

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
February 2, 2016
6:00 PM

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

Commissioner Matt Reedy called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a silent prayer observed.

Commissioner Jerry Hounshel made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2016 Commissioner Meeting. Commissioner Tom Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

After review, Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve the payroll of January 22, 2016 in the amount of \$371,211.21, along with Claims for February 2, 2016 in the amount of \$3,466,860.47, which included electronic checks. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees:

Commissioner Hounshel updated Commissioners that the Fair Board is getting committees together for the 2016 Fair. There will be electrical updates on the grounds and some building updates will happen in preparation for the 2016 fair.

Commissioner Hounshel then provided a brief update for the Ambulance Board regarding the St. Police Post in Seymour. The board is still waiting to get more information.

End of Reports from Other Committees.

Sheriff Mike Carothers then presented the January 2016 Jail Report, Meal Expenditure Report and Dog Detention Report.

Conner Barnette then informed the Commissioners that the Plan Commissioner granted 6 permits in January and took in \$972.00. Barnette stated that the link on the county website for Plan Commission will take you to a new site with more updated information, forms etc. Barnette also informed Commissioners that the Aviation board had call requested information on cell towers in the county. This information has been added as a layer on the GIS. Barnette then invited the Commissioners to attend the BZA meeting on February 16, 2016.

Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin then presented three (3) unofficial detour routes for signatures to the Commissioners. These are for the work that will be done on Highway 31 in 2016. After review, Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Martin then stated that the Railroad grant that was applied for, was approved at \$37,000.

Commissioners then address Ordinance #2- Commissioner Bill #3. (Stop Sign Ordinance) Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve after reading. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Cypress Lake Lane Issue – Commissioner Joray stated that land owners will be present at the next Commissioners meeting for discussion. The lane is approximately ½ mile of which 1/3 is gravel. Warren Martin will contact County Surveyor Dan Blann to get elevations of the area to see if a low water

crossing is appropriate. Commissioners are also waiting to hear what information the DNR comes back with to Attorney Bevers.

Attorney Bevers then discussed the Twin Bridge Issue that has been researched. Attorney Bevers stated that in the late 1980s, the Commissioners put in a culvert (not a bridge) when the Twin Bridge was taken out and assigned it a bridge number even though technically it was not a bridge –the number was 132A. Warren Martin and Dan Blann have went on site and decided that county can go in and remove old culvert and do clean up to open waterway—does not cost anything. To put in a new culvert or a low water crossing requires a permit from the DNR (either way a \$200 fee). After discussion by the Commissioners, it was decided to go with a low water crossing. The approval of the permit could take up to 90 days. Parcel owner is Kyle Broshears. Commissioner Joray made the motion for Warren Martin to proceed with obtaining the DNR permit for a low water crossing to replace what was referred to in the 1986/1987 Commissioner minutes as Bridge 123A. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Board Appointments-

JC Building Corp – still working on names, discuss at next meeting

Brownstown Fire Board- Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to appoint Karen VonDielingen to the board. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Attorney Bevers then presented a lease for the Jackson County Fair grounds. The Executive Committee of the Fair Board has approved the lease, which is for \$1 per year. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. This lease is effective January 1, 2016.

A brief discussion followed regarding the process for approving grants for Emergency Management. Commissioner Reedy requested that Duane Davis be present at the next meeting.

Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter then requested to make a sale at the Oct 17, 2014 Tax Sale, invalid. Parcel #36-54-10-304-001.000-002 sold and the buyer is unable to obtain a deed for this parcel due to lack of a matching survey. The buyer paid \$918.50 for this parcel, has accrued \$59.51 in interest and had a \$500 title search completed. This money will be sent to the buyer if sale is invalidated. After discussion, Commissioner Joray made a motion to make the sale invalid. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. After further discussion, Commissioner Joray made a motion to combine this parcel back with the parent parcel and to pull the parent parcel from the upcoming Commissioner Certificate Sale. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Hounshel then asked the other Commissioners for the okay to form a committee to come up with a new name for Bridge #195 in Driftwood Township. Commissioners Reedy and Joray agreed to this idea.

Commissioners recessed until Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 9:30AM.

Jerry Hounshel – President

Matt Reedy

Thomas M. Joray

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest

