

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
November 1, 2016
6:00 PM

Present: Commissioner Matt Reedy, Commissioner Jerry Hounshel & Commissioner Tom Joray
Absent: None

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 October 18, 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 October 28, 2016 in the amount of \$385,568.61 along with Claims for November 1, 2016, in the amount of \$2,066,460.04. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees: None

Brownstown Chamber of Commerce has requested use of the Courthouse lobby and restrooms for their annual Hometown Christmas on December 13, 2016 from 6pm – 7:30pm. Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to approve contingent on receiving the Certificate of Liability. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jackson County Surveyor, Dan Blann, then came before Commissioners in regards to an issue that has arisen regarding county road 500 S in Carr Township. This road is currently on the county inventory for 1850ft. There has been a lawsuit regarding the 'road/lane' from the end of the county road to a field in Jackson County. The court order from the lawsuit states that Jackson County has to continue the road from the 1850 ft mark. After discussion, County Attorney Susan Bevers has reviewed this and advised that since the county was not a party to the lawsuit, the court had no jurisdiction to order Jackson County to continue the road. Dan Blann was advised to inform the parties that until a petition is started and gone through the proper steps, the county will not continue the road.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard informed Commissioners that all Employees will be watching a webinar pertaining to Internal Controls and signing a training certificate for verification by December 31st, 2016. This is for compliance with the Internal Control Ordinance.

Hubbard also stated that insurance open enrollment will be November 21, 22, & 23, 2016.

Sheriff Carothers presented the October Jail Report, Meal Expenditure Report, Dog Detention Report and Judicial Status Report. The Sheriff then stated that Red Sky Rescue has requested that no more Pit Bulls be brought to the shelter, so other arrangements have been made. The Sheriff also stated that the replacement to LED lights has been completed.

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

1. Paving Contracts for O'Mara and Milestone for signature only. Approval was made at the last meeting.
2. The salt barn construction is complete with approximately 95% of the concrete poured.
3. The log jam at the Shieldstown Bridge will be taken care of tomorrow.

4. Meeting is set for November 4th at 4pm regarding the overall schedule for the Shieldstown Bridge.
5. All crops have been harvested that would affect Cypress Lake Lane, so work will begin to replace the crossing next week.
6. Quotes are coming in for a grader lease, a wheeled excavator lease and the purchase of an end loader.
7. Currently waiting on the two new dump trucks to be completed and delivered.
8. Bridge #165 will be tore out and replaced with an aluminum box culvert. The culvert should be set on Friday.
9. The widening of county road 900 E may have to wait until Spring 2017.
10. Received a call from a resident concerning the lack of RR crossing arms on Farmington Road. After discussion, Commissioners stated that this is not something that they handle. Proper signage and road markings are in place.

Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter stated that the Jackson County Delinquent Tax Sale was held on October 20, 2016. Fifty-five properties went on the sale, six did not sell. After discussion, Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to set a Certificate Sale in April 2017 with a minimum bid on all properties to be \$200. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Attorney Susan Bevers stated that one appraisal has been completed on Dr. Middendorf's property and she is waiting on the second to be completed.

Attorney Bevers then stated she spoke with David Willey about the possibility of the Town of Brownstown closing Sugar Street for the judicial center building. Commissioner advised Attorney Bevers to keep in contact with the Town, as this will affect the address that is associated with the judicial center. Also, after some discussion, Commissioner Hounshel made a motion for Attorney Bevers to more forward in attempting to acquire the Kloppenburg property on the corner. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Virgil Steinker Road – Commissioner Joray made a motion to resend #2 of the motion made in the October 18, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. The west and east side of I-65 are to be separated and pursue to vacate the portion of the road that lies on the West side of I-65.

Commissioners recessed until Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 9:30AM.

Matt Reedy – President

Jerry Hounshel

Thomas M. Joray

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest