

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
June 01, 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: 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 May 18, 2010 minutes as corrected. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Monte Striegel made a motion to approve the claims of June 1, 2010 in the amount of \$547,784.50 and the payroll of May 21, 2010 in the amount of \$344,573.45. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Denny Oakes appeared before Commissioners requesting the use of the courthouse facilities on Saturday June 5, 2010 during the Car Show. Proceeds from the event will be donated to the Brownstown Little League. John Schafstall made a motion to approve the request and directed Mr. Oakes to submit a certificate of insurance to the Auditors office. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Several Jackson County residents were in attendance to voice their concerns of Ordinance 2010-9 which is a newly adopted Canine Control Ordinance to take effect on July 1, 2010. Residents speaking at the Commissioners meeting were Susan Wolfe-Walters, Dawn and Justin Drake, Larry Lewis, Melissa Clifton, Jackie Clifton, Gwen Chaney and Carol Creech. Jerry Hounshel explained that the K-9 Committee has met and feels that Ordinance 2010-9 should be repealed. Sheriff Marc Lahrman who is a member on the K-9 Committee stated that a new ordinance has been drafted which will eliminate fees imposed on the breeders, groomers and others. Also the tethering portion will be removed. Attorney Susan Bevers presented Ordinance 2010-14 which is a new Canine Control Ordinance for review. Several copies of the Ordinance were handed out to residents and newspapers. Residents were also instructed to pick up copies at the County Auditors office if needed. Ms. Bevers explained that the new ordinance will take effect on July 1, 2010. Monte Striegel made a motion to approve upon first reading. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. The second reading of Ordinance 2010-14 will be made at the June 15, 2010 Commissioners meeting. Debbie Hackman informed the public that there are already laws in place to cover kennel licensing and fees for the county at the Jackson County Planning and Zoning office in Brownstown. Susan Wolfe-Walters thanked the Canine Committee for all the time put in to resolving this issue.

Waldren Rust, a farmer in Hamilton Township appeared before Commissioners stating that rip-rap used by the County Highway Department is causing damage to his farm machinery. Mr. Rust stated that kids in the area throw the material into his fields. Highway Supervisor Warren Martin stated that if the rip-rap in the fields was due to erosion he could move it. Mr. Rust was directed to the Sheriff's department.

Commissioners signed a contract with Indiana Department of Transportation to begin the Cavanaugh Bridge project.

Sheriff Marc Lahrman reported that the Department of Corrections is still behind on the county's billings.

Attorney Susan Bevers presented the 2009 Emergency Management Performance Grant Sub-Grant agreement for approval. The sub-grant is for an amount not to exceed \$16,912.98 and shall be used for the reimbursement of the Emergency Management Directors salary. Jerry Hounshel made a motion to approve. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Attorney Susan Bevers presented the Indiana Department of Homeland Security Regional Public Safety Grant Agreement for approval. The purpose of the agreement is to enable the State to make a grant from the Regional Public Safety Training Fund in the amount of \$58,182.08. The funds are to be used for Firefighter Certification course & training courses, Hazardous Materials Operations courses and Fire Investigation courses. Jerry Hounshel made a motion to approve. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

The meeting recessed until June 15, 2010 at 9:00 AM.

Monte Striegel – President

Jerry Hounshel

John Schafstall

Debra Eggeman - attest

