

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
March 01, 2011

Members Present: Commissioner Jerry Hounshel, Commissioner John Schafstall, Commissioner Matt Reedy

Others Present: Sheriff Mike Carothers, Attorney Susan Bevers, Auditor Debra Eggeman

Jerry Hounshel called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. A silent prayer was also observed.

Jerry Hounshel made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2011 and February 15, 2011 minutes as presented. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the claims of March 3, 2011 in the amount of \$1,418,611.02 and the payroll of February 25, 2011 in the amount of \$308,119.06. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

President of the Park & Recreations Board Larry Raymer appeared before Commissioners proposing the placement of a multi-use trail at the fairgrounds. The Park & Recreations Board are looking into acquiring grant monies to cover the cost of the trail. Leroy Crees stated that the trail will also be helpful during the week of the county fair. John Schafstall stated that Commissioners should meet with fair-board members before making any decisions. Jerry Hounshel agreed.

Jerry Hounshel stated that due to advertising limits, the date for bids for items in the house at 117 Sugar Street, Brownstown will be opened during the April 5, 2011 Commissioners meeting.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin submitted the Common Construction Wage Scale for the Jackson County Road Program for Commissioners review.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners that a letter was sent to Hamilton Logging regarding the damages on Thompson Road. The letter stated that Warren will meet with the logging company on site once the work is finished to discuss payment for the damages.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners that bids for the paving program will be advertised on March 14, 2011. Warren would like to open the bids during the April 5, 2011 Commissioner meeting.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners that he will be meeting with bidders chosen for the Vallonia Storm Drain Project and report back at the next scheduled Commissioners meeting.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin questioned as to why there are so many funds set up for the covered bridges. Former Highway Engineer Jason Fee explained that a new fund was set up each time a grant was received for the bridges. Auditor Debra Eggeman and Attorney Susan Bevers will look over the funds and determine whether some can be removed.

Attorney Susan Bevers presented Ordinance #2011-5 for approval. Ordinance #2011-5 is an ordinance amending prior ordinances in place on the installation, construction, maintenance and operation of onsite sewage systems in areas providing penalties for violations thereof. John Schafstall made a motion to approve. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried. Matt Reedy left the meeting early and was not in attendance.

Jerry Hounshel stated that Ratio Architects have submitted options for Commissioners to look over in regards to the space issues the county is facing. Commissioners directed Attorney Susan Bevers to look at properties available in the event it becomes necessary to purchase additional property. John Schafstall agreed and stated that Commissioners will look at all options submitted.

Sheriff Mike Carothers submitted the Jail Report for February 2011. Sheriff Carothers also submitted the Inmate Meal Expenditure Report and statistics release for the Sheriff's department.

Jerry Hounshel reported that the Canine Committee has met and there are some issues with the housing of the animals. The county may have to look at erecting a facility to house the animals. There is no contract this year with veterinarian Harrison and the county is paying monthly to house animals. Highway Supervisor Warren Martin will get a cost on constructing a facility in the event it is needed.

Attorney Susan Bevers informed Commissioners that she has contacted SRI, Inc. and received a cost for them to perform a Commissioners sale for properties not sold at tax sale. Attorney Bevers stated that there is two options Commissioners may choose from. 1) Live sale on site in which SRI will receive 15%. 2) Online sale in which SRI will receive 10%. John Schafstall made a motion to proceed with contacting SRI and hold a live sale on site. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners that he has been approached by a company wanting to purchase equipment for the county by using an online bidding process. Jerry Hounshel made a motion to continue the bid process as it has been done in the past. John Schafstall seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Signed this 15th day of March, 2011

Jerry Hounshel – President

Matt Reedy

John Schafstall

Debra Eggeman - attest