

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
August 03, 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.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2010 minutes as presented. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the claims of August 03, 2010 in the amount of \$1,249,070.04 and the payroll of July 30, 2010 in the amount of \$315,150.07. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin requested approved of the following additional appropriation requests from the Capital Improvement Fund:

- 1) \$1,600.00 for Structure #56
- 2) \$4,600.00 for Structure #57
- 3) \$2,200.00 for Structure #58
- 4) \$1,050.00 for Structure #59
- 5) \$6,700.00 for Structure #60
- 6) \$2,800.00 for Structure #55

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the requests. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin made distribution of the tabulation scores for the Cavanaugh Bridge for Commissioners review. Mr. Martin recommended Bernardin, Lochmueller & Associates for the project. Jerry Hounshel made a motion to follow Mr. Martin's recommendation. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners that he has received the Project Coordination Contract from INDOT for structure replacement on Tower Ridge Road. Forest Highway funds in the amount of \$268,325.00 were allocated for the project. The low bidder for the work was Crider & Crider, Inc. INDOT will cover the base and the US Forestry will pick up the additional over-run.

Brad Isaacs with Janssen & Spaans Engineering gave an update on work being done on the Medora Covered Bridge. Mr. Isaacs requested approval of Change Order #2 in the amount of \$59,925.00 for the replacement of siding on the second side of the bridge. Monte Striegel made a motion to approve. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners that a Change Order for the Medora Covered Bridge is in the works in the amount of \$428,882.00. Brad Isaacs with Janssen & Spaans Engineering stated that this estimate was high and CLR Construction has stated that they will

recalculate the estimate. Mr. Isaacs explained that Barker Engineering did not include enough information in the original design planned for the project. Monte Striegel stated that he does not like the idea of spending county tax dollars on a project that was originally billed as being financed entirely by federal funds but fears that if Commissioners do not act the price could double if done at a later date. Monte Striegel suggested that Commissioners and Highway Supervisor meet at the site for a closer look at the work being done. A Special Meeting will be set to discuss the issue.

Commissioners are looking in to decreasing the speed limit on 200 N. Jerry Hounshel stated that since the road has been repaved the speed of the traffic has increased. At this time the speed limit is posted at 55 mph. Commissioners and Highway Supervisor Warren Martin will visit the area and discuss at the next scheduled meeting. Jerry Hounshel also stated that stop signs are being stolen and he wants the word out that if a person is caught in this theft, charges will be filed with the Jackson County Sheriffs Department.

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard informed Commissioners that Ratio Architects will be touring some of the Jackson County offices on August 9th & 10th as part of the space study. Jeff will be the guide for the representatives. Jeff also informed Commissioners that the initial quotes received from SIHO include a 16% increase. Jeff expects to receive a firm rate on August 10th, 2010.

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard informed Commissioners that the county web site will be going live by the end of the week.

Ralph Sweeny with the Uniontown Watchdog Group appeared before Commissioners thanking them for their help in closing down the Lions Den in Uniontown. The group also praised County Attorney Susan Bevers for the work she has done. Ralph asked that Commissioners not let money dictate Scott Berghold and Attorney Susan Bevers actions. The Ordinance Enforcement Fund remains in place and since the store closing Ralph will have a lot of time to collect on donations to the fund. The Watchdog Group will not desert the county. Attorney Susan Bevers explained to the group that the lawsuit is the county's responsibility for ordinance violation.

Attorney Susan Bevers presented a letter for signature which will be sent to Jeff Hornsby with Hornsby Consulting in reference to the income survey for Pershing Township. The letter states that there have been no significant economic changes in the past two years. Jerry Hounshel made a motion to allow President Monte Striegel to sign the letter. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Attorney Susan Bevers presented the Covered Bridge Certification for Jackson County for signature. John Schafstall made a motion to approve. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Attorney Susan Bevers presented Ordinance 2010-15 for signature. Ordinance 2010-15 is an Ordinance changing the posted speed limit on C.R. 300 N. in Jackson Township between its intersection with SR 11 east to C.R. 1000 E. to 40 mph. The ordinance was approved at a previous Commissioners meeting.

Attorney Susan Bevers presented a Services Agreement with Brownstown Animal Hospital for approval. The agreement states that all stray and impounded animals shall be held at a facility owned by Brownstown Animal Hospital for a period of time not less than five (5) days. Animals in life threatening conditions or animals posing life-threatening conditions to other animals or humans may be provided whatever humane relief deemed necessary by the hospital. The county will pay Brownstown Animal Hospital \$3,600.00 annually to be paid in monthly installments. Jerry Hounshel made a motion to approve. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner approved an annual contract with Rumke for Superior Court 1. John Schafstall made a motion of approval. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Sheriff Marc Lahrman updated Commissioners on activities at the jail. Sheriff Lahrman also informed Commissioners that his is getting quotes for resealing of the parking lot at the jail.

Sheriff Marc Lahrman informed Commissioners that Mark Deaton has been hired as the county's Animal Control Officer and is now on the job.

The meeting recessed until August 17, 2010 at 9:00 AM

Monte Striegel – President

Jerry Hounshel

John Schafstall

Debra Eggeman - attest

