

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
July 5, 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 Jerry Hounshel made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 21, 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 June 24, 2016 in the amount of \$383,489.36, along with Claims for July 5, 2016, including electronic checks, in the amount of \$26,622,708.42. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three(3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees: None.

Helen Johnson appeared before Commissioners to thank them on their quick response and resolution of the flooding problem that was occurring to the houses next to the new soccer field in Brownstown. Mrs Johnson stated that with the most recent rain, there were no flooding issues. Mrs Johnson expressed her appreciation to the Commissioners, Surveyor and Highway Department for all their work.

Joe Sexton and Steve Garvey then appeared before Commissioners in regards to their concern for County Road 400 W in Pershing Township. Sexton and Garvey stated that a section of this road is in terrible condition. They are worried about teenage drivers in the area and possible accidents. Commissioner Reedy informed Sexton and Garvey that the county is currently working on trying to receive Grant money for additional paving. If INDOT approved, then hopefully this road can be paved with the Grant funds.

Shieldstown Covered Bridge –Project Engineer/Project Supervisor Brad Issacs with Jansssen and Spaans, came before Commissioners to discuss the ongoing issues with the restoration of the Shieldstown Covered Bridge. The timeline of events was discussed, the rejection of materials and the lack of work that has been completed by contractor Duncan Robertson. At the present time, the deadline for completion of this project is July 31st, 2016. Concern for the bridge sitting uncovered much longer was discussed. INDOT representatives were present at the meeting: Joe Jones INDOT District Construction Director for the Seymour District, Joe Middeler-INDOT Area Engineer and Terry Summers-INDOT Project Manager. Involved in the conversation were, but not limited to:

Joe Jones, INDOT District Construction Director for Seymour District, who recommended accepting what material could be accepted, sending back the bad and reordering what needs to be reordered. Jones also stated that he believed the next step is to get Duncan Robertson back on the job and have them make consistant progress.

Fleeta Arthur, representative for U.S. Historical Bridge Projects, stated that as of June 2016, the bridge is now on the National Register of Historic Covered Bridges. She stated her concern for it bring uncovered for such a length of time, since June 21, 2015 (when structure was first introduced to the elements).

Jerry Ault, Jackson County Highway Supervisor, confirmed the lack of progress on the Bridge.

Charlotte Sellers, Local Historian asked if the Contractor hired was Historic Grade. Duncan Robertson met the qualifications per Joe Jones. Representation from Duncan Robertson Construction was not present at the meeting.

Attorney Susan Bevers, who asked INDOT District Construction Director Joe Jones to contact legal at Central Office, to see if Jackson County can file on the Performance Bond after the July 31st, 2016 deadline.

Commissioners then reviewed the policies that were attached to the Internal Control Standards/Materiality Threshold Ordinance 2016-No#11, which was already passed. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve upon review. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter then presented the Semi Annual Subrecipient Report for Pershing Township Volunteer Fire Department. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners then reviewed the Professional Services Contract regarding the Indiana Office of Technology. This contract is in the amount of \$30,751.50 and is for an updated/new layer of the County GIS website. Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Dan Zuerner, Vice President of Garmong Construction Services, then appeared before Commissioners to give a Preliminary Overview of how their company could save the County money while building the expansion for the Courts. Garmong's fee would be \$15,000 up front and \$20,000 once the Bond is completed. After discussion, Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to hire Garmong Construction Services for the expansion project. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Commissioner Joray voted No. Vote 2-1, motion carried.

Plan Commissioner Conner Barnette then presented Commissioners with the offices 6 month report. Barnett also presented photos and updates on Property Maintenance issues. Barnette asked for guidance in regards to the Joe Peters property in Vallonia. Attorney Bevers stated that next step is to file a complaint under the unsafe Building Code and get a court order for clean up. Barnette then stated that Tony Peters has expressed interest in resigning from the Plan Commission Board. Barnette was advised to obtain a letter of resignation and to speak with Clayton Beard, who had expressed interest of serving on the board.

Cypress Lake – Highway Supervisor, Jerry Ault stated that Janssen & Spaans has reviewed our plan for a water crossing and stated that it would work. Tom Finke, Engineer in Bartholomew County, who was present at the meeting, stated he will call a Joint Drainage Board Meeting.

Sheriff Mike Carothers presented the June 2016 Jail Report, Meal Expenditure Report, Dog Detention and Inmate Statistics. Sheriff Carothers stated that Red Sky has requested a rate increase for next year.

Human Resource, Jeff Hubbard stated that the Mental Health line in the 2017 budget would need to be increased due to the growth quotient percentage raise.

Auditor Hohenstreiter stated that on July 1, 2016, the 4th quarter and 1st quarter Public Defender 40% reimbursement was receipted into the County General fund, the amount was \$158,106.71. The reimbursement includes the building purchase and the building's repairs.

Commissioner Tom Joray wanted to state for the minutes that he believes that Commissioner Matt Reedy has a conflict of interest when it comes to the County's Capital Spending Projects when it comes to Bonds due to the fact that Reedy Financial is involved. Commissioner Joray stated that he believes Commissioner Reedy should recuse himself from such votes.

Auditor Hohenstreiter and Highway Supervisor Jerry Ault then discussed the INDOT Community Crossing 50/50 Grant match money concerning Special LOIT and Rainy Day.

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

Matt Reedy – President

Jerry Hounshel

Thomas M. Joray

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest