

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
January 19, 2010

President Monte Striegel led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. A silent prayer was observed.

President Monte Striegel called to order the Board of Finance annual meeting. Treasurer Kathy Hohnstreiter made her report. John Schafstall made a motion to adjourn the Board of Finance meeting. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

President Monte Striegel called to order the regular meeting of the County Commissioners. Sheriff Marc Lahrman done the swearing in of the Board of Commissioners.

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 of the January 5, 2010 meeting as corrected. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the payroll of January 15, 2010 in the amount of \$226,206.91. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Emergency Telephone Director Heather Davis appeared before Commissioners requesting approval of an additional appropriation in the amount of \$198,000.00 from the 911 Fund. The monies will be used to purchase 44 hand held radios and 30 mobile radios. Jerry Hounshel made a motion to approve the request. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

John Nelson with Liberty National Term Life Insurance Company appeared before Commissioners with a proposal for Jackson County. Liberty National specializes in group term life insurance for cities, counties and small businesses. There are very few health questions upon sign up and no minimum participation required.

Commissioners instructed Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard to meet with Mr. Nelson to look over the proposal and report back to Commissioners.

Jim Plump with the Seymour Chamber of Commerce appeared before Commissioners requesting the support of Jackson County for inclusion within the Service Area of Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) 170. This will enable the Ports of Indiana to apply to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board for authority to serve sites located within Jackson County. Jerry Hounshel made a motion to approve the request. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Community Corrections Director J.L. Brewer appeared before Commissioner requesting approval to purchase a 2002 Ford Taurus at a price of \$500.00 with user fees from home detention. J.L. explained that the 1999 Ford Taurus in their possession now is not functioning. The Corrections Department is using one (1) vehicle to service 44 people in home detention. Sheriff Marc Lahrman stated that he might have a vehicle available in March when the Sheriffs department purchases new vehicles. J.L. stated that the Corrections Department could use this vehicle also. John Schafstall made a motion to allow the purchase of the 2002 Ford Taurus at \$500.00. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. J.L. also submitted the monthly report for the Corrections Department.

Attorney Susan Bevers presented Ordinance 2010-9 for approval on first reading. Ordinance 2010-9 is an Ordinance regulating control of canines in Jackson County. John Schafstall made a motion to approve upon first reading. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Attorney Susan Bevers requested permission to move forward with presenting contracts to the Red Sky Rescue, Inc. and Brownstown Animal Hospital in regards to the Canine Control Ordinance (2010-9). Commissioners instructed Susan to move forward.

Attorney Susan Bevers presented an agreement with CivicPlus for approval. CivicPlus has agreed to design and maintain the website at no cost to the county for a two year period. Duane Davis explained that after the two-year period the fee for maintenance would be \$4,100.00 annually for maintenance costs. Jackson County is under no obligation to continue with CivicPlus after the two-year period. It will be the responsibility of the office holders to update the information on the website as needed. Duane requested that Commissioners consider holding a one-day on-site design session for office holders input at a cost of \$2,800.00. Monte Striegel made a motion to approve the agreement and make a decision at the next meeting on the on-

site design session. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Jerry Hounshel suggested that Duane attend the Council meeting on January 20, 2010 for some direction on the costs.

Monte Striegel made the second reading on the ordinances to establish fire protection districts in Brownstown Township (2010-2), Driftwood Township (2010-3), Grassy Fork Township (2010-4), Hamilton Township (2010-5), Washington Township (2010-6), Salt Creek Township (2010-7) and Redding Township (2010-8). Jerry Hounshel gave a brief update stating that he has read the Kernan-Shepherd report, which indicates the possibility of relinquishing the Volunteer Fire Departments. Jerry stated that he feels the current system works well for Jackson County and he sees no benefit in going to a countywide system. Monte Striegel stated that he still has concerns about the tax increases if Commissioners vote to form fire districts. Jackson-Washington Fire Chief stated that they are now in the middle of a project to build a new fire station and wants to know whether or not to move forward with the project. Financial Advisor Eric Reedy presented projections for each department. Eric stated that Commissioners should make a decision before March 1<sup>st</sup> to allow the districts to establish budgets and rates. John Schafstall made a motion to approve ordinances 2010-2 thru 2010-8. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried. Monte Striegel voted no. Jerry Hounshel made a motion to waive the third reading and approve as on the second reading. John Schafstall seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried. Monte Striegel voted no.

John Schafstall made a motion to appoint James Lucas to the Jackson County Board of Zoning Appeals for the 4-year term. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioners will make the appointment to the Board of Review at the next scheduled meeting.

Attorney Susan Bevers presented an Aerial Photography Services Agreement with Accu-Air Surveys, Inc. for approval. Accu-Air will provide aerial photography services, which is needed to update the county's GIS system. The cost for the services will be \$51,000.00. Mike Weir stated that the City of Seymour will pay \$10,000.00 and the Emergency Telephone Fund will pay \$10,000.00 towards this balance, which leaves the county with a balance of \$31,000.00. Monte Striegel made a motion to approve. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners that he has been informed that \$257,000.00 has been approved for engineering work for a bridge to replace the Rockford Bridge. John Schafstall made a motion to give notice to

proceed to Strand and Associates. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin requested approval of a contract with Janssen and Spaans Engineering in the amount of \$220,000.00 to oversee the rehabilitation of the Medora Covered Bridge. Jerry Hounshel made a motion to approve. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jason Fee with Janssen Spaans, Inc. informed Commissioners that the original on call contract for his company will need to be updated but he will present at the next meeting for approval.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin presented a letter to INDOT for right of way certification for approval. The letter certifies that that no additional right of way was required for project (Des No. 0902216). The project will be constructed within the limits of existing right of way. John Schafstall made a motion to approve. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin gave an update on the Bell Ford Covered Bridge project. Warren also requested approval of an accounting program for the Highway Office Manager. The cost of the program is \$6,000.00 with a maintenance fee of \$1,500.00 annually. Jerry Hounshel made a motion to proceed with the purchase of the program. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Russell Gregory appeared before Commissioners requesting that a ditch across from Trinity Lutheran High School on Redding Road needs to be cleaned out. John Schafstall will arrange a meeting with Russell to look at the area.

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard informed Commissioners that ID cards for county employees are in the works and the cards can also be used for government discounts at various places. The Sheriffs Department is making the ID's therefore there will be no charge to the county or employees. Jeff also informed Commissioners that there would be funds left in the insurance appropriations, which can be used to cover the cost of training provided by CivicPlus.

Duane Davis informed Commissioners that a new Community Notification Service called "Nixle" will be launched to improve communication with people who live, work, or visit our area. Through Nixle, the Emergency Management office will deliver messages securely to citizens by email and cell phones

Commissioners agreed to work with the Young Hoosier Conservation Corps to give youth the opportunity to work in the city and county parks of Southeast Indiana as well as various Department of Natural Resources sites.

The meeting recessed until February 2, 2009 at 6:00 PM

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Monte Striegel – President

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John Schafstall

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Jerry Hounshel