

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
January 19, 2016
9:30 AM

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

Commissioner Matt Reedy 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 January 5, 2016 Commissioner Meeting. Commissioner Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

After review, Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve the payroll of January 8, 2016 in the amount of \$383,395.99, along with Claims for January 19th, 2016 in the amount of \$464,754.32 . Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees: None

John Beatty, with Beatty Insurance then presented the Commissioners with the Casualty Liability Insurance Annual Review. After discussion, Beatty recommends renewal thru One Beacon with added Cyber Liability at \$1,000,000, changing the property deductible from \$5,000 to \$10,000 and changing vehicle comp/collision deductible from \$2,500 to \$3,000. Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to approve the recommendations given by Beatty Insurance. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

JL Brewer, Director-JJ Community Corrections, came before the Commissioners for the following:

1. Building Lease agreement with SMJ Rentals, LLC- The proposed agreement is for 5 years with no increase in rent. Attorney Susan Bevers has reviewed the agreement and would like to see a couple minor typos initialed when this is signed. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
2. The 2016 – 2017 proposed budget and DOC Grant renewal. The Community Correction advisory board has already showed their support for the grant and budget. Upon review, Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve the Letter of Support. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners discussed BIS digital software in Superior Court 1. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve the Annual Contract for the amount of \$3,825.00 to be paid for support and software licences. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

The Commissioners were presented with the 2015 100R and the 2015 Fund Report. After presentation and review the Commissioners agreed that all information presented on the 100R and Fund Report appeared to be in proper order.

Juvenile Detention Center Director, Steve Redicker presented the December 2015 Report and a review of 2015 for the Detention Center.

Commissioner Joray asked that the Stop Sign Ordinance be placed under old business for next meeting to allow him time to check ouhis district.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin came before Commissioners with the following:

1. US 31 will be closed at the Bartholomew County line on April 5th for projects. The road is scheduled to be closed for 245 days. This will effect detour routes in Jackson County.
2. Two highway trucks will be purchased in 2016. Truck #16 will be traded – this is an International and is the oldest in the fleet. Truck #16 will be replaced with a tandem axle truck. The second truck to be purchased will be a single axle. Bid packets are currently being put together. Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to allow Martin to keep progressing in receiving bids. Commissioners Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
3. The highway department had another employee turn in a two week notice. Currently down two employees.
4. Have had several companies request information for 2016 paving.

Martin and the Commissioners then discussed the Cypress Lake Lane Issue. After discussion, Commissioner Joray made a motion to table the issue for the following reasons: allow time to discuss with farmers the issue more in depth, allow Commissioner Joray time to go to the Bartholomew County drainage board since they are also over part of the ditch that is in question.

Max Klosterman and Kyle Broshears then approached the Commissioners about a crossing at the old twin bridges locations. A low water crossing was placed in a section allowing access to Broshears property when the twin bridges were removed. However, this crossing is no longer in crossable condition. Warren Martin states that he has not been able to locate where it states that this is a county owned crossing. After discussion, Commissioner Reedy stated that he would like Attorney Bevers to research to see if county is responsible for the upkeep of this crossing.

Commissioner Board Appointments:

Brownstown Fire – Commissioner Hounshel is still trying to coming up with an appointment.

Jackson-Washington Fire – Commissioner Joray made a motion to appoint Roger Wischmeier to the board. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

BZA – Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to reappoint Sherry Bridges to the board for the 4 yr term. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Hounshel wanted to note that Bridges term on the Planning and Zoning Board comes up for renewal next year.

Duane Davis then presented the Commissioners with the Emergency Management Nov/Dec 2015 bi-monthly report.

Auditor Hohenstreiter discussed the letter received from the State of Indiana asking for certification of County Highway Engineer. Jackson County does not employ a County Highway Engineer, so the information will be returned to the State –which is due February 28, 2016.

Auditor Hohenstreiter then presented the Covered Bridge Certification for signature. Jackson County has two bridges that were certified.

Auditor Hohenstreiter then asked for approval from the Commissioners to pay Insurance claims with weekly utilities. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Attorney Bevers then informed the Commissioners that Richard Nehrt, who was part of the Jackson County building corporation is now deceased and must be replaced. This matter will be placed under old business for next meeting for further action.

Commissioners recessed until Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 6:00PM.

Jerry Hounshel – President

Matt Reedy

Thomas M. Joray

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest