

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
Januray 5th, 2016  
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 December 15, 2015 Commissioner Meeting. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

After review of claims and payroll, Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve the payroll of December 23, 2015 in the amount of \$360,972.49, along with Claims for January 5th, 2016 in the amount of \$21,690,709.46 (which included electronic checks and settlement checks). Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Commissioner Joray made a motion to elect Commissioner Reedy as President of the Board of Commissioners for 2016. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to elect Commissioner Hounshel as Vice President of the Board of Commissioner for 2016. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Sheriff Carothers then performed the swearing in of the Commissioners for 2016.

**Reports from other Committees:**

None

**End Of Reports from other Committees.**

Plan Commissioner, Conner Barnette, then came before the Commissioners to give an update of his office. He discussed different possibilities/ideas that he has to possibly start implementing in the office. Commissioners thanked him for the information and asked to be kept updated.

Danny Wessel (for Jana Wessel) then appeared before Commissioners to request the purchase of a front wheel assist tractor, 1025 R John Deere. The quote provided from Deere Country included a front end loader, 54" snow blade and 60" deck. Commissioner Hounshel proposed keeping the old mower and moving it to Superior Court in Seymour, which would eliminate the transporting that currently takes place. Commissioner Hounshel then made a motion to approve no more than \$19,000 on the purchase of this tractor, pending council approval. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Sheriff Mike Carothers presented Commissioners with the December Jail Report, December Meal Expenditure Report, Annual Meal Expenditure Report and the Monthly/Yearly Statistics.

Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin provided the following information:

- Paving contract documents, which have been reviewed by Attorney Susan Bevers. Bidding will take place in March for Original 26.72 miles and for the alternate 13.35 miles. The alternate will

be completed if the Federal funding comes in. The Chip N Seal program should be 56 miles in 2016.

- Pug Mill ran 400 T cold mix, fixed large patches on roads. Will be renting this again the first part of March, 2016.
- A scissor lift will be rented for 30 days to assist with trimming of overhanging tree limbs.
- Logging Permits – there have been 3 or 4 since January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016
- Discussion was held over the Shieldstown Bridge and the contracted due date. Martin stated that Marcus Duncan has now said the bridge will not be complete by the due date with a fine of \$1500 per day. Martin has completed and sent a Report of Contractor Performance. Martin stated that Duncan Robertson has received a Low/Bad evaluation from the county. Commissioners advised the County Auditor to keep a copy of the evaluation and any other information regarding the Shieldstown Covered Bridge in a file in the Auditor's office.
- Truck bids should be ready for the next meeting
- Jerry Ault presented a list of Stop Sign ordinance changes for the Commissioners to review

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard then brought the list of board appointments that needed to be addressed:

**Board of Review –**

Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to Reappoint Jim Weesner, Max Noblitt and Debbie Eads. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Jackson County Board of Health-**

Commissioner Joray made a motion to reappoint Dr. David Hartung and Dr. Kristin Burdorf. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Jackson County Cemetery Commission-**

Commissioner Joray made a motion to reappoint LeRoy Crees. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Hospital Board – Jackson County Schneck-**

Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to reappoint Rick Smith and Susan Bevers. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Jackson County Plan Commission-**

Commissioner Joray made a motion to appoint Steve Kiel to replace Charlie Fox. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Jackson County Board of Zoning Appeals-**

Tabled

**Alcoholic Beverage Board-**

Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to reappoint Kenny Sweeney. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**County Drainage Board-**

Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to reappoint Fred Harrison, Mark Wiesehan and Tom Joray. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**JCIDC-**

Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to reappoint Matt Reedy. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Ambulance Services Authority Board-**

Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to reappoint Dennis Maxie. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Jackson County Community Corrections Advisory Board-**

Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to appoint John Beatty to fulfill the remaining term for Mike Wier, who has resigned & to appoint Alan Marshal to replace Matthew Rust. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Jackson County Visitor Promotion Commission-**

Commissioner Joray made a motion to reappoint Brad Schneck and Joyce Burbrink. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Jackson County Public Defender Board-**

Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to reappoint Bruce Wynn. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Board of Fire Trustees- Brownstown Township-**

Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to appoint Joey Gallion to replace Charles Conrad, Jr, who moved from the area and to discuss a new appointee at the next meeting to replace Thelma Greathouse. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Board of Fire Trustees- Driftwood Township-**

Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to appoint J.L. Brewer to replace Bruce Shoemaker. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) Yes votes, motion carried.

**Board of Fire Trustees – Grassy Fork Township-**

Commissioner Hounshel made a motion reappoint Randy Bobb and appoint Bryan Kovener to fulfill the term of Everett Hackman, who has resigned. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Board of Fire Trustees – Hamilton Township-**

Commissioner Joray made a motion to reappoint Matt Boknecht. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Board of Fire Trustees- Jackson/Washington Township-**

Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to reappoint Melvin Beeker and appoint a new replacement at the next meeting for Barry Stuckwisch. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Board of Fire Trustees – Owen/Salt Creek Township-**

Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to reappoint Todd Bollinger. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Board of Fire Trustees- Redding Township-**

Commissioner Joray made a motion to reappoint Joe Schepman. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Board of Fire Trustees – Vernon Township-**

Commissioner Joray made a motion to reappoint Lynn Howard. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jeff Hubbard then gave an update on the status of the Public Defenders office. They are still working out of a temporary office, but should be in the new office very soon.

Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter presented a Contract from Thomson Reuters on behalf of the Treasurer Maria Fisher. This contract is for the printing and mailing of tax statements. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Attorney Susan Bevers presented Resolution 2016 -#1. This resolution is for 2016 Commissioner meeting dates and times. Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Attorney Bevers then presented Ordinance #1, Commissioner Bill #2. This is an amendment to the Community Correction Ordinance and puts no term limits in place and requires a 50% attendance rate. After discussion, Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Attorney Bevers then asked for direction in regards to the Cypress Lake Lane issue. Her and Warren Martin have had a meeting with land owners that are concerned with the lane. It has been stated that the county has a personal easement and Not a public easement. After discussion, Commissioner Joray stated that he would like to see quotes on pipe and a low water crossing before a decision is made. Commissioner Joray stated that he feels the issue should be tabled due to lack of information.

Commissioners recessed until Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 9:30 AM for regular meeting.  
Board of Finance will meet at 9:00 AM.

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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