

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
May 03, 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 and led the Pledge of Allegiance. A silent prayer was also observed.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2011 as presented. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the payroll of April 21, 2011 in the amount of \$308,468.64 and the claims of May 03, 2011 in the amount of \$796,551.48. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Joe Mrak and Melvin Beeker with RQAW appeared before Commissioners to present a proposal for the Jackson County Government Facilities Master plan. Mr. Mrak explained the steps to the process in three steps. 1) Strategic Planning (at a cost of \$8,000.00) 2) Space Programming (at a cost of \$11,000.00) 3) Conceptual Design (at a cost of \$7,000.00).

Upon authorization to proceed the completion of each step will take thirty (30) days. Commissioners agreed that more time was needed to review the proposal.

Quinn Hensley, an eleven year old resident of Seymour, Indiana appeared before Commissioners requesting the permission to set up a lemonade stand in the courtyard on June 11, 2011 on behalf of Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation. Proceeds will go to the foundation for fighting childhood cancer. John Schafstall made a motion to approve the request. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Proof of Insurance will be provided.

EMS Director Dennis Brasher appeared before Commissioners informing them that the EMS Board has recommended a 10% fee increase and requested that Commissioners approve the increase to take effect on June 1, 2011. The last increase was in 2007 and with the cost of fuel it is getting difficult to operate. John Schafstall made a motion to approve the request. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Community Corrections Director J.L. Brewer appeared before Commissioners requesting signature on Grant Agreement EDS #D25-12-027. The purpose of the Grant Agreement is to enable the Department of Corrections to award a grant of \$164,242.00 from the State's

Community Corrections Grant Fund to Jackson County Community Corrections. J.L. explained that the Grant Review Committee has determined that Jackson County has a Level 2 designation. The Level system is based on the number of felony offenders proposed by each county to be served; the number of felony offenders actually served by each county; the level of commitment in utilizing evidence based practices and demonstrating the effectiveness of the programs presently funded, and the specific county population level. John Schafstall made a motion to approve the request. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jason Fee with Janssen & Spaans Engineering requested signature on the title sheet for the Old Vallonia Road Bridge. There is no firm completion date yet but hoping for completion by this fall. John Schafstall made a motion to approve the request. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jason Fee with Janssen & Spaans Engineering gave an update on the bridge inspections. Flooding has put them a little behind schedule.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin requested approval of a notice to be sent out to property owners in regards to the purchase of real property easements for the Vallonia Storm Drainage Improvement project. The notice will be sent out by Trena Carter with Administrative Resources and questions regarding the notice shall be directed to Trena. Commissioners approved the notice.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin presented a letter which was requested by Marvin Huffman listing items to be completed to bring roads in Lake Leslie up to code.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin presented a Letter of Understanding from INDOT announcing the closing of S.R. 11 at the I-65 interchange for Commissioners approval. S.R. 11 will close shortly after May 30, 2011 due to a pavement replacement project. S.R. 11 is expected to be closed until late October 2011. The Unofficial Detour will be County Roads 1100 North, 600 East, 1000 North, 700 East, and Redding Road.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners that he has received payment from Hamilton Logging for damages on Thompson Road in the amount of \$1,021.35.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin presented a letter to Eric Brunn with Strand & Associates as notice to proceed with Right of Way work on the Bridge #228 project. Commissioner Signed.

John Schafstall announced that the Jackson County Fair Board expressed their gratitude for the needed repairs made at the Fairgrounds. Jerry Hounshel added that the Fair Board is also discussing a shuttle service during the fair.

Sheriff Mike Carothers submitted the Jail Report and Inmate Meal Report for April 2011.

Emergency Management Director Duane Davis informed Commissioners that the process for submitting claims to FEMA for damages from the recent flooding has begun. Duane also requested approval of a written consent to Indiana Department of Homeland Security to allow the Department to retain and spend \$65,000.00 of FFY 2010 Homeland Security Grant Program funds on behalf of the county for a portable display system for WebEOC. Jerry Hounshel made a motion to approve the request. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Duane Davis requested signature on documents to add District 8 to the Mutual Aide Agreement in order to be covered by insurance. John Schafstall made a motion to approve the request. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Duane Davis reported that there is now a communities alert system on the Jackson County Website for individuals and businesses to sign up for notifications. Duane also informed Commissioners that on May 18, 2011 there will be a National Level Exercise at the Emergency Operations Center which will last for 12 hours. The exercise will simulate an earthquake and will begin at 7:00 AM. Elected Officials are welcome to attend.

John Schafstall thanked Duane Davis for his assistance in placing sand bags at the Rockford Bridge during the recent flooding.

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard informed Commissioners that the Flex Spending Account will allow significant savings for employees. Meetings will be set up with employees.

Jerry Hounshel led the discussion on possibly issuing credit cards to some departments. Attorney Susan Bevers supplied information to assist Commissioners in their decision.

Attorney Susan Bevers presented Ordinance #2011-12 for approval. Ordinance 2011-12 is an ordinance allowing the trustee of Owen – Salt Creek Township to transfer monies collected for the fire protection, both operating fund and cumulative fund to the Owen – Salt Creek Fire Protection District. John Schafstall made a motion to approve. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

The meeting recessed until May 17, 2011 at 9:00 AM.

Jerry Hounshel – President

John Schafstall

Matt Reedy

Debra Eggeman - attest

