

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
July 20, 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.

Jerry Hounshel made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 06, 2010 minutes as presented. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the payroll claims of 7-16-10 in the amount of \$307,670.70. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jerry Denbo, a former State Representative and Public Relations Manager of Denbo & Associates, appeared before Commissioners requesting approval to conduct a 30 minute training session to Jackson County employees on the issue of Identity Theft.

Mr. Denbo does the training through Kroll Fraud Solutions. There is no cost to the county for the training. Compensation will come through payroll deductions of employees who choose to use the service. Mr. Denbo stated that all employees will have the opportunity to receive this service and he will meet with employees in private if needed. Jerry Hounshel made a motion to approve the request. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Brandon Robbins with Reedy Financial Group appeared before Commissioners requesting approval of Resolution 2010-18 which is a resolution establishing a cumulative fire fund for Owen-Salt Creek fire protection district. John Schafstall made a motion to approve the request. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

County Clerk Sarah Benter and Election Board Member Tom Goecker appeared before Commissioners informing them of several polling site changes. The changes are due to interruption in schools on Election Day. Notices will be sent to voters who are affected by the changes. John Schafstall made a motion to approve the changes. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Patricia Poff appeared before Commissioners requesting the vacation of an ally next to her property. Commissioners instructed Mrs. Poff to first go before the Plan Commission to get approval. Plan Commissioner Mike Weir will assist Mrs. Poff in the process.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin gave an update on the Tower Ridge Road project in Salt Creek Township stating that Crider & Crider was awarded the contract at \$405,899.47.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin requested approval of the following additional appropriations:

- 1) Local Roads & Street Fund \$533,956.17 Contract Paving
- 2) Motor Veh. Hwy Fund \$347,363.55 Contract Paving

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

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners that as per their request he has looked in to the county right of way at the Shieldstown Bridge. The county has a 15 foot right of way on the north side between the two houses.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners that Janssen & Spaans Engineering has been selected to do the bridge inspections. Project Manager Jason Fee submitted the fee schedule for Commissioners review and explained the price increases. Monte Striegel made a motion to proceed. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners that the Notice to Bidders for the second round of paving has been prepared. Jerry Hounshel made a motion to proceed with the advertising with bids to be opened during the August 17, 2010 Commissioners meeting. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners that signs placed at bridge #95 are being torn down. Also signs indicating Katie Stam road are being stolen. Sheriff Marc Lahrman will provide assistance.

Phil Walker, owner of Walkers Kennels appeared before Commissioners to hear their decision on Mr. Walker placing a sign on county right of way on Base Line Road in Vernon Township. John Schafstall stated that after further consideration he cannot the placement of signs on county right of way. Monte Striegel agreed that this would cause problems. Jerry Hounshel agreed.

Jerry Hounshel stated that he has reviewed the 2005 and 2006 Commissioners minutes and did not find any information explaining why an Ordinance was put in place for the 30 mph speed limit on county road 300 N. There are three different speed limits on this stretch of road ranging from 30 mph to 45 mph and it is confusing to drivers. John Schafstall made a motion to change the speed limit on this road to 40 mph. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Cheryl Heckman, a resident of Jackson County questioning why there is nothing in the Canine Control Ordinance preventing dog fighting. John Schafstall explained that there is a state law in effect to prevent this. Ms. Heckman also expressed her concern that vision is impaired at the intersection of 800 N. and 500 E. by a corn field. John Schafstall stated that the corn will be topped off to take care of the problem.

Juvenile Detention Center Director Connie Schrader submitted the monthly report for June 2010. Connie also requested permission to purchase a printer using proceeds from the 2007 bond monies. John Schafstall made a motion to approve the request. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard informed Commissioners of an invoice received from Centerstone of Indiana in the amount of \$259,698.00. Jerry Hounshel stated that after several meetings with Centerstone representative he is still not sure what services Jackson County has

received from them. Sheriff Marc Lahrman stated that requests for services at the jail are still going unanswered and he has not been able to get an actual cost for the services they have provided. Jerry Hounshel made a motion to deny payment of the invoice. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard informed Commissioners that he has not yet received insurance quotes and is unable to submit the 2011 budget estimates.

Sheriff Marc Lahrman submitted the jail report for June 2010 and gave an update on activities at the jail.

Attorney Susan Bevers presented the District 8 Mutual Aid Agreement for review. Susan also presented a letter appointing Trena Carter as Public Hearing Officer for the Community Focus Fund grant from the Office of Community and Rural Affairs for signature.

The meeting recessed until August 3, 2010 at 6:00 PM

Monte Striegel – President

Jerry Hounshel

John Schafstall

Debra Eggeman - attest

