

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
June 07, 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.

Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2011 Commissioner meeting as amended. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the payroll of June 3, 2011 in the amount of \$320,315.98 and the claims of June 07, 2011 in the amount of 594,676.95. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

James Anthony appeared before Commissioners informing them of a drainage problem on County Road 800 and Bethany Road in Crothersville. John Schafstall stated that he would like to visit the area along with Mr. Anthony and address the issue at the next scheduled meeting. Mr. Anthony will meet with John Schafstall to set up a time.

Trudy Reynolds with the Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC) appeared before Commissioners requesting funding in the amount of \$31,500.00 for the 2012 budget year. Ms. Reynolds stated that the increase of \$1,000.00 over the amount requested in 2011 is due to needed repairs at the facility. Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the request of \$31,500.00. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Development Director of Aging and Community Services, Carol Davis appeared before Commissioners requesting funding in the amount of \$16,100.00 to help support services for the elderly. Ms. Davis introduced new Executive Director Mark Lindenlaub to Commissioners. Mr. Lindenlaub explained the many programs which the money will help to support. Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the request of \$16,100.00. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Brenda Turner with the Drug Free Council appeared before Commissioners requesting approval of the following grant allocations: 1) Seymour High School - \$4,100.00. 2) Girls Inc. - \$5,947.50. 3) Jackson Co. Drug Task Force - \$8,527.00. 4) Alcohol & Drug Services - \$1,520.00. 5) Centerstone - \$4,000.00. 6) Alcohol & Drug Court Services - \$1,622.00. 7) Community Corrections - \$4,425.00. 8) Drug Free Council - \$9,510.00. John Schafstall made a motion to approve the request. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Carol Brown with the Brownstown Fund for the Arts appeared before Commissioners requesting access to the courthouse and the courthouse lawn on June 26, 2011 to present the Columbus City Band. The program will begin at 2:00 PM. Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the request. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Proof of liability insurance will be submitted to the Auditors office.

Jerry Hounshel stated that he received a call from a person needing access to Beetle Cemetery in Vernon Township. Several trucks are blocking access. Highway Supervisor Warren Martin stated that the issue has been resolved and trucks are moved.

Commissioners reviewed a draft of Resolution 2011-10 which is a resolution for regulating the use of county credit cards. After much discussion Matt Reedy made a motion to table the issue to allow more time to review. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners discussed implementing a 4-day work week for the county highway employees. Highway Supervisor Warren Martin requested additional time to speak with the employees.

Brad Isaacs with Janssen & Spaans Engineering provided an update on the Medora Covered Bridge Project. Highway Supervisor Warren Martin stated that there will be a ribbon cutting on July 12, 2011 at 1:30 PM and signage will be placed to direct the public to the bridge.

Morris Tippen appeared before Commissioners expressing his concern that security cameras have not been placed at the Medora Covered Bridge. The Medora Covered Bridge group has raised money to help with security items at the bridge. Jerry Hounshel agreed that security is needed but stated that the historical value of the bridge must be considered also. More time is needed to allow Commissioners to find out exactly what is permitted. Brad Isaacs stated that he will contact INDOT with the issues to ensure that the historical value is not jeopardized.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin submitted a progress report from Bernardin-Lochmueller & Associates on Bridge #195.

Commissioners signed a Farm Lease Agreement with Plummer Hay Farm for approximately 20 acres of hay on county property.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin gave an update on the paving projects.

Emergency Management Director Duane Davis submitted the 2010 Emergency Management Performance Grant-Salaries Sub-Grant Agreement for approval. This agreement will enable the State to make a sub-grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to Jackson County for an amount not to exceed \$31,508.34. Matt Reedy made a motion to approve. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

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

Matt Reedy announced that the grant for Pershing Township Fire Department has been approved.

Matt Reedy requested that Emergency Management Director Duane Davis look in to possible future grants to assists towns hit hard by storms. The Town of Medora was recently hit hard by a storm.

Melvin Beeker with RQAW appeared before Commissioners requesting consideration to serve as the counties on call Engineer and Architect.

The meeting recessed until June 21, 2011 at 9:00 AM

Jerry Hounshel – President

Matt Reedy

John Schafstall

Debra Eggeman - attest

