

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
January 5, 2010

Monte Striegel called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. A silent prayer was observed.

Members Present: Commissioners Monte Striegel, John Schafstall and Jerry Hounshel

Others Present: Sheriff Marc Lahrman, Attorney Susan Bevers and Auditor Debra Eggeman

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the minutes as presented for the December 15, 2009 meeting. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the payroll of December 18, 2009 in the amount of \$307,093.94 and the payroll of December 31, 2009 in the amount of \$384,868.13. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

John Schafstall made a motion to appoint Monte Striegel as President of the County Commissioners for 2010 and Jerry Hounshel as Vice. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Monte Striegel made a motion to approve Resolution 2010-1, which is a Resolution to establish meeting dates and times for the Board of Commissioners of Jackson County. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. The meeting times will remain the same with Commissioners meeting on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. The first Tuesday will be at 6:00 PM and the third will be held at 9:00 AM at the Courthouse Annex Building.

John Beatty with Beatty Insurance, Inc. appeared before Commissioners requesting approval of renewal for property and casualty insurance. John Schafstall made a motion to approve the request. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Cheryl Heckman appeared before Commissioners requesting that signage be placed at small towns to help the small businesses in the area. John Schafstall informed

Ms. Heckman that signs has been made for Bobtown and will be put in place. Cheryl thanked Commissioners.

Solid Waste Director Debbie Hackman introduced Donald Shoemaker, a farmer in Driftwood Township. Ms. Hackman requested signature on a letter stating that Jackson County is interested in obtaining the Corps of Engineers in addressing flooding problems in Jackson County. The impact of flooding on agriculture, transportation and housing is growing more severe in Jackson County each year. The Corps will conduct a Feasibility Study which is 100% federally funded up to \$100,000.00. Costs over \$100,000.00 are cost shared with the non-federal sponsor on a 50/50 basis. Jerry Hounshel made a motion to authorize Monte Striegel to sign the letter. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Several people were in attendance on the issue of forming fire districts for the townships. Brandon Robbins with Reedy Financial stated that at the last Commissioner meeting Eric Reedy was instructed to contact the townships who were not listed as being on board with the idea of forming fire districts. Driftwood, Owen and Grassyfork townships are now on board. Vernon Township has expressed interest but would like to wait and see what everyone else does. Brownstown Township Trustee Jennifer Isaacs was in attendance and stated that if this will make the Town of Brownstown and the township safer and does come at a high cost to taxpayers she is in favor of forming a fire district. Jack Gillespie who is the Chairman of the Brownstown Town Board stated that this issue was studied a year ago and unless a joint partnership is formed between two or more townships he does not feel it will be a benefit. Fire Chief for Redding Township, Steve Cox spoke in favor of forming fire districts. Monte Striegel made the first reading of Ordinances 2010-2 thru 2010-8. John Schafstall made a motion to accept Ordinance 2010-2 (Brownstown Township), 2010-3 (Driftwood Twp), 2010-4 (Grassy Fork Twp), 2010-5 (Hamilton Twp), 2010-6 (Jackson/Washington Twp), 2010-7 (Owen/Salt Creek Twp.) and 2010-8 (Redding Twp) as presented on first reading. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Second Reading is to be made on January 19, 2010.

Commissioner made the following appointments for 2010 as follows:

Board of Review – John Schafstall made a motion to reappoint Max W. Noblitt to the 1- year term. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioners tabled the reappointment of Barbara Ray until the next scheduled meeting.

Jackson County Library Board – Jerry Hounshel made a motion to reappoint Dan Thomas to the 4-year term. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioners tabled the reappointment of Morris Tippin until the next scheduled meeting.

Plan Commission (City of Seymour) – Monte Striegel made a motion to reappoint Mark Hays to the 4-year term. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jackson County Board of Health – Jerry Hounshel made a motion to reappoint Norma Prewitt to the 4-year term. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Jerry Hounshel made a motion to reappoint Ron Harrison to the 4-year term. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jackson County Cemetery Commission – Jerry Hounshel made a motion to reappoint Sharon Guthrie to the 5-year term. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Monte Striegel also made a motion to change the expiration date to 12-31-09 to be in line with other expiration dates. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jackson County Plan Commission – John Schafstall made a motion to reappoint Francis Elliot to the 4-year term. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jackson County Board of Zoning Appeals – This appointment tabled until the next scheduled meeting.

Alcoholic Beverage Board – Jerry Hounshel made a motion to reappoint Matt Rust to the 1- year term. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

County Drainage Board – Monte Striegel made a motion to reappoint Fred Harrison to the 3-year term and to reappoint John Schafstall to the 1-year term. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jackson County Industrial Development Corporation – Monte Striegel made a motion to reappoint John Schafstall to the 1-year term. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Ambulance Services Authority Board – Monte Striegel made a motion to reappoint George Weir to the 4-year term. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Board of Fire Trustees – Pershing Township – Jerry Hounshel made a motion to reappoint Karen Fleenor to the 4-year term. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jackson County Visitor Promotion Commission – John Schafstall made a motion to reappoint Jack Montgomery and Joyce Burbrink and to appoint Cindi Lucas to replace Diane Schafstall to the 2-year term. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jackson County Community Corrections Advisory Board – Monte Striegel made a motion to reappoint Norm Phillips and Brad Johnson, replace Kathleen Blaisdell with Jodi Isaacs, replace Teresa Thompson with Roger Bane and replace John Schafstall with George Lantham to the 4-year terms. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard informed Commissioners that he has received quotes for Workman’s Comp. Indiana Public Employers Plan, Inc. submitted a quote for \$78,002.00 and Bliss McKnight submitted a quote for \$86,907.00. Jeff recommended acceptance of IPEP. Monte Striegel made a motion to accept the quote from IPEP. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin requested approval of two (2) additional appropriation requests. \$60,643.00 from the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund for the purchase of equipment and \$5,000.00 from the Capital Projects Fund for bridge 213A. Jerry Hounshel made a motion to approve both requests. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin requested approval to purchase two (2) new 150 pick-ups. John Schafstall made a motion to prepare bids for the purchases. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin requested permission to purchase an accounting system for the Highway Office Manager. Warren gave a brief overview of the system and submitted information for review before making a decision.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners that he is still working on getting a performance bond in place for Hoeverer Addition.

John Schafstall thanked Warren Martin for collecting approximately \$3,000.00 for damages to roads by loggers.

Jason Fee with Janssen & Spaans Engineering, Inc. gave an update on the Vallonia Storm Drain Project.

Sheriff Marc Lahrman reported that DOC revenues are up.

Attorney Susan Bevers presented Ordinance 2010-1 for approval. Ordinance 2010-1 is an ordinance adding the intersection of 275 N and 100 E to the list of intersections and placing a three-way stop at this intersection. John Schafstall made a motion to approve upon 1st and 2nd reading and waive the 3rd reading. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Monte Striegel – President

John Schafstall

Jerry Hounshel

Debra Eggeman - attest