

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
March 15, 2016  
9:30 AM

Present: Commissioner Matt Reedy, Commissioner Jerry Hounshel & 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 Jerry Hounshel made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 1, 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 March 4, 2016 in the amount of \$390,042.37, along with Claims for March 15, 2016, in the amount of \$257,874.72. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Reports from other Committees:**

Commissioner Hounshel reported that the Fair Board had appointed a committee to evaluate the electrical at the Fairgrounds. Because of this evaluation, improvements have been made to buildings and the midway area.

Commissioner Reedy then reported that the FurBall which was held at Pewter Hall, was a large success and raised a nice sum of money for the Jackson County dog shelter.

**End of Reports from other Committees.**

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard provided Commissioners with a summary of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2015 Public Defender Expenses and possible 40% reimbursement. It was stated that expenses for the quarter were \$245,402.50, providing a possible \$98,161.00 in reimbursement.

Commissioners then discussed placing a temporary speed limit on County Road 1100 N in Redding Township. Due to a change in the unofficial detour route involving construction on Highway 31, this road is now included. After discussion, Commissioner Joray made a motion for an ordinance placing a 40mph speed limit on County Road 1100 N until December 1, 2016-allowing the Commissioners to revisit the ordinance at a later date if it needs to be extended. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Becky Hackman then came before Commissioners to request use of the courthouse lawn and restrooms for the upcoming Arts Fest on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 9am-3pm. A certificate of liability insurance has already been given to the Auditor. Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to approve the use of the courthouse lawn, restrooms and placing a sign on the courthouse fence. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Dan Blann, on behalf of the Brownstown Youth Soccer League, came before Commissioners to ask for the use of the 'excess' fairgrounds parking lot during Saturday games. Blann stated that with the increase in the number of children playing in the league this spring, the league is concerned about parking. Blann stated that this would only be for Saturday games, and not for practices. Commissioners agreed that this would be fine as long as traffic is diverted as not to drive over the concrete path. Blann then asked about concession sales. Blann was asking if money raised by the sale of concessions would be able to go to the league in order to offset cost or if it had to go to the County general fund. After discussion, Commissioner Hounshel made a motion stating that the concession money should go to the

league. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Hounshel stated that he will inform the Fair Board as to the parking situation.

Cliff Sommers, on behalf of the BiCentennial committee gave a report to the Commissioners. Sommers stated that the 2015 New Years Eve Party was a huge success. He stated that a Leap Day Birthday Party had been held. Upcoming events include Brownstown's Birthday on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016, for which he asked Commissioners for a proclamation. There will be a celebration held on April 9<sup>th</sup> at Pewter Hall. There will be activities held on October 7, 8 & 9 ending with another New Years Eve celebration for 2016. Commissioners then advised Attorney Susan Bevers to draw up a proclamation for Brownstown's Birthday on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**PAVING BIDS 2016:**

Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin recommended the following:

For the 2016 contract – Dave O'Mara, to receive all but one (1) project, coming in at \$1,478,241.

-AllStar Paving , to receive one (1) project, coming in at \$13,260.00.

Commissioner Joray made a motion accept Martin's recommendations. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

For the 2016 Alternate - Dave O'Mara to receive all projects, coming in at \$722,697.28.

Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to accept Martin's recommendation. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Martin then presented Commissioners with the Notices to Proceed for signatures. Documents then signed by all Commissioners.

Martin then presented the 2016 on call subcontract with Strand and Associates. Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to approve pending Attorney Bever's review. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Martin then stated the following:

-Federal Highway grant has been approved. The painting and signage will begin once the weather allows.

-The Driftwood Bridge sign is in.

-Work on Shieldstown Covered Bridge is moving ahead, but still working on lumber issues.

Discussion was then held regarding the Cypress Lake Lane Issue. Surveyor Dan Blann, Highway Supervisor Martin and the Commissioners discussed the Joint Drainage Board meeting that was held. The Bartholomew County Engineer stated at the meeting that Bartholomew county has to approve any crossing that would be put in, since a largest part of the ditch lies in Bartholomew county. The engineer states that this is per State Statute. Blann and Martin suggested that Jackson county go back with the proposal of placing a pipe in the crossing and if Bartholomew county does not accept this, then Jackson County refuse to take over the road. After discussion, Commissioner Hounshel made the following motion: Martin was advised at the March 1, 2016 Commissioner meeting to proceed with adding the Cypress Lane to County inventory – please hold on this until more research can be completed.

Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Joray then advised Martin to send the 'pipe' proposal to the Bartholomew County Surveyor for assessment.

Building Commissioner, Conner Barnett, then presented the February 2016 report, stating that \$1,781,24 was received. Barnett then updated Commissioners on two (2) property maintenance violations.

Juvenile Detention Center Director, Steve Redicker then presented Commissioners with the 2015 Year End Report and the February 2016 Monthly Report.

Commissioners recessed until Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 6:00PM.

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Matt Reedy – President

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Jerry Hounshel

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Thomas M. Joray

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Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest