to cover the Juvenile Det Centers meals can be taken from the Sheriff meal budget.

Commissioner Hounshel stated that \$200 was received from the sale of old metal awnings from the Health Department. This money was receipted into the county general fund on October 19, 2015 with Q# 14193.

Commissioner Hounshel then stated that the building that currently holds Planning and Zoning is in need of some exterior work. Commissioner Hounshel asked Commissioners Reedy and Joray if he could look into this more and get estimates, Hounshel will first verify with Cooler Design that this building will remain once the courthouse expansion takes place. Commissioners Reedy and Joray advised Hounshel to find out all he could in regards to what needs to be done.

Auditor Hohenstreiter informed Commissioners that the annual Tax Sale will be held on October 27th, 2015 at 10:00am, in the Courthouse lobby.

Jerry Ault with the Highway Department then stated the the RailRoad crossing grant has been submitted after Attorney Bevers' review and the the department is currently working of plans for 2016 paving.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard informed Commissioners that the United Way Kickoff will be held on October 27th, 2015 in Brownstown and October 28th, 2015 in Seymour.

Hubbard then asked for any information that could be given in regards to the Public Defender office location. Hubbard is concerned with the time frame and having phone and internet access in time for the opening.

Attorney Bevers then stated that Dr. Joel McGill and his wife have signed the Purchase Agreement for the property located at 213 E. Cross Street in Brownstown. An additional will need to be advertised for the November Council Meeting for the property purchase. Commissioner Reedy then made a motion that allows Commissioner Hounshel to sign documents at the closing for this property. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy stated that he feels the Plan Committee needs to bring a recommendation to the Commissioners for the new Plan Commissioner.

Commissioner Joray stated that the Plan Commission is have a meeting tonight and are down to two(2) candidates, so a decision should be made this evening.

Melvin Beeker with RQAW introduced a new employee to the Commissioners, Kevin G Jasinski.

Commissioners recessed until Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 6:00PM.

Jerry Hounshel – President

Matt Reedy

Thomas M. Joray

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest