

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
September 20, 2016  
9:30AM

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 September 6, 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 September 16, 2016 in the amount of \$383,028.39 along with Claims for September 20, 2016, in the amount of \$266,786.97. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three(3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Reports from other Committees:**

Commissioner Reedy stated that the Jail Overcrowding Committee has met. He believes they came up with some viable solutions to help the overcrowding issues.

Commissioner Reedy then stated that the Judicial Center Committee met yesterday for a General Layout meeting. A design should be back in a couple weeks. Discussion was then held regarding the alleyways that would be affected by the new Judicial Center. Commissioners advised County Attorney Susan Bevers to look into closing any alleys that will need to be closed and to work with the Town of Brownstown to see what a possible solution would be for Sugar Street, behind Courthouse. Attorney Bevers was also advised to talk with property owners Middendorf and Kloppenberg regarding their properties on this block.

Commissioner Hounshel stated that he attended a Fair Board meeting since Commissioner last met. It was stated that the 2016 was a decent year and projects that need completed before the 2017 Fair were discussed.

**End of Reports from other Committees.**

Trena Carter and Jackie Hill then appeared before Commissioners requesting approval of Resolution #10, Commissioner Bill #17. This resolution authorizes the submittal of the WDP Application to the IN office of Community and Rural Affairs and addressing Related Matters. Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Trena Carter then presented a Commits In Kind Letter to the In Office of Community and Rural Affairs for approval and signature. Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Amanda Lowery, on behalf of the Fort Vallonia Day Festival Committee, came before Commissioners to request road closures for the festival activities. The request is as follows:

- Main Street from Church Street to Commerce Street
- Water Street from Main Street to St Louis Street
- Commerce Street from Main Street to Highway 135

These closures requested would be from Friday October 14<sup>th</sup> at 3PM until Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners then discussed the Commissioner Meeting Schedule for 2017. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve the Schedule stating a meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 6pm and the third Tuesday of each month at 9am. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Plan Commissioner, Conner Barnette then approached Commissioners for guidance on a Mobile Home issue in Clearspring. Barnette stated that he has a quote from Monty Streigel for \$3,200 to remove and clean up the property. After discussion, the funds will be paid from Contractual Services. Commissioners agreed that from this point, Barnett needs to receive 2 quotes and one from the County Highway. Commissioners would also like to ask Council to include a line in the 2017 budget for cleanup.

Barnette then stated that he will be submitting an application to the National Flood Insurance Program – Community Rating System. This could result in a 5% - 10% discount on Flood Insurance for residents of Jackson County who are required to carry this insurance.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Plumer Hay Farms Contract – Attorney Bevers sent out the Certified Letter. No response has been received. The time allowed has passed. Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to terminate the contract between Jackson County and Plumer Hay Farms effective today, Sept 20, 2016 and to return the Spring 2016 rental payment that was received. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. After discussion, it was decided that the field between the Jail and Highway Dept will stay in grass and be mowed/maintained by the Highway Department.

County Road 975 N to County Inventory – Highway Supervisor, Jerry Ault stated that this road is basically a farm lane and is considered an ‘unimproved county road’. County Resident & property owner Tim Burbrink would like to have it clarified as to if this is a county road because there is an irrigation pivot that crosses this road. After discussion, Plan Commissioner Barnette stated that he would look into this issue and bring the Commissioner back further information.

Masonry work at the Courthouse – After discussion, Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve the 2 contracts with Ken Neely to complete Parapet and Tower repair on the Courthouse, as funds become available. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Shieldstown Covered Bridge – Highway Supervisor Jerry Ault stated that this weeks bridge meeting has been postponed. Attorney Bevers stated that she has spoken with Joe Jones from INDOT and he is aware that Jackson County wants INDOT to make claim on Duncan Robertsons performance bond. Jones will be talking to INDOT’s legal council as to the procedure for this. Commissioners advised Attorney Bevers to stay in contact with Jones and Jerry Ault to stay in contact with Brad Isaacs.

### **END OF OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Joray excused himself from the meeting at this point due to an appointment.

Highway Supervisor, Jerry Ault then discussed the following with Commissioners:

1. The county auction will be held on October 1, 2016 at 9:30 am
2. CCMG – Local Road and Bridges Matching Grant Agreement. Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to approve the acceptance of this agreement. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.
3. Contractors are having to reseed at Driftwood Bridge #195.
4. Highway Department has purchased the bridge crew a 2015 4x4 Ford 1 Ton Truck with Utility Bed. The purchase price was \$40,615.00 and the truck had 117 miles on it when purchased.

5. Highway Department has purchased a 2009 Volvo Backhoe to replace the 1993 CAT Backhoe. Its cost came in at \$51,000.00
6. County Pave will begin this week.
7. The county receives \$3,016.17 in 2016 per mile from MVH and LRS funding.
8. The department has started taking down the pole barn between the annex and the Planning and Zoning office.
9. All shoulder work has been completed on the 2016 pave list.

Steve Redicker, Juvenile Detention Center Director then appeared before Commissioners. Redicker stated that the two (2) tone car used by the Detention Center will be going to county auction. Commissioner Hounshel made a motion allowing Commissioner Reedy to sign the title at the auction, once sold. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Redicker then presented the August 2016 Juvenile Detention Center Monthly Report and provided a copy of the population report for August and to date for September 2016. Sheriff Mike Carothers stated that since the transports have ceased, he believes the Detention Center is a much safer environment.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard then stated that there will be core testing in regards to the new Judicial Center beginning at 11 am today. Also today at 1:30pm is an insurance meeting for the 2017 contract. Hubbard stated that he has not received anything back in regards to the SIHO clinic changes for 2017.

The Auditor's office then presented a title, on behalf of Community Corrections & JL Brewer for signature. The trade in of this vehicle was previously approved. Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to sign title. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried. The vehicle to be traded is a 2010 Dodge Charger VIN 2B3AA4CV8AH304014.

Duane Davis then presented Emergency Management's Bi-Monthly Report.

Commissioners recessed until Tuesday, October 4 , 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