

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
February 01, 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 6:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. A silent prayer was also observed.

Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2011 minutes as corrected. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the claims of February 01, 2011 in the amount of \$2,142,883.76. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Sheriff Mike Carothers requested permission to proceed with the purchase of security camera upgrades to HD. Funds for the project have been approved in the Capital Projects Bond. The estimated cost was \$15,000.00. The actual cost of the project will be \$14, 200.00. Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the request. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Sheriff Mike Carothers requested the use of the Courthouse grounds on Saturday, April 23, 2011 for an Easter egg hunt. The egg hunt was previously sponsored by the Indiana State Police at the old State Police Post in Seymour. Due to the post closing the Sheriff's Department would like to sponsor the county wide egg hunt. The event will begin at 9:00 AM. John Schafstall made a motion to approve the request. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Sheriff Mike Carothers submitted the January 2011 Inmate Meal Expenditure Report for review.

Matt Reedy stated that he has been working with County Attorney Susan Bevers and Highway Supervisor Warren Martin to locate additional funds for paving. Matt explained that IC 8-16-3 allows the use of Cumulative Bridge monies for paving in certain areas. Attorney Susan Bevers stated that the funds can be used for paving within 500 feet of culverts, bridges or approaches. Highway Supervisor Warren Martin will work with Matt and put together definite numbers before going before Council. John Schafstall stated that he feels this is a good idea but Commissioners need to make sure the Cumulative Bridge fund remains stable.

County resident Mike Cox gave Commissioners a brochure regarding the rights of the American people. Commissioners thanked Mike for the input.

John Schafstall made a motion to appoint Hershel Forgey to the Jackson County Cemetery Commission. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. This is a 4-year term.

Matt Reedy made a motion to reappoint Rhea Dawn Ault to the Board of Fire Trustee – Pershing Township. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. This is a 4-year term.

Community Corrections Director J.L. Brewer requested permission to purchase a new vehicle from Fletcher Chrysler. Funds have been appropriated in the 2010 GOB for this purchase in the amount of \$19,077.00. John Schafstall made a motion to approve the request. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Community Corrections Director J.L. Brewer submitted his recommendations for two vacant positions on the Community Corrections Board. J.L. recommended Vicki Hartley to be appointed as the representative of a private correctional agency and Kathy Hackman to be appointed as a victim of a crime. John Schafstall made a motion to follow J.L. Brewer's recommendations. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners discussed the issuance of county credit cards to various departments. Matt Reedy made a motion to take the issue under advisement for further review. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners discussed the disposal of items in the house located on Sugar Street in Brownstown, Indiana. Ron Hutchinson was in attendance and expressed interest in various items in the house. Attorney Susan Bevers advised Commissioners put the contents of the house out for bids. Attorney Susan Bevers will prepare a bid advertisement with bids to be opened at the March 01, 2011 Commissioner meeting.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin made his recommendation on the purchase of 2 trucks for the highway department. Two (2) bids were received from Palmer Trucks \$257,600.00 and UHL Truck Sales \$264,227.18. Warren recommended low bidder Palmer Trucks. John Schafstall made a motion to follow Warren's recommendation. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin requested permission to purchase a new pick-up truck for District 3. Warren explained that there is \$34,000.00 remaining in the Cumulative Capital Fund which was appropriated for trucks and equipment to purchase the truck. Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the request. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Warren will submit an additional appropriation request for this item.

Emergency Management Director Duane Davis and Planning and Zoning Director Mike Weir appeared before Commissioners requesting that the county invest in a new recording system. The recording system in place now is outdated and unreliable. John Schafstall requested that Mike bring bid specifications to the next scheduled meeting.

Emergency Management Director Duane Davis requested signature on an Authorization Letter which will allow Indiana Department of Homeland Security to retain and spend \$139,500.00 of FFY 2010 Homeland Security Grant Program, State Homeland Security Program grant funds on behalf of Jackson County to support and upgrade the IDHS Acadis database which serves as the foundation of the State's public safety training, certification and credentialing system. John Schafstall made a motion to approve the request. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jerry Hounshel gave a brief update on the space study. Jerry stated that the committee may be able to meet with Ratio Architects as early as next week.

Courthouse Custodian Jana Wessel provided Commissioners with cost estimates for storage units. These units will be used to store voting machines.

Attorney Susan Bevers presented a renewal maintenance agreement from BIS Digital for Superior Court I. John Schafstall made a motion to approve. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Attorney Susan Bevers presented the Semi Annual reports for the Owen Township Fire Department and the Pershing Township Fire Department for signature. Matt Reedy made a motion to approve. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Attorney Susan Bevers requested advice on which direction to go with the properties which were not sold on tax sale last year. Susan explained that Commissioners may donate properties to a non-profit or have a Certificate Sale. Commissioners directed Susan to contact SRI for assistance in moving forward with a Certificate Sale. Susan will meet with Treasurer Kathy Hohenstreiter and SRI.

The meeting recessed until February 15th, 2011 at 9:00 AM

Jerry Hounshel – President

John Schafstall

Matt Reedy

Debra Eggeman - attest

