

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
February 15, 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.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the payroll of January 28, 2011 in the amount of \$310,852.92 and the payroll of February 11, 2011 in the amount of \$309,427.58. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Courthouse Custodian Jana Wessel presented estimates for tree removal in the courtyard as follows: 1) H & L Tree Trimming, Inc. - \$6000.00. 2) Barry's Tree & Stump Services - \$4,440.00. 3) Clark's Tree Service & Stump Removal - 3,140.00. 4) Mike Swango - \$5,500.00. John Schafstall made a motion to go with Barry's Tree & Stump Services. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Drug Free Council Director Brenda Turner appeared before Commissioners and gave a brief update on the allocation of funds for 2010. George Lanham with the Hill House explained how funding from the Drug Free Council has helped persons with opium dependency.

Community Corrections Director Connie Schrader submitted the year end report for 2010 and the January 2011 report. John Schafstall commented that he is amazed at how the Department is being run.

Emergency Management Director Duane Davis requested approval of an Amendment to the Indiana Department of Homeland Security Regional Public Safety Grant Agreement. The Purpose of the Agreement is hereby changed to add funding in the amount of \$11,400.00 to the original amount of \$58,182.08. The new amount may not exceed \$69,582.08. Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the request. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Duane Davis and Plan Commissioner Mike Weir appeared before Commissioner requesting funding to update the sound system in the meeting room. The recording system presently used is outdated and unreliable. Duane has requested quotes from four (4) vendors. Duane is recommending a quote received from Deputy Electronics in the

amount of \$7,021.79. Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the quoted amount from Deputy Electronics. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Attorney Susan Bevers presented a Rental Agreement for the Child Support office located at 102 South Main Street, Brownstown, Indiana. The rental of the office space shall be \$625.00 per month payable in advance on or before the first day of each and every month during the term of the lease. The lease shall be for a period of 12 months and shall expire on December 31, 2011. John Schafstall made a motion to approve. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Matt Reedy read aloud Ordinance #2011-3 which Attorney Susan Bevers presented for approval. Ordinance #2011-3 will amend Ordinance #2010-2 (Brownstown Fire Protection District Ordinance). The ordinance states that the Trustee of Brownstown Township shall pay over any monies collected for the fire protection district, both operating fund and cumulative fund, to the Brownstown Township Fire Protection District. The Town Clerk of the Town of Brownstown shall pay over any monies collected for the fire protection, both operating fund and cumulative fund, to the Brownstown Township Fire Protection District. John Schafstall made a motion to approve. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. A copy of the new ordinance shall be sent to the Brownstown Township Trustee and the Clerk of the Town of Brownstown.

Jerry Hounshel informed fellow Commissioners that Dan Bodkins, who was recently appointed by Commissioners to the Brownstown Fire Department Board no longer, wants to serve on the board. John Schafstall made a motion to appoint Charles Conrad to replace Dan Bodkins. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jerry Hounshel opened proposals for the Vallonia Storm Drain Project. Five (5) proposals were received from: 1) Andrews Engineering, Inc. 2) Beam, Longest & Neff, 3) Janssen & Spaans, Inc. 4) RQAW Consulting Engineers & Architects. 5) FPBH, Inc. John Schafstall made a motion to take under advisement for further review. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin requested an additional from the Cumulative Bridge Fund in the amount of \$200,000.00 for work on Bridge #254. Matt Reedy made a motion to approve. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners that he will be purchasing 50 tons of salt from the City of Seymour's surplus. The salt will cost \$71.74 per ton.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioner that he will be sending a bill to Hamilton Logging for damages made to areas of Thompson Road.

Commissioners discussed the opening of an alley in Vallonia. Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed them that one end of the alley has never been open. Surveyor Jerry Tracy has

been to the site and Attorney Susan Bevers is involved to assure that everything is done correctly.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners that paving on Tower Ridge Road will begin soon. The State Forestry Service will be paying the construction costs and Jackson County will be responsible for the cost of the drawings.

John Schafstall asked Warren Martin to relay the message to the Highway workers that they have done a great job and that they are much appreciated.

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard gave an update on the costs to repair damages to the Superior Court I building.

The meeting recessed until Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at 6:00 PM

Jerry Hounshel – President

Matt Reedy

John Schafstall

Debra Eggeman - attest