

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
November 03, 2010

Monte Striegel called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. A silent prayer was also observed. All three (3) Commissioners were in attendance. Others in attendance were Attorney Susan Bevers and Auditor Debra Eggeman.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2010 meeting as presented. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Monte Striegel made a motion to approve the claims of November 03, 2010 in the amount of \$1,026,229.14 and the payroll of October 22, 2010 in the amount of \$317,717.50. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin presented two additional appropriation requests for approval from the Capital Improvement Fund. \$1,000.00 for Bridge #161 and \$60,000.00 for Bridge #176. John Schafstall made a motion to approve both requests. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Brad Isaacs with Janssen & Spaans Engineering gave an update on the Medora Covered Bridge project. Jerry Hounshel expressed his concerns about a dip which appears in the roof of the bridge. Brad assured him that this would be addressed. Brad also reported that INDOT Commissioner Michael Kline paid a surprise visit to the worksite and the visit went very well. The Department of Natural Resources will be placing two concrete picnic tables at the site once the work is finished.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners that he has recently met with Trena Carter with Administrative Resources and Jason Fee with Janssen & Spaans Engineering to discuss the process of work to be done on the Vallonia Storm Drain project. Warren stated that once the necessary survey's are completed the selection process for Engineering Services will not take a lot of time. Warren requested approval to move forward. John Schafstall made a motion to move forward. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

President Monte Striegel began opening the Requests for Proposals for Engineering Services for Bridge #228. Four proposals were received from: 1) Bernadine Lochmueller & Associates, 2) FPBH, Inc. 3) Strand & Associates and 4) Butler, Fairman & Seufert. Monte Striegel made a motion to take under advisement. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Visitor Center Director Tina Stark appeared before Commissioners informing them of happenings at the Visitor Center. Tina stated that the board has approved various exhibits to be set up and there is not a lot of wall space. In order to have a secure place for the exhibits Tina has received three bids for the building of four (4) glass cases. There are funds in the budget to cover the cost and Tina requested approval to use those funds. Jerry Hounshel made a motion to approve the request. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Courthouse Custodian Jana Wessel and Jeremy Smith with Smitty's Painting appeared before Commissioners explaining the cost of painting the courthouse windows. Mr. Smith explained that due to the number of windows and the height of the windows on the third floor, it will be necessary to rent a lift. The work will take approximately three weeks to finish and the work is very labor intensive. Monte Striegel expressed his concern about beginning the work during the winter months. Weather conditions can change and prolong the work leaving the courtyard in a bad condition. After much discussion Commissioners and Mr. Smith agreed that it would be better to hold off and begin in the spring. John Schafstall made a motion to get council approval and begin the work next spring. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Jana also informed Commissioners of problems with the hot water heater stating that there is a gas smell. Commissioners directed Highway Supervisor Warren Martin to look at the heater.

Attorney Susan Bevers presented a resolution for approval declaring Jackson County a recovery zone and waiving recovery zone facility bond allocation to the Indiana Finance Authority for the benefit of the Andersons, Inc. bond project. Richard Whiteson with Andersons, Inc. spoke on the issue. John Schafstall made a motion to approve the request. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Duane Davis appeared before Commissioners requesting the extension of the burn ban for the county to December 17, 2010. John Schafstall made a motion to extend the ban with President Monte Striegel having the authority to lift the ban if drought ends before that time. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard appeared before Commissioner with question in regards to the Sheriff's salary. New legislation states that the Sheriff will be paid 70% of the prosecutor's salary. Commissioners gave Attorney Susan Bevers additional time to look over the statute before discussing further.

Jerry Hounshel made a motion to approve the Holiday Schedule for 2011. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

The meeting recessed until November 16, 2010 at 9:00 AM.

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Monte Striegel – President

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John Schafstall

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Jerry Hounshel

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Debra Eggeman - attest

