

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
December 6, 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 November 15, 2016 Commissioner Meeting, Commissioner Tom Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

After review of claims and payroll, Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve the payroll of November 23, 2016 in the amount of \$388,925.63 along with Claims, which includes Electronic Checks, for December 6, 2016, in the amount of \$3,153,804.74. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three(3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees:

Commissioner Hounshel stated that the Fair Board met on December 5, 2016 and reorganized for 2017. John Schafstall will be President of the Fair Board in 2017.

End of Report from other Committees

Brad Schneck with DNR then presented to Commissioners a Check for Timber Sales in the amount of \$15,665.24. Schneck stated that in the past 5 years, DNR has presented Jackson County with close to \$76,000.

Commissioner Reedy then read the State Bicentennial Proclamation. This declares December 11, 2016 Indiana Statehood Day and Bicentennial. December 11, 2016 marks the 200th anniversary of the day Indiana became the 19th State of the Union. Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to accept the Proclamation. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Hounshel then presented a Bicentennial flag that was given to Jackson County. This flag was flown for 1 day in 2016 at the Indiana Statehouse. Commissioner Joray made a motion to display this flag at the Jackson County Visitor Center. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Community Corrections Director, JL Brewer then came before Commissioners to discuss the current Meal Reimbursement Rate for employees who attend training. Currently the county reimburses \$26 per day, and will not reimburse for alcohol or tips. After discussion of this issue, Commissioner Joray made a motion to amend the personnel policy so that it reflects a reimbursement amount of \$35.00 per day for meals only. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard then discussed with Commissioners Page 34, Section 708 of the Personnel Policy. This section is in regards to the possession of firearms by Employees in county vehicles. Commissioners instructed Attorney Susan Bevers to work on new wording for this section and bring to them for review. Hubbard then stated that he will bring 2017 board appointment to the next meeting.

Highway Superintendent, Jerry Ault the discussed the following with Commissioners:

1. Presented 'Exhibit A' with his recommendations for 2017 county materials – bids opened at last meeting. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
2. Quotes for a Road Grader were presented from MacAllister and West Side Tractor. After discussion, Commissioner Joray made a motion to use the quote from MacAllister with an annual lease payment of \$36,870.54. commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. This quote was accepted due to the equipment included in the quote and ease of use of the machine.
3. Quote for a Wheeled Excavator. A quote from Rudd Equipment was presented with a \$34,906.24 annual payment. The current Gradall would serve as a trade in for this. Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
4. Bids for 2017 End Loader will be opened at the December 20, 2016 meeting. Bids are expected from Rudd Equipment, MacAllister and West Side Tractor.
5. Cypress Lake Crossing – culverts are installed and the concrete slab has been poured. Once the slab is cured, the layer of concrete will be poured over the rip/rap.
6. The storm drain in Oxmoor is complete. Will return in the spring to touch up dirt work and seed.
7. Shieldstown Bridge – The bridge is wrapped. INDOT has paid out their 80% of engineering cost. After numerous requests, a timeline is yet to be presented. Brad Issacs is keeping track of liquidating damages by the day. Since the performance bond is with the State, the county cannot call on that Bond. After discussion, Attorney Bevers was instructed to send a letter to INDOT stating that if a timeline is not presented and timber not ordered by December 16, 2016, Jackson County will pursue a legal suit.

Ordinance 2016 – No. 6, Commissioner Bill No. 5 was presented for review. This ordinance was signed on April 5, 2016 reducing the speed on CR 1100 N in Redding Township between US 31 and CR 1300 E from 55mph to 40mph. Commissioner Joray made a motion to leave the speed at 40mph. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Attorney Bevers will draft a new ordinance to this effect.

Old Business

Attorney Bevers gave a report of the status of the Middendorf and Kloppenburg Properties. One appraisal is back on the Middendorf property, from Borges and Borges. The seconded appraisal is not completed from First Appraisal Group.

Discussion of closing Sugar Street for the Judicial Center expansion followed. Attorney Bevers stated that Dave Willey with Brownstown stated concern of traffic flow interruption if Sugar Street was closed in front of the new Judicial Center.

End of Old Business

Sheriff Carothers presented the November 2016 Jail Report, Meal Expenditure Report, Dog Detention Report and Judicial Statistics. Sheriff Carothers stated that the County Insurance Rep did a walk through of the Jail on December 5, 2016. Discussion then followed regarding the fire extinguishers in the Kitchen. This extinguishers have not been serviced since 2014 since Grunau will not service the kitchen extinguishers. Sheriff Carothers was instructed by Commissioners to bring quotes to the next meeting for another company to do the needed inspection.

Sheriff Carothers then presented a claim for the Commissioners to sign for the purchase of a Ford Explorer. The money for this purchase is in the Bond, under the commissioners line, so Commissioners must sign off on it. The claim is in the amount of \$26,322.72. No trade in will be made for this

purchase. Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Attorney Bevers then presented the BIS contract for Superior Court 1. This is the annual contract for the recording system used at Superior Court 1. Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter stated that she received information from Trena Carter stating that Jackson County has been awarded \$250,000 for the Jackson – Jennings Workforce Initiative. More information will be coming in the near future.

Commissioner Hounshel then asked about the progress on the Peters property on Main Street in Vallonia. Attorney Bevers stated that she has moved for a default judgement.

Commissioners recessed until Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 9:30AM.

Matt Reedy – President

Jerry Hounshel

Thomas M. Joray

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest