

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
6:00 PM

Present: Commissioner Matt Reedy, Commissioner Jerry Hounshel & 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 Tom Joray made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 15, 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 March 18, 2016 in the amount of \$381,343.68 and April 1, 2016 in the amount of \$379,464.09, along with Claims for April 5, 2016 including electronic checks in the amount of \$2,067,632.06. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter informed Commissioners that included in the April 1st Utilities, was \$9,226.26 paid to Worrell for Treasurer Postage. In order for the 2016 property tax statements to be mailed April 6, 2016, postage check needed to be mailed prior to Commissioner meeting, this claim was ran through the Utility batch. Commissioners agreed with the decision that was made.

**Reports from other Committees: None**

**2016 Highway Truck Bids:**

Highway Superintendent, Warren Martin then opened sealed bids for 1 tandem and 1 single axle truck along with a dump body and snow equipment. The bids came in as follows:

Truck #1 – Tandem Axle

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| 1. Uhl Truck Sales              | \$92,419.59  |
| 2. Kentucky Truck Sales/Edinger | \$102,773.00 |
| 3. Kentucky Truck Sales/Clark   | \$128,666.00 |
| 4. Rush Truck Center            | \$130,523.00 |
| 5. J.X. Peterbilt               | \$134,330.24 |
| 6. Kenworth of Indianapolis     | \$144,696.99 |

Truck #2 – Single Axle

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| 1. Kentucky Truck Sales/Edinger | \$130,493.00 |
| 2. Kentucky Truck Sales/Clark   | \$132,225.00 |
| 3. Uhl Truck Sales              | \$133,413.39 |
| 4. Kenworth of Indianapolis     | \$133,728.00 |
| 5. Rush Truck Center            | \$135,589.00 |
| 6. J.X. Peterbilt               | \$135,725.31 |

Martin recommended taking the bids under advisement until the next Commissioner Meeting. Commissioner Joray made a motion to take the bids under advisement. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jackson County Clerk, Amanda Lowery, then came before Commissioners to request approval of the polling sites. Lowery noted changes that are new for this election. After review, Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to approve the polling sites as presented. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jackson County Assessor, Katie Kaufman, appeared before Commissioners to discuss the issue of Restricted Address Application. After discussion, Commissioners asked Attorney Susan Bevers to research the new law, and inform Commissioners what steps may need to be taken.

Dan Davis with the Jackson County Community Foundation and Dan Hodge with the Jackson County Education Coalition then appeared before Commissioners to request funding in the 2017 budget. Commissioners received a packet and discussed how the Education Coalition works, how its funded and why they are requesting county funding. After discussion, Commissioner Joray made a motion to add a line in the 2017 Commissioner budget for \$30,000 for the Education Coalition. Davis and Hodges were advised to attend a Council meeting, as the final decision on the 2017 budget will be their decision.

Cliff Sommers then came before Commissioners to give an update for the BiCentennial Committee. Sommers also asked for permission to place a large 200 sign in the courthouse lawn in celebration on the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of the town of Brownstown. This 200 would be in place for the Proclamation reading this Friday and also for different events throughout the year. Commissioner Hounshel made a motion allowing the 3-piece sign -2-0-0 to be placed on the Courthouse lawn for no longer then 2(two) week increments throughout 2016. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Hounshel then made a motion to approve the Proclamation to be read on Friday April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 6p.m. at the Jackson County History Center village. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Duane McKinney, Thelma Wade and Troy Vaden, residents of PebbleBrooke Subdivision, came before Commissioners to discuss 2 'abandoned' properties. 1019 and 1104 Meadowlark Drive appear to be abandoned and unkept. Commissioner Joray stated he would contact Conner Barnett and make him aware of the properties. The residents then discussed the driveway permit that was granted to All Star Paving. The Homeowners expressed their concerns of All Star Paving entering and exiting onto PebbleBrook Drive.

Commissioner Hounshel then addressed the other Commissioners in regards to the new storage building for Superior Court #1 in Seymour. The Council has approved funding for the building. The building will be 12' X 16' with a 7' overhead door. The cost is \$2,650.00. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve the purchase. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Hounshel then discussed the need to rename Center Street in Vallonia. Upon review, there was already a short stretch of road marked at Center Street. Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to amend Resolution 2015 No.5-Commissioners Bill No. 13 and rename Center Street as Middle Street. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Juvenile Dentention Center director, Steve Redicker then asked Commissioners for approval to pay Sam's Club with weekly Utilities as needed to avoid paying a late charge. Redicker stated it happened 2 or 3 times in 2015, and he hopes to avoid these charges in 2016. Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to allow this payment in Utilities when it would avoid a late charge to the department. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Mike Chaveas, with the US National Forest informed Commissioners that last week there was some timber sales in Jackson County. Chaveas stated that they are in early stages of planning a large timber sale.

Discussion was then held regarding the amount of rent paid by the Juvenile Home to the county. After discussion, Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve \$3,330 per month for rent. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Warren Martin then discussed the following with Commissioners:

1. Commissioners signed the agreement with Strand and Associates that was approved at the previous meeting.
2. Martin stated that Wheeler Holler road will be closed dailey from April 14<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> for completion of the approach to the new bridge.
3. The Highway Annual Operating report was presented for review and approval at the next meeting.
4. Martin stated that Paving contracts are out. He expects O'Mara to be back in a day or two. Depending on weather, O'Mara may start next week with the 2016 Paving.
5. Cypress Lake Lane issue – Dan Blann contacted Mr Gray, Bartholomew County Surveyor. Mr Gray requested crossing drawings and pipe specs. Blann will send those to him. Commissioner Joray discussed that he wants the joint Drainage Board to meet. **Commissioner Reedy stated that it was agreed previously that if they don't accept our idea that we would abandon the thought of taking over the road and Commissioner Joray agreed.**
6. Martin stated that he received a call from Greg Pardieck, who requested a pipe be removed on 200 N. Upon research it appears that this is not the best option for that area.

Jeff Hubbard, Human Resource Director, informed Commissioners that he will be working on getting information to put together an Internal Control Policy. The State Board of Acccounts is requiring that all counties must adopt a Local Internal Control Policy Ordinance by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Commissioners asked Attorney Bevers to look into this further.

Auditor, Kathy Hohenstreiter discussed the following:

1. For Jan Longest – Heighen Hills cemetary – Even though Commissioners could not help with the project, funding was found and work has been done. Longest request permission to place a Cemetery Heritage Sign (24" X 24") at this cemetery. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
2. Hohenstreiter presented for signature the previously approved order for a new ambulance to be purchased from the 2016 Bond. Commissioners signed.
3. Hohenstreiter presented a request for the Sheriff Dept to trade in a 2009 Ford Crown Vic. VIN ending in 9013 to Poynter in Seymour. This trade in is for a purchased 2016 Tahoe. Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Attorney Susan Bevers presented Commissioners with Ordinance # 6, Commissioner Bill #5 for approval. Commissioner Reedy then read Ordinance #6, Commissioner Bill #5. This ordinance is for a temporary speed limit of 40 mph on County Road 1100 N until December 31, 2016. Commissioner Joray made amotion to approve. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners were then reminded that the Commissioner Certificate Sale will be held on April 6, 2016 at 10a.m. in the Courthouse lobby. There are currently five (5) properties on the sale.

Commissioners recessed until Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 9:30AM.

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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