

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

Commissioner Tom Joray made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2015 Commissioner Meeting. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Matt Reedy abstained due to his absence from that meeting.

After review, Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve the payroll of December 11, 2015 in the amount of \$361,742.89, along with Claims for December 15th, 2015 in the amount of \$267,338.32. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Reports from other Committees:**

Commissioner Reedy stated that the Juvenile Home is currently a 9 residents, capacity is 10. Commissioner Hounshel stated that he has attended Ambulance Board, 911 Board and Hospital Board meetings recently. Commissioners Hounshel and Reedy discussed the BiCentennial Flag raising that took place on the courthouse lawn, on Friday December 11<sup>th</sup>, at noon.

**End Of Reports from other Committees.**

Commissioners recognized Dr. Bobb, retiring Health Dept officer, with a plaque thanking him for his 16 years of service with the Jackson County Health Department.

Commissioners then recognized Mike Weir, retiring Building Commissioner, with a plaque thanking him for his 15 years of service with the Jackson County Plan Commission.

Commissioner Reedy then made a motion to accept the Health Department Advisory Boards recommendation to appoint Dr. Christopher Bunce as Jackson County's new Health Officer. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Kimberli Myers, with the Health Department, then presented three (3) contracts for approval.

1. Jan 1, 2016– Dec 31, 2016 a yearly contract for Lin Montgomery as Public Health Educator Coordinator – Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve reflecting a date change for contract to end Dec 31, 2016 and after County Attorney Susan Bevers review. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
2. July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016 a fiscal year contract for Lin Montgomery as Public Health Coordinator – Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve pending Attorney Bevers review. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
3. Jan 1, 2016 – Dec 31, 2016 – Contract for Wendy Moore RN, as a full time contract employee. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners then reviewed the 2015 Homeland Security Grant, Contract #14853. Duane Davis explained that he applied for the \$30,000 grant to purchase two (2) digital message board signs. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve an e-signature for this grant. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Duane Davis then stated that he was contacted and asked to serve on a REQ-A (Request for Assistance) Team through EMAC (Emergency Management Assistance Compact). Members on this team can get deployed to other areas when an emergency has occurred. In order to be on the team, Davis requested permission to attend a two (2) day training session in Indianapolis, where he can find out more information about the program. If Commissioners decide to allow Davis to become part of the team after training, the Commissioners would hold the right to deny Davis deployment in emergency situations depending on the situation in Jackson County. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve Davis's attendance to the training. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jerry Allman then appeared before Commissioners to discuss the possibility of widening the road that goes to his house. Allman lives at 5926 & 5940 US 31, North of Seymour. The road he discussed leads to eight (8) houses and is only 8 -9 feet wide. After Allman stated his concern, Highway Supervisor Warren Martin and County Surveyor, Dan Blann explained the situation further the Commissioners. After discussion, it was decided that since this road lies within the two (2) mile fringe of Seymour, Allman must go through Seymour City to discuss this problem.

Juvenile Detention Center Director, Steve Redicker presented the November 2015 Detention Center Report. Commissioner Reedy stated that the YTD cost of Holding Juveniles outside of Jackson County that is presented on the report, does not include transportation cost that would be involved.

Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin then discussed the following with Commissioners:

1. The new Unofficial Detour Reimbursement contract. This is for Highway 58. The change from the original is in the list of State employee names on the document. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve pending Attorney Bevers review. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
2. Old Federal Highway money. The amount of \$1,040 was found by the State that Jackson County owed this amount for a bridge in Vallonia.
3. 2016 Paving Contract – ongoing process. Intention is to open bids in a March 2016 Commissioner meeting.
4. Pictures of the Cavanugh Bridge progress were reviewed by Commissioners.
5. The construction taking place on the property acquired by the county from Dr. McGill is back on track. Martin hopes that his crew will be done by 2<sup>nd</sup> week in January. The electrical should be finished today. The drywall is hung, and finishing has begun. Furnaces will not be installed until the end of January. Martin was advised to keep Labor and Equipment cost on one invoice, and separate out Materials to another invoice. This will be done for reimbursement purposes.
6. Martin stated that he received notification that the State will extend \$1,146,000 for paving for 2016. 75% of this would go to paving and 25% to the Rainy Day fund.
7. Bridge Inspection books are in. Martin will place the master in a cabinet in the meeting room.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard provided a handout of committee appointments that will be needed. After discussion, it was decided to hold off until January to make appointments.

JL Brewer then discussed term limits on the Community Corrections board. After discussion, Commissioner Reedy made a motion to amend the ordinance to allow unlimited number of terms for this board and place a 50% attendance requirement in the ordinance, giving the Commissioners the

right to appoint a new member if needed. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Hounshel and Attorney Bevers then discussed whether a Town Clerk can serve on a Fire Protection District board. After discussion, it was advised that this cannot be done.

Hubbard then stated that Charles Conrad Jr has resigned from the Brownstown Fire Board and the board has recommended Joey Gallion as a replacement. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

County Surveyor, Dan Blann then came before Commissioners to discuss drainage issues of county ditches within the City of Seymour. The county currently has no tax base for drains within the city limits. Blann stated that without the tax base, there is no money to maintain these ditches, which is causing problems. Two possible solutions would be a Long Term Maintenance Agreement or turn over the ditches to the city of Seymour. Next, Blann stated that the Rockford Drainage Unit currently has a \$1 per acre tax. Blann stated that this is low and that this Drainage unit is seeing a lot of growth with factories and housing units. Blann stated that in order to change the tax base, public hearings must be held.

County Auditor, Kathy Hohenstreiter stated that the Public Defender Payroll and claims that were paid in December 2015 came out of the Commissioners contract services budget.

Commissioners adjourned until Tuesday, January 6, 2016 at 6:00PM.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jerry Hounshel – President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Matt Reedy

\_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas M. Joray

\_\_\_\_\_  
Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest