

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
July 06, 2010

Jerry Hounshel 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 Jerry Hounshel, Commissioner John Schafstall

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

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2010 minutes as presented. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the payroll of June 18, 2010 in the amount of \$323,548.32 and the payroll of July 02, 2010 in the amount of \$308,796.35. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the claims of the July 06, 2010 in the amount of \$1,688,616.48. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Members of the Brownstown Fire Department Mike Kloppenburg, Jesse Lucas and John Sweeny appeared before Commissioners regarding the lease of county property for the Fire Department. Jesse Lucas stated that a larger premises' is needed and property located between the park and St. Rd. 250 would be the Board's first choice. John Schafstall explained that a space study to assess the county's space needs will be done in the near future and it would be best to wait until the study is done before making a decision on the property. Commissioners will take the matter under advisement until the space study is completed.

Dr. Kenneth Bobb and Larry Miller with the County Health Department appeared before Commissioners requesting authorization to purchase property west of the Health Department which was formerly Farm Bureau Co-op. The Board has already approved the purchase. John Schafstall made a motion to approve contingent upon the Board getting two appraisals for the property. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried. Dr. Bobb also requested approval of the Local Public Health Preparedness Coordinator contract for 2011. Funds are to come from the state in the amount of \$10,000.00. John Schafstall made a motion to approve the request. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Phil Walker, owner of Walker Kennels, appeared before Commissioner requesting permission to place a sign on county right of way on Base Line Road, Vernon Township. The sign will assist customers in locating the kennel. Commissioners instructed Attorney Susan Bevers to contact the Board of Zoning before a decision can be made. Mr. Walker will be on the agenda for the next scheduled meeting.

Veterans Officer, Keith Boling, appeared before Commissioners requesting permission to purchase a 2010 Dodge Caravan. The funding for the vehicle will come from the 2009 General Obligation Bond. Keith has received quotes from Bowman Chevrolet and Bob Poynter Chevrolet. Bob Poynter submitted the low quote at \$23,200.00. John Schafstall made a motion to approve the request. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin recommended the following bids for Contract Paving:

- 1) Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc. All roads with the exception of project 2-2, 2-3 & 2-6 in District 2 totaling \$766,322.31
- 2) Milestone Paving Project 2-2, 2-3 & 2-6 in District 2 totaling \$114,997.46

John Schafstall made a motion to award bids as on the Highway Supervisors recommendations. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin requested an Emergency Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$91.33 from Highway Paint to Other Supplies. John Schafstall made a motion to approve the request. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin requested the approval of the following Additional Appropriations from the Capital Improvement Fund:

- 1) \$2,300.00 Structure #44
- 2) \$2,300.00 Structure #43
- 3) \$4,000.00 Structure #39
- 4) \$1,900.00 Structure #29
- 5) \$1,600.00 Structure #30
- 6) \$1,500.00 Structure #28
- 7) \$1,200.00 Structure #40

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the requests. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin gave an update on the tank removal at the County Highway Department. Warren also informed Commissioners that a letter has been sent to INDOT directing the transfer of funds from the Bell Ford Bridge Project to the Shieldstown Project. Warren has not received a response back at this time. John Schafstall made a motion to send out Request for Proposals for Engineering Services on the Shieldstown project. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Jerry Hounshel opened proposals for Engineering Services for the Cavanaugh Bridge as follows:

- 1) Strand and Associates
- 2) Bernarden, Lochmueller & Associates
- 3) Shrewsberry
- 4) Beam, Longest & Neff
- 5) RQAW

6) DLZ Engineers & Architects

John Schafstall made a motion to take under advisement to allow time for review of the proposals. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin gave an update on the sub-divisions. Attorney Susan Bevers has sent a letter to the owners of Weslin Estates requesting that the maintenance bond be update but has not received a response.

John Schafstall expressed his concerns that there are county roads in which the speed limits change within a small driving area. John feels that the speed limits should be consistent. Jerry Hounshel will research this issue.

Sheriff, Marc Lahrman, informed Commissioners that he has received a proposals in the amount of \$64,724.00 from Security Automated Systems for the placement of cameras in the courthouses. John Schafstall stated that since Commissioners have not decided on a permanent place for Superior Court II, the installation of cameras should be delayed. Sheriff Lahrman stated that cameras will be placed in the main courthouse first.

Sheriff Marc Lahrman submitted the June 2010 jail activity report.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard, gave an update on the county website. Jeff also submitted the 2011 Commissioners budget estimates for review. Jeff stated that he is still waiting for insurance quotes.

Attorney Susan Bevers requested approval of a Memorandum of Understanding on the Justice Assessment Grant (Burn Jag Grant). Jerry Hounshel made a motion to approve. John Schafstall seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners signed the title for the Emergency Management vehicle. Duane Davis informed them that the vehicle will be used as trade for the purchase of a new vehicle. Funds have been appropriated in the General Obligation Bond 2009 series for this purchase.

The meeting recessed until July 20, 2010 at 9:00 AM

Monte Striegel – President

Jerry Hounshel

John Schafstall

Debra Eggeman - attest

