

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
December 1, 2015  
6:00 PM

Present: Commissioner Jerry Hounshel & Commissioner Tom Joray  
Absent: Matt Reedy

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 November 17, 2015 Commissioner Meeting. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

After review of payroll and claims, Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve the payroll of November 25, 2015 in the amount of \$353,480.05, along with Claims for December 1st, 2015 (which included electronic checks) in the amount of \$2,975,966.10. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

**Reports from other Committees: NONE**

Jackson County Health Officer, Dr. Kenneth Bobb, with the Jackson County Health Department, came before the Commissioners with his intention to retire on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Dr. Bobb commented on his years of service and recommended to the Board of Commissioners that Dr. Christopher Bunce (who was also present) be appointed as the new Jackson County Health Officer. Dr. Bunce is a specialist in Infectious Disease and a resident of Jackson County. Commissioner Hounshel stated that he has reviewed Dr. Bunce's resume but that he would like to wait until the next Commissioner's meeting to make any appointments, allowing Commissioner Reedy to be present for the decision. Commissioner Hounshel then thanked Dr. Bobb for his years of service and commended him on his dedication to the county during his time as Health Officer.

JL Brewer with Jackson County Community Corrections, then appeared before the Commissioners. Brewer provided information about the lease agreement for the building in which Community Corrections currently resides. Brewer also stated that two (2) additional offices could be available in the building at an additional cost of \$500 per month. The current lease is for \$19,800 per year. Commissioners encouraged Brewer to continue to work toward obtaining the additional two (2) offices.

Brewer then stated that the Commissioners will need to make appointments to the Community Corrections Board and suggested John Beatty, Cindy Barnard and Alan Marshall as possibilities. Commissioners will work on appointments and check on conflicts for the above mentioned individuals.

Staci Eglen, with the Jackson County Auditor's Office, then presented and stated that all Nepotism Forms for 2015 are signed and in the possession of the Auditor.

Duane Davis, Jackson County Emergency Management then presented the Commissioners with the September/October 2015 bi-monthly report.

Commissioner Hounshel then read Resolution #20-2015, pertaining to Jackson County Emergency Management. Resolution #20-2015 amends the earlier approved Resolution #11-2015. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Hounshel then introduced the Public Defender of Jackson County, Alan Marshall. Marshall stated that December 1<sup>st</sup> was his first day on the payroll and that he is very pleased with the building that will house the Public Defender Office.

Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin then brought recommendations from the bids and quotes opened at the previous commissioner's meeting. His recommendations were as follows:

**BIDS:**

LIQUID ASPHALT:

Marathon

Commissioner Joray made a motion to accept. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

FUEL:

Synenergy

Commissioner Joray made a motion to accept. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

SAND:

Lee's County Materials

Commissioner Joray made a motion to accept. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

HOT MIX PAVING:

Milestone and O'Mara

Commissioner Joray made a motion to accept. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

**QUOTES:**

TIRES:

Seymour Tire Service

Pomp's Tire Seymour

Georges Best One Seymour

Jackson County Tire LLC – Brownstown

CULVERT PIPES:

Lucas Ackerman Plastic Pipe – Brownstown

St. Regis Culverts Inc – Indianapolis

CPI Bridge – Bedford

Civilcon – Jeffersonville

Metal Culverts Inc – Jefferson City

Commissioner Joray made a motion to accept all quotes. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Martin then presented the Commissioners with a Contract Extension for construction engineering for Bridge #195. This is amendment #1. County Attorney, Susan Bevers has reviewed the contract. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard then passed out the Commissioner's December calendar and gave a brief update on some work in progress at the Public Defender's Office.

Commissioner Hounshel then read Resolution #19, Commissioner Bill #27. This resolution sets the Commissioners Sale minimum bid at \$200. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Sheriff Mike Carothers then presented the November 2015 Jail Report and Meal Expenditure Report.

Commissioner Hounshel stated that Commissioner board appointments need to be reviewed before the next meeting.

Debbie Hackman informed the Commissioners that Red Sky has lost a Full Time employee and that the owner is not in good health. Hackman wanted Commissioners to be aware, since this is who is currently used by Jackson County to house dogs. Hackman stated that only \$23,000 has been raised toward building a county dog facility.

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

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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