

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
March 15, 2011

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

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

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 01, 2011 minutes as presented. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the payroll of March 11, 2011 in the amount of \$319,450.91. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Gary and Judy Foist appeared before Commissioners requesting approval to place a bill board to announce their Doggie Day Care business. Plan Commissioner Mike Weir stated that the Planning & Zoning Board has approved the request. John Schafstall made a motion to approve the request. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Trena Carter with Administrative Resources appeared before Commissioners requesting approval of Resolution 2011-5. Resolution 2011-5 is a resolution authorizing the submission of the CFF application to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. This is an application for grant funding for construction of a 4,774 sq. ft. addition to the former Freetown Elementary School to transform the building into a firehouse. The county commits to a local match in the amount of \$70,000, in the form of a loan from The Peoples Bank, \$11,500.00 from the Community Foundation of Jackson County and 1,687.00 from the Pershing Township Volunteer Fire Department for a total of \$83,187.00 to be contingent upon the receipt of the CFF funding. Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the request. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Trena Carter with Administrative Resources informed Commissioners that the selection committee for the Vallonia Storm Drain Project has met and recommended Janssen & Spaans Engineering. Trena requested approval of an Award Letter to be sent to Janssen & Spaans. John Schafstall made a motion to approve the request. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

County Clerk Amanda Lowery appeared before Commissioners informing them that due to the low expected voter turnout for this year's election, some polling sites may be condensed. Amanda also informed Commissioners that there are problems with the new voting machines

and ES & S is in the process of getting another version certified. The old voting machines will be used for this year's election. Amanda stated that she notified ES & S that Jackson County will not take possession new machines until all problems have been addressed.

County Recorder Linda Auleman appeared before Commissioner requesting approval to purchase a new software system for the Recorders office. Linda explained that she has consulted numerous other County Recorders and they have purchased software from Fiddler Technologies. Fiddler is much is a much more advanced system. The cost of the new system will be \$50,900.00 and will be paid from the Recorders Perpetuation Fund. The maintenance fee will be \$17,000.00 annually which is less than what is now being paid. Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the request. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Solid Waste Manager Debbie Hackman appeared before Commissioners requesting permission to place a Good Will drop box at the Juvenile Home. Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the request as long as the Juvenile Home Director has no problem with it. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Debbie Hackman also informed Commissioners that the Brownstown Chamber of Commerce and the Main Street Organization would like to enter the Indy 500 Anniversary contest to raise funds for a walking trail.

Commissioners discussed the idea of issuing credit cards to certain officeholders. Dr. Bobb with the Health Department was in attendance and expressed the need for a credit card due to an employee who charges as much as \$9,000.00 to his personal credit card and must be reimbursed. This employee purchases materials for food service classes often. Commissioners tabled the issue for further review.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin provided a copy of the contract paving schedule for Commissioners to review.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin requested an Additional Appropriation in the amount of \$34,000.00 from the Cumulative Capital Fund to purchase a 2011 ¾ ton pick-up with a snow plow. Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the request. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners that the person doing the mowing on county properties is requesting a 3 to 5 year agreement so that he can treat the grass and help in his return. John Schafstall stated that he feels the grass should be cut by the county or put out for bids to be fair to others who may be interested. John Schafstall made a motion to look at the area and make a decision at the next scheduled meeting. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin submitted a list of signage which has been either stolen or vandalized and stated that 36% of his budget is spent to replace the signs. Barricades put in place during high water are also destroyed. Commissioners directed Attorney Susan Bevers to look at the legal issues the county could face by not putting up the barricades.

Human Resource Jeff Hubbard informed Commissioners that the county received high marks when our liability insurance carrier inspected various offices.

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Jerry Hounshel – President

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Matt Reedy

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John Schafstall

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Debra Eggeman - attest