

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
June 21, 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 June 07, 2011 as presented. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the payroll of June 17, 2011 in the amount of \$328,738.89. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Sheriff Mike Carothers informed Commissioners that he has met with Clint Brown, the new owner of the facility where the Canine Control Officer takes animals which have been picked up. Mr. Brown has made a proposal whereas he will make upgrades to the facility which is much needed. Jerry Hounshel stated that the Canine Control Committee which consists of himself, Debbie Hackman and Brian Thompson viewed the facility on June 17, 2011. The Committee believes the changes will meet the current needs of the county. Mr. Brown proposed a \$600.00 a month charge (including utilities) for monthly rent. John Schafstall made a motion to approve contingent upon the approval of the County Council. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Juvenile Detention Center Director Connie Schrader submitted the Center's report for May 2011.

Trena Carter with Administrative Resources gave an update on the Pershing Township Fire Department project. Also in attendance was Joe McDermit, President of the Pershing Township Fire Department. Mr. McDermit thanked the Commissioners for their support. Trena informed Commissioners that the award will be given at the State House on July 13, 2011 at 2:00 PM. John Schafstall thanked Trena for her work on acquiring grant monies. Trena also updated the Commissioners on the Vallonia Storm Drain Project.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin opened bids received for work on Bridge 254 as follows:

- 1) American Contracting & Services, Inc. \$371,189.51
- 2) CLR Contruction \$320,326.62
- 3) Dave O'Mara \$277,160.80
- 4) Duncan Robertson, Inc. \$295,390.80
- 5) Force Construction \$308,587.98

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin and Consulting Engineer Jason Fee recommended low bidder Dave O'Mara Paving. Matt Reedy made a motion to go with Dave O'Mara Paving. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Community Corrections Director J.L. Brewer informed Commissioners that the Advisory Board has met and discussed the opening of a Work Release Center in Jackson County. The building on Tipton Street in Seymour which was formerly the Indiana State Police Post is now vacant and would be a good location. J.L. explained that a letter of interest must be sent to the State of Indiana for use of the building before anything else can be done. J.L. explained how the Work Release Center would operate. Commissioner discussed possible fees to be charged to the inmates. Matt Reedy requested that J.L. contact other counties to get some ideas. John Schafstall made a motion to proceed with the letter of interest. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Attorney Susan Bevers will draft a letter of interest.

Sherry Eaton with ResCare Workforce Services appeared before Commissioners explaining that her job is to contact employers who would possibly be interested in the services of IMPACT (Indiana Manpower Placement & Comprehensive Training). The goal of IMPACT is to assist people on public assistance to achieve self sufficiency. Ms. Eaton works with several other counties in Indiana. The benefits to the employers are the services of additional employees at no cost to the county. This is also a community service as it is helping a public assistance recipient to move toward financial independence. Commissioners directed Attorney Susan Bevers to look over the agreement with ResCare and discuss again at the next scheduled meeting.

Debbie Hackman appeared before Commissioners requesting approval to move forward with plans for the Walking Trail. The funds are now in place and if more money is needed donations will be sought. John Schafstall expressed his concerns going past the County Highway Entrance. John stated that this may be a safety issue with trucks going in and out. Jerry Hounshel made a motion to proceed with the plan which goes past the County Highway entrance. Matt Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried. John Schafstall voted no.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin reported that INDOT has transferred funds from the Bell Ford to the Shieldstown Covered Bridge.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin submitted the final punch list for Medora Covered Bridge. Warren also informed Commissioners that Jackson County has been awarded 1 million dollars in Federal Highway Administration Bridge Funds to replace Rockford Bridge (#228).

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard submitted the 2012 Commissioners budget for approval. Commissioners recommended a 5% pay increase for all county employees. Matt Reedy made a motion to approve as presented. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Attorney Susan Bevers presented Resolution #2011-12 for approval. Resolution #2011-12 in a resolution regulating the use of county issued credit cards. John Schafstall made a motion to approve. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners discussed the demolition of the old house on Sugar Street which is owned by the county. Jerry Hounshel made a motion to advertise for bids for the demolition. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

The meeting recessed until July 5, 2011 at 6:00 PM.

Jerry Hounshel – President

Matt Reedy

John Schafstall

Debra Eggeman - attest