

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
September 07, 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.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the payroll of August 27, 2010 in the amount of \$320,034.47 and the claims dated September 07, 2010 in the amount of \$1,224,608.99. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2010 meeting as presented. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Cheryl Heckman appeared before Commissioners requesting that county address records be used to go out into the county to look in on the county's elderly. Cheryl requested that the Sheriff's Department assist in this endeavor.

County Clerk Sarah Benter appeared before Commissioners requesting permission to move the satellite Absentee Voting location from the Senior Citizens building in Seymour to the Superior Court I building. Sarah stated that she has spoken with Judge Markel and he has no problem with the move. John Schafstall expressed his concern that people may not be able to get to the new location. After much discussion John Schafstall made a motion to approve the move. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Sarah also informed Commissioners that new voting equipment will have to be purchased. Sarah has received quotes from Harp Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$363,490.00 and Rob McGinnis in the amount of 360,000.00.

Mike Cox appeared before Commissioners requesting use of the courtyard on September 18, 2010 for a Human Rights Awareness rally. Mr. Cox stated that the rally will be held from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM. John Schafstall made a motion to approve the request contingent on a Certificate of Insurance being submitted and on file in the County Auditors office. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Duane Davis appeared before Commissioners requesting that an Open Burning Ban be put in place. Surrounding counties have already implemented the ban. Duane explained that the ban would raise awareness of the hazards of open burning during this time of dry conditions. John Schafstall suggested drafting a proclamation requesting that the public refrain from doing any open burning. Jerry Hounshel made a motion to direct Attorney Susan Bevers to draft a proclamation requesting that the public refrain from any type of open burning for 30 days. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Duane also requested permission to move an antenna which is not adjusted correctly. The Emergency Management Board has already approved the move. Commissioners agreed to follow the board's recommendation. Jerry Hounshel instructed Duane to contact the Sheriff's department when the work will be done.

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard informed Commissioners that he has received a recommendation from the Brownstown Library Board to reappoint Terry Lyon-McCarthy. Mr. McCarthy's term expired August 31, 2010. Jerry Hounshel made a motion to reappoint Terry Lyon-McCarthy. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Courthouse Custodian Jana Wessel requested approval and signature on a service agreement with Rumpke, Inc. John Schafstall made a motion to approve. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners that a memo has been sent to INDOT requesting T.E. monies from the Bell Ford Bridge Des #0101265 be moved to the Medora Covered Bridge DES #0101359 to cover the cost of change orders.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners of the receipt of a letter from CLR, Inc. indicating a reduction of pricing of various items requested.

Commissioner President Monte Striegel signed the Contract for Bridge Inspection which was approved at a previous meeting.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners that he has received a phone call from City of Seymour Engineer, Jim Wayman. Mr. Wayman stated that there is a section of road owned by the County near the Seymour School Administration building which the City would like to include in the City's inventory. John Schafstall instructed Warren to assist Mr. Wayman through the proper procedures and proceed with the transfer of property. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

John Schafstall congratulated Warren Martin on his proposed plan to take care of traffic issues going up Madden Hill. Improvements call for a turn from County Road 700 E. onto County Road 760 E. Attorney Susan Bevers stated that the county will need to purchase ROW from adjacent property owners to begin the improvements. Monte Striegel made a motion to proceed with the purchase of ROW. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried. John Schafstall abstained.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin reported that Rumke has agreed to pay the costs to widen an intersection and cut back hillsides on the south side of the road to provide a better site-line for motorists entering U.S. 50 from County Road 870 W. which leads to the landfill.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin presented a list of inventory needs for Commissioners review.

Sheriff Marc Lahrman gave an update on activities at the jail. Sheriff Lahrman also informed Commissioners that he has submitted a request for additional funding for part time help in the 2011 budget. Sheriff Lahrman also stated that the Sheriffs office takes approximately 11,000 calls each month whereas the City of Seymour takes approximately 3,000 to 4,000 with the same number of staff. This issue will need to be addressed.

Attorney Susan Bevers submitted an agreement for the sale of the Bell Ford Bridge to the City of Lawrence for approval. John Schafstall made a motion to approve. Monte Striegel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

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Monte Striegel – President

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John Schafstall

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Jerry Hounshel

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Debra Eggeman - attest

