

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
March 16, 2010

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

Members Present: Commissioner Monte Striegel, Commissioner Jerry Hounshel, Commissioner John Schafstall

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

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 02, 2010 meeting as corrected. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the payroll of March 12, 2010 in the amount of \$303,081.20. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Linda Bell with Reedy Financial Group appeared before Commissioner requesting approval of Resolution No. 2010-7 which is a Resolution approving the issuance of General Obligation Bonds of the county. John Schafstall made a motion to approve. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Linda distributed a detailed list of equipment to be included in the 2010 Capital Improvement Bond. Linda also informed Commissioners that approximately \$152,500 was left unspent in the 2007 Capital Improvement Bonds and this money will be used to purchase electronic equipment for various offices. There was a savings in the software purchases for the Auditor, Assessor and Treasurer and this savings was used to pay down the bond making the tax rate on the 2007 debt payment \$.01 less next year.

Trena Carter with Administrative Resources appeared before Commissioners requesting signature on Resolution 2010-9 which is a Resolution authorizing President Monte Striegel to prepare and submit an application for grant funding for the Pershing Township Volunteer Fire Department firehouse. The Jackson County Commissioners commits requisite local funds in the amount of \$60,000.00, in the form of a loan from the Peoples Bank through the Pershing Fire District for the Pershing Volunteer Fire Department as matching funds contingent upon receipt of CFF funding from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. John

Schafstall made a motion to approve. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Trena Carter with Administrative Resources informed Commissioners that she assisted in the requesting of funds for the Disaster Recovery 1 grant for reimbursements for the 2008 flooding. The state will now be able to come in and review the files. Jackson County will receive \$68,286.46. \$39,000.00 will be used for street and bridge improvements and \$27,000 will be used for debris removal. Administrative Resources fee will be \$1,500.00. The state has requested that close-out documents be prepared so that once the funds are released the grant can be closed out. A claim voucher and close-out documents were signed.

Trena Carter with Administrative Resources informed Commissioners that she is in the process of closing out the Vallonia Planning Grant and has close-out documents for signature. Before moving forward, Trena recommended that a new income survey be done. The income survey done six years ago will no longer be valid. Trena stated that with Commissioners permission she will solicit firms to do the survey and bring before Commissioners. Trena still has the original listing of residents which was prepared by the County Engineer. Jerry Hounshel made a motion to allow Trena to solicit firms. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Natalie Green with Cintas Document Management appeared before Commissioners submitting a proposal for document shredding services for Jackson County. Natalie explained that Cintas can provide the county with a secure shredding service that will increase employee productivity and keep confidential information safe. At this time the county does not have a shredding program in place. Commissioners directed Natalie to meet with Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard with the details and report back at the next scheduled meeting.

Plan Commissioner Mike Weir appeared before Commissioner requesting signature on an Electronic Map Data Application Agreement allowing First American CoreLogic, Inc. to purchase and use GIS data. The total fee will be \$750.00 of which \$250.00 will go to Jackson County. WTH (the county's map provider) will be paid \$500.00. Monte Striegel made a motion to approve the request. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Raymond Bachman appeared before Commissioners requesting their support in proclaiming April 2010 as Jackson County History Month. John Schafstall made a

motion to sign and support the proclamation. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Community Corrections Director J.L. Brewer presented the department's monthly report for February 2010 for review. Mr. Brewer also stated that Community Correction Crews will be working along the roadways and requested that notice be given in the local newspapers to inform the public.

Juvenile Detention Center Director Connie Schafstall presented the monthly reports for January and February of 2010.

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard provided an update on the county's website. Jeff stated that things are moving along very well and the final due date for offices to submit information is May 24, 2010.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin submitted the following additional appropriation requests for approval:

- 1) \$33,550.00 for purchase of trucks from the MVH Fund.
- 2) \$3,400.00 for work on Bridge #5 from the Capital Projects Fund.
- 3) \$3,000.00 for work on Bridge #6 from the Capital Projects Fund.
- 4) \$3,400.00 for work on Bridge #8 from the Capital Projects Fund.
- 5) \$125,000.00 for work on Bridge #343 from the Capital Projects Fund.
- 6) \$110,000.00 for work on Bridge #95 from the Capital Projects Fund.
- 7) \$3,300.00 for work on Bridge #213A from the Capital Projects Fund.
- 8) \$6,000.00 for work on Structure #3 from the Capital Projects Fund.

Jerry Hounshel made a motion to approve all requests. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners that a preconstruction meeting was held on March 5, 2010 for stimulus roads. Also, a meeting will be held on April 7, 2010 for bridge #228 (Rockford) to request additional monies.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin stated that the road program is finished. Warren will meet with Councilman Andy Fountain and Financial Advisor Eric Reedy on the issue of funding.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin gave an update on the removal of the fuel tanks at the highway garage. Warren also stated that the road sign for the Katie Stam road is finished. There will be a dedication ceremony on April 5, 2010 at 4:00 PM.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners that the completion date for the Medora Covered Bridge has been moved to November 7, 2010. Also, Morris Tippen has requested permission to document the construction of the bridge. Jason Fee stated that he wanted to limit this to Mr. Tippen who can be present only when construction employees of INDOT are present.

Sheriff Marc Lahrman gave an update on K-9 Control. Sheriff Lahrman stated that he has held interviews for the Animal Control Officer with several good prospects. A 2008 Ford van will be used for animal control.

Attorney Susan Bevers submitted the Notice of Polling Places for signature. There were no changes made. Monte Striegel made a motion to approve. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jerry Hounshel gave a brief update on where Commissioners are on the space issue. Jerry expects to have information on a company to do the space study soon.

Councilman Andy Fountain was in attendance and stated that a committee will be set up to look for ways to increase funding for the road program. Andy requested that a Commissioner set on the committee. Jerry Hounshel volunteered to serve on the committee which will meet this month.

The meeting recessed until April 06, 2010 at 6:00 PM.

Monte Striegel – President

Jerry Hounshel

John Schafstall

Debra Eggeman - attest

