

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
April 06, 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 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

Monte Striegel made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2010 minutes as presented. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the payroll of March 26, 2010 in the amount of \$310,949.73 and the claims of April 06, 2010 in the amount of \$453,817.77. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

David Kroll with Ratio Architects appeared before Commissioners in regards to the space issues the county has been facing. Mr. Kroll explained the process his firm would take to site problems with space issues in Superior Court II and the Jackson County Assessors office and also the lack of space for records storage. John Schafstall questioned why some of these problems were not foreseen at the time Ratio Architects renovated the courthouse in 2004. Jerry Hounshel explained that at that time Commissioners did not know there would be a new court in the county nor did they know that the state would eliminate the assessing duties of the township trustees. John Schafstall stated that he would like to see Commissioner plan ahead as much as possible so as not to run into problems down the road. Monte Striegel made a motion of intent to hire Ratio Architects with a cost not to exceed \$20,000.00 contingent upon Council approval of the funding. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Morris Tippin appeared before Commissioners requesting permission to hold a rally to raise funds for a security system on the Medora Covered Bridge to help keep it safe from vandalism. Morris stated that the bridge is a great tourist attraction and is bringing people from many different states to Jackson County. Satolli Glassmeyer

of Scenic Road Tours was also in attendance and stated that he has researched security systems for the bridge and feels that an adequate system can be purchased for around \$5,000.00. John Schafstall questioned whether the bridge is insured. Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard stated that he is unsure whether the bridge is insured but will check with the county's insurance carrier. Jerry Hounshel stated that he feels an alarm system should be in place. Sheriff Marc Lahrman stated that a fire sensor should also be installed. The maintenance fee for the security system will be approximately \$500.00 annually. Highway Supervisor Warren Martin stated that funds received from the state for covered bridge maintenance can be used to pay the maintenance fee. Jerry Hounshel stated that this is a good gesture on behalf of the residents of Medora and made a motion to approve the fundraiser and the installation of the security system once the funds are raised. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin requested approval of Ordinance #2010-12 which is an ordinance amending Ordinance #1983-1 (Jackson County Traffic Control Devices for the County of Jackson). On County Road 1025N in Salt Creek Township between the intersection with County Road 1190W to the Jackson – Monroe county line. County Road 1025 becomes County Road 1070N and County Road 1100N. The speed limit on the entire length of County Road from 1190W to the Jackson – Monroe County line shall be reduced to thirty (30) miles per hour. John Schafstall made a motion of approval. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Monte Striegel expressed his concerns that the county does not have an ordinance in place regarding speed restrictions in work zones. Attorney Susan Bevers was directed to research this issue and report at the next scheduled Commissioners meeting.

John Schafstall reported that he had received a call recently commending the Jackson County road crew for work done on 1050N (Rusty's Roost).

Community Corrections Director J.L. Brewer appeared before Commissioners requesting permission to proceed with the purchase of a new vehicle from Fletcher Chrysler. The purchase will be made using monies from the 2010 General Obligation Bond. These monies will be available later this month. John Schafstall made a motion to approve the request. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. J.L. also requested permission to give the title of a black Ford Taurus to the Jackson County Sheriff's Department. The vehicle is not in good shape and will be used as a trade in vehicle. The vehicle was originally purchased

using grand monies and is titled to the Jackson County Community Corrections Department. Monte Striegel made a motion to approve the request. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Community Corrections Director J.L. Brewer informed Commissioners that \$164,242.00 has been approved by the state to maintain the home detention program for fiscal year 2010/2011. J.L. requested approval from the Commissioner on the grant. John Schafstall made a motion to approve the request. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Randy Cummings appeared before Commissioners commending them on the work done by the County Highway Department this past winter. Randy also asked what the Commissioners intentions were in regards to Mt. Zion Church Rd. Monte Striegel stated that he hopes to purchase millings from O'Mara Paving and apply them to the road.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin gave an update on the sub-divisions. John Schafstall stated that in the past owners were required to get a cash bond. Without a cash bond Commissioners have little control. Attorney Susan Bevers stated that a letter of credit expires after one year and this presents problems when the work is not completed. Monte Striegel stated that the residents are the ones who suffer from this.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners that Janssen Spaans will begin survey work on Madden Hill next week. Janssen Spaans will also survey the Vallonia Road Bridge.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin reported that signage and the sub-contractor list have been approved for the Medora Bridge. Next week the contractor will begin setting up field offices.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners that quotes have been received for the income survey on the Vallonia Storm Drain Project. Four (4) quotes were received from 1) Hornsby Consulting - \$1,950, 2) John Padfield - \$850.00, 3) Rick Morton - \$875.00 and 4) Frank Wadsworth - 10,000.00.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners of a meeting to be held on Wednesday April 7, 2010 with representative from INDOT to try and secure funding for Bridges 228 and 195.

Solid Waste Director Debbie Hackman appeared before Commissioner informing them that at the last Solid Waste Board meeting there was a discussion on finding a location for a Recycling Service Center. Commissioners Monte Striegel and Jerry Hounshel were in attendance and took part in the discussion. Monte Striegel suggested using a corner lot next to the Highway Garage. Monte explained that in the event the Recycling Center at some point in the future discontinues its operation, the structure could be used by the Highway Department. Debbie stated that an Engineer has looked over the area and feels it would be the perfect place to build the facility. Debbie stated that she has also spoken with Solid Waste Attorney, Rodney Farrow and County Attorney Susan Bevers on the procedures for the transfer of the property. Debbie stated that there is plenty of time to consider the options but wanted to bring the issue up at a public meeting which will allow the community to know what is being considered.

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard presented the monthly calendars and the Jackson County Health Department's annual report for Commissioners review. Jeff also requested guidance on the payment of an invoice received from WTH in the amount of \$4,200.00. The invoice is for maintenance on the GIS Website hosting. Monte Striegel stated that he feels the invoice should be paid by the realtors who use the website. The issue was tabled for further review.

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard informed Commissioners that Matt Nieman who is the Youth Council at Immanuel Lutheran Church would like permission for his Youth Group to clean up an area of roadway in Seymour. After much discussion Commissioner directed Attorney Susan Bevers to draw up a release which will need to be signed by the children's parents.

Attorney Susan Bevers presented an agreement for approval for Tax Sale Support Services with SRI, Incorporated. John Schafstall made a motion to approve. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Sheriff Marc Lahrman requested permission to purchase a vehicle to be used for animal control. The vehicle will be purchased using commissary funds. Jerry Hounshel made a motion to approve the request. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Sheriff Lahrman also gave an update on the jail activities for the month of March, 2010.

Attorney Susan Bevers presented an amended copy of the Notice of Polling Places for approval. John Schafstall made a motion to approve. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Monte Striegel – President

Jerry Hounshel

John Schafstall

Debra Eggeman - attest

