

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
January 18, 2011

Members Present: Commissioner Jerry Hounshel, Commissioner John Schafstall, Commissioner Matt Reedy

Others Present: Sheriff Mike Carothers, Attorney Susan Bevers, Auditor Debra Eggeman

Jerry Hounshel called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. A silent prayer was also observed.

Sheriff Mike Carothers did the swearing in of the Council.

Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 04, 2011 as corrected. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the payroll of January 14, 2011 in the amount of \$332,589.55. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Community Corrections Director J.L. Brewer appeared before Commissioners requesting approval to purchase a new vehicle for the department. J.L. explained that there is \$21,000.00 appropriated in the 2010 General Obligation Bond for the purchase. There are also monies appropriated in the Project Income Fund if needed. J.L. stated that he has priced vehicles but is not sure at this time which vehicle he will purchase. John Schafstall made a motion of intent to approve once a decision is made on the vehicle. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Attorney Susan Bevers presented Ordinance #2011-1 for approval. Ordinance #2011-1 is an ordinance amending the membership of the Emergency Telephone System Advisory Board to remove the commanding officer of the Indiana State Police Post, which is no longer located in Seymour, Indiana, and replacing with the Jackson County Building Commissioner. John Schafstall made a motion to approve. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Attorney Susan Bevers presented Ordinance #2011-2 for approval. Ordinance #2011-2 is an ordinance stating that no portion of the City of Seymour shall be provided fire protection by the Redding Township Fire Protection District, unless such fire protection shall be requested under a Mutual Aid Agreement. John Schafstall made a motion to approve. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Matt Reedy commented that he would like to see Carr and Vernon Township pursue a fire protection district.

Jerry Hounshel opened two Truck & Equipment bids: 1) UHL Trucks \$275,727.18 for two trucks and 2) Palmer Trucks \$241,536.68 for two trucks. John Schafstall made a motion to take the bids under advisement to allow further review. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin reported that he has met with Strand & Associates to review the appraisals for right of way purchase for Rockford Bridge.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin reported that a .09 section of road in Freeman Field west of State Road 11 has been removed from the county road inventory and placed on the City of Seymour's inventory.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin gave an update on the Vallonia Storm Water project.

John Schafstall and Matt Reedy commended the highway department on their work during recent snow storms.

Plan Commissioner Mike Weir informed Commissioners that the Accu-Air completed the fly over in March of 2010. Photos will no be downloaded to county offices using our GIS system.

Sheriff Mike Carothers gave an update on jail activities.

Courthouse Custodian Jana Wessel presented 2 maintenance proposals for the courthouse generator. CAT presented a proposal at a cost of \$848.00 annually and Gilpin presented a proposal at a cost of \$175.00 annually. John Schafstall made a motion to go with Gilpin for 2011. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners began filling board appointments which were tabled at the last meeting as follows:

Department of Parks and Recreation – Matt Reedy made a motion to appoint Heather Davis to the 4- year term. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jackson County Cemetery Board – Commissioners directed Jeff Hubbard to speak to potential candidates and report back at the next scheduled meeting.

Pershing Township Board of Fire Trustees – Appointment tabled until the next scheduled meeting.

Driftwood Township Board of Fire Trustees – John Schafstall made a motion to appoint John McCrary to the 4-year term. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jackson County Community Corrections Advisory Board - On January 4th Commissioners appointed Terry Gooden to this board. John Schafstall stated that county code will not allow a person who is not a resident of the county to serve on the board. Attorney Susan Bevers explained that since Mr. Gooden does not qualify for the appointment, Roger Bane will remain until another candidate is appointed.

Community Corrections Director J.L. Brewer informed Commissioners that it may become necessary to change the residency requirement in the future due to the Community Corrections Board attempt to form a pact with Jennings County. J.L. explained that forming a pact with Jennings County will bring in approximately \$152,000.00 in grant funds which will help fund his department. Jerry Hounshel stated that he would prefer to cross that bridge when we get there.

John Schafstall gave an update on the Superior Court I repairs. Since the flood, all offices with the exception of one has been moved back into the building.

Jerry Hounshel expressed his appreciation for the many hours that John Schafstall has spent working at Superior Court I assisting in getting everything taken care of.

Jerry Hounshel made a motion that the county employment records of Tammy Wilson reflect her hire in date to be July 12, 2004 instead of January 1, 2011 for longevity pay purposes. John Schafstall seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried. Matt Reedy voted no.

Matt Reedy informed fellow Commissioners of an email from Prosecutor Rick Poynter. Mr. Poynter is requesting a county credit card to use for travel and various supplies.

Attorney Susan Bevers presented a service agreement between PowerPay, LLC and Jackson County for computer software which enables access to real estate property tax information via the internet and facilitates the payment of real estate property taxes via the internet. Jerry Hounshel made a motion to approve. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

The meeting recessed until February 01, 2011 at 6:00 PM.

Jerry Hounshel – President

Matt Reedy

John Schafstall

Debra Eggeman - attest

