

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

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 July 19th, 2016 Commissioner Meeting, Commissioner Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 19th, 2016 Special Meeting. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Joray abstained due to his absence from that meeting.

Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to approve the addendum to the minutes of the May 15th, 2012 Commissioner Meeting. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

After review, Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve the payroll of July 22nd, 2016 in the amount of \$386,443.63 along with Claims, including electronic checks for August 2nd, 2016, in the amount of \$2,083,537.09. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three(3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees: Commissioner Hounshel stated he attended a Juvenile Detention Center Advisory Board Meeting and will discuss that more when Director Steve Redicker gives his report.

End of Reports from other Committees.

JL Brewer, Jackson Jennings Community Corrections, appeared before Commissioners to ask for approval to purchase a new vehicle. Community Corrections has \$30,000 budgeted in Project Income for this purchase. The vehicle would be a 2016 AWD Dodge Charger, and would replace the 2009 Dodge Charger currently used by Community Corrections. The price for the new vehicle is \$24,500 with an approximate \$3,000 trade in value for the 2009. Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Brewer was advised to place the title in the name of the Jackson County Commissioners.

Commissioner Reedy then read, by title only, Resolution #8. This is the Judicial Center Expansion Project Resolution to authorize design and scope of new Justice Center, not to exceed a \$12,000,000 Bond and for the hiring of Garmong Construction Services. Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Commissioner Joray voted No. Two (2) yes – one (1) no, motion carried.

A change order was then presented to Commissioner for approval for the Judicial Center regarding the Garmong Hourly rate. The rate stated originally was incorrect. The charge order lowers the hourly rate. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

David Phipps and Bobbie Young, Higher Society of Indiana Inc., who were listed on the agenda, were not in attendance.

Eric Weflen with RQAW then presented a proposal for Phase 1 of the Renovation at the existing Jail. It states the preliminary design study and phase 1 costs of \$15,000. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Robert Brock and Tim Burbrink then appeared before Commissioners to discuss the Cypress Lake Lane Issue. The Commissioners stated that the Joint Drainage Board meets this Thursday, August 4th regarding this issue and will review the proposal from Jackson County, which includes 1-79X117 squash pipe at the same elevation but will allow 50% more water to pass. Brock then asked what will happen if the Joint Drainage Board does not approve the plan. Brock, Burbrink, Kenny Kendall and Jim Lucas all spoke in regards to trying to come to a solution for this issue.

After lengthy discussion, County Attorney Susan Bevers stated the following:

1. The Cypress Lake Lane in question is currently owned by DNR.
2. The lane is currently an 'Easement'(a right to cross), not a Right-of-way.
3. Being an easement , the county cannot improve this area.
4. The county needs an approval on the drain plan from the Joint Drainage board before contacting DNR to see if they will grant a Right-of-way to the county for this road.

Commissioner Reedy then spoke on behalf of Debbie Hackman. Hackman requests use of the Jackson County Fairgrounds on October 22nd for the start/finish of an ATV/UTV ride as a fundraiser for the Jackson County Dog Shelter. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve pending Fair Board approval. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Juvenile Detention Center Director, Steve Redicker then came before Commissioners with results of most recent Advisory Board Meeting - Upgrades to the Detention Centers Transportation Policy dated 8-1-2016. The Advisory Board voted to cease all transports. Commissioner Hounshel stated, on behalf of the Advisory Board, 'yes, we may lose some other county holdings, but Safety is the most important'. Redicker believes that transports can still be done and done safely, with the improvements that have been made. Redicker also presented a new work schedule that would provide adequate coverage, the June & July populations including Jackson holdings and out of county holdings. Redicker also presented the Quarterly Report to Commissioners and Emails from other County's stating their current position. Upon Redicker's request, Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to table this issue, allowing time to look through all the information provided, with a vote to follow at the next meeting. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Duane Davis then informed Commissioners that the EMA office flooded again last night with the heavy rain that was seen in the area. Commissioner Hounshel stated that this is an ongoing issue and that the County Maintenance worker will install two back flow valves to help with this issue.

Highway Supervisor, Jerry Ault then appeared before Commissioners with the following:

1. Two (2) change orders for Driftwood Bridge #195. One is for time only and the other is for \$2,600.00. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve both change orders. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
2. Ault stated that \$90,000 is budgeted in Cum Cap Equipment Purchase. He would like to purchase the bridge crew a new backhoe and truck with utility bed with this money. Commissioner Joray made a motion to allow Ault to begin looking into prices for this purchase. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
3. Ault informed Commissioners that with the changes that have occurred at the SIHO health clinic – CDL physicals are only being performed one day per month. This may create a problem for some of the Highway Dept workers.
4. All work is done in regards to the Railroad Crossing Grant.
5. Ault then stated that he can work within the Highway budget to purchase a Salt Barn. After discussion, Commission Hounshel made a motion to approve up to \$80,000 for the purchase of the building, blocks, concrete slab and construction of the building. Commisisoner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

6. Commissioner Hounshel then made a motion instructing Ault and the Highway department to tear down the storage building and concrete slab between the Annex and Plan Commission Building and relocate the building at the County garage. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard presented to Commissioners the proposals that were submitted by 7 architects for the Judicial Center Expansion Project. Garmong has narrowed this down to 2 firms, ROAW and Ratio. Commissioner Joray made a motion to move to the interview process for these 2 firms. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Hubbard then presented a Social Media Policy. After review, Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Hubbard then presented information regarding the signs for the Public Defender's Office. There are 3 signs for a total cost of \$809.00. Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Hounshel then discussed the following:

1. Concern that the Hay fields are not being cut in a timely manner. This property is rented by Plummer Hay Farms. Attorney Bevers is going to review the contract and see what can be done.
2. Dr. Max Middendorf and wife are getting close to being ready to sell the property located next to the Public Defender's Office. Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to allow Attorney Bevers to contact Dr. Middendorf to see if an agreement can be reached. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
3. Nothing has been done by the owner of the Peters property in Vallonia. The time frame now allows Attorney Bevers to file a complaint with the County Clerk's office.
4. Concern about the Champion property discussed in earlier meeting. Attorney Bevers stated that Plan Commissioner Conner Barnette is still working with this property.
5. Stated that there is another meeting at INDOT tomorrow – Wednesday August 3rd at 1:30pm regarding the Shieldstown Covered Bridge.

Melody Redford of Little Acres then addressed the Commissioners, asking why is there no where in the county to take an abandoned/injured cat. She stated that she contacted the Human Society, Red Sky and the Sheriff's Department and no one could take the injured cat that had happened upon her house.

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

Matt Reedy – President

Jerry Hounshel

Thomas M. Joray

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest