

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
February 16, 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 February 2, 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 February 5, 2016 in the amount of \$380,991.66, along with Claims for February 16, 2016 in the amount of \$377,382.93. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees: None

Dennis Brasher, with the Jackson County Ambulance, presented a bid for a new ambulance. Brasher reported that the Ambulance Board has approved this bid at their last meeting. The bid amount is for \$128,413.00. The 2009 Ambulance will provide a trade in value of \$9,800. Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to approve pending the 2016 bond approval. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Since this ambulance is to be paid for out of the 2016 General Obligation Bond, Brasher was advised Not to order until the 2016 bond is approved.

Duane Davis, with Emergency Management, provided the Commissioners with information regarding the Foundation Grant. Davis stated that this grant was applied for in January 2015, and is just now being sent out for signature. This grant is for \$2,500 to put toward building an 800 TAC repeater.

Plan Commissioner, Conner Barnett invited the Commissioners to the Plan Commission Meeting to be held that evening at 6pm.

Anne Scarlette, with the Jackson County Juvenile Detention Center presented Commissioners with the 2015 Annual Report and January 2016 monthly report.

Sheriff Mike Carothers stated that a sample contract from the State of IN and Family and Social Service Administration, has been given to County Attorney, Susan Bevers for review, in regards to inmates and Medicaid/Medicare. Sheriff Carothers also stated that the current headcount is at 202.

Cypress Lake Lane Issue – Commissioner Joray stated that the landowner that was to appear at this meeting was unable to attend. Attorney Bevers stated that DNR has not responded yet regarding how they would handle the three (3) entrances off the lane and about getting the gate down. Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin stated that something must be done to the lane and the Commissioners instructed Martin to contact businesses to get prices. Martin believes a three sided concrete box structure would be a better solution than a low water crossing.

Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin then discussed the following:

1. Regarding the “twin bridges” – work has been done to open the flow line, 2 ft rip rap has been placed down and topped with #2 rock to make this easier to cross. Martin stated that DNR really needs to clean the area farther down, in order for this low water crossing to work properly.
2. Martin stated he has been looking into purchasing a metal quonset building so that the highway can house more salt locally for better pricing. The building would be able to hold 2,000T of salt. This storage building, without concrete floors and blocks could cost approximately \$65,000. Commissioner Hounshel made a motion allowing Martin to move forward in receiving quotes for this type of storage building. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
3. Discussion was had regarding the materials that remain from the collapse of the BellFord covered bridge. These remains have been housed by Jim Baker since the bridges collapse. After discussion, the Commissioners advised Martin to find suitable locations at the Jackson County Fairgrounds to construct 1 span or 160ft of the Bellford Covered Bridge, to get estimate numbers for the cost of the project, and bring those ideas back to the Commissioners. Commissioner Joray then made a motion to compensate Jim Barker for storage of the bridge material, \$2,000.00. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
4. Martin stated that work is to begin again on the Shieldstown Bridge on March 1, 2016.

Commissioner Hounshel then made a motion to appoint Jason Fee to the Jackson County Building Corporation Board. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Hounshel then presented the ideas from the committee for renaming the Cavanaugh bridge. Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to accept the recommendation of the committee to rename bridge #195, Driftwood Bridge. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

County Auditor, Kathy Hohenstreiter informed the Commissioners that the Unicell property that was discussed at the last meeting, has been placed back into one (1) parcel, which has a matching survey.

Commissioner Reedy then stated that he has spoken with Jim Gutting and it needs to be reiterated that all Vehicles that are purchased/traded must come before the Board of Commissioners, even if they are purchased out of bond monies. All vehicles in the 2016 GOBond will be listed as a Commissioner line item.

Commissioners recessed until Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 6:00PM.

Jerry Hounshel – President

Matt Reedy

Thomas M. Joray

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest