

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
November 4, 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 October 20, 2015 Commissioner Meeting. Commissioner Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

After review, Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the payroll of October 30, 2015 in the amount of \$356,810.98, along with Claims for November 4th, 2015 in the amount of \$2,660,803.34. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees: NONE

Tim Luker, who was on the agenda, was not present.

Mike Weir, Plan Commissioner, introduced Conner Barnett to the Commissioners. the Plan Commission Board selected Barnett to replace Weir upon his retirement. Commissioner Joray, who sits on the Plan Commission Board stated that four (4) candidates were interviewed and Barnett was selected. Joray stated that Barnett had a strong interview, and would represent the county well in that position.

Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter then presented a list of unsold properties from the County Tax Sale that was held on October 27th, 2015. Hohenstreiter stated that the six (6) unsold properties would go to Commissioner Sale which is currently set for April 6, 2016.

Auditor Hohenstreiter informed Commissioners that a bicentennial flag was distributed along with a proclamation at the Fall Auditor's Conference. This proclamation and flag raising is requested to be done at noon on December 11th, 2015.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution #17, Commissioner Bill #26, the IN Dept of Homeland Security Amended Resolution was then read. This resolution adds a second signature to the applications. The signatures required are the President of the Board of Commissioners and the County Auditor. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

At the October 6th Commissioner meeting, the current Planning and Zoning building's condition was discussed. Commissioner Hounshel stated that he has spoken with Cooler Design and upon review of the Courthouse expansion project, it was found that the current building will be removed during that project. Commissioner Hounshel recommended that the work needed to be done be done by the county's maintenance position, this will help avoid high costs for short term repairs.

END OF OLD BUSINESS

Auditor Hohenstreiter then informed Commissioners that she has included Nepotism forms in their handout packet. These are to be signed and returned to the Auditor. Commissioner Reedy stated that he will sign this, with the understanding that he has a family relationship with Reedy Financial, the County Council's current financial advisors. However, the Commissioners do not hire the advisors, Council has the responsibility of hiring financial advisors.

County Attorney Susan Bevers presented a lease to Commissioners in regards to the current Ambulance station in Seymour. The lease is for 5 years with automatic renewals, until notice is given to stop the lease agreement. The county is not obligated to pay rent. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve pending the Ambulance Board approval next week. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin, then discussed the following:

1. The 2016 Paving Program to Commissioners for review asking that any changes be discussed at the next meeting.
2. Martin would like information in regards to paving the McGill property that was just acquired by the county.
3. An email from a resident of Martha's Vineyard. Commissioner Joray then requested the Auditor to contact resident for his phone number so Commissioner Joray could contact him.
4. An individual is claiming to own land locked property where the 'twin bridges' were removed. After discussion, Commissioner Joray stated he would talk with Dan Blann to see if there is an easement and Commissioner Joray would go to drainage board if needed.
5. The Jackson County 2015 Transition Plan and Title 6 was presented to the Commissioners and to the County Attorney. Martin would like these to be reviewed and signed at the next meeting.
6. Martin presented the Commissioners their 2015 mileage forms to be filled out and returned by November 23rd, 2015.

Commissioner Hounshel then stated that the Dr. McGill property has been purchased by the county. He stated that the 40 year old building is in good condition. The interior was redone 17 years ago. Commissioner Hounshel asked Warren Martin to look at the parking lot in regards to paving/signage.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard stated that he has been in contact with Frontier and N-I Tech in regards to fiber and phone lines to the newly purchased property. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve up on \$2,000 to run fiber from the annex to the building. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jeff Hubbard also presented to the Commissioners the 2016 Health Insurance Benefit options. Commissioner Reedy made the motion to approve the entire Insurance Medical package as presented, Commissioner Joray seconded, 3 yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Tom Joray made a motion to approve one (1) week of unpaid administrative leave to employee Sharon Hurt. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Hounshel abstained due to family member.

Jeff Hubbard then stated that a resignation letter has been received from Mike Weir in regards to his position on the Community Corrections Board.

Community Correction Director, JL Brewer then came before Commissioners for an update on a state grant request. Brewer stated that \$38,700 has been awarded to be used for drug court. Brewer also stated that \$16,845.33 will be received as a performance bonus for fiscal year 2015.

Sheriff Mike Carothers, then presented the October 2015 Jail Report, Meal Expenditure Report and Dog Dentention Report.

Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin then gave a brief update on the progress of the Cavanaugh Bridge and presented pictures of completed work. Weather pending, the deck should be poured November 24th. Martin also gave a brief update on the Shieldstown Bridge, stating the progress is slow.

Commissioners recessed until Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 9:30AM.

Jerry Hounshel – President

Matt Reedy

Thomas M. Joray

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest