

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
August 02, 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a silent prayer observed.

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

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the payroll of July 29, 2011 in the amount of \$319,983.75 and the claims of August 02, 2011 in the amount of \$1,180,821.56. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jerry Hounshel made a motion to appoint Barry Hall to the Brownstown Township Fire District Board. Mr. Hall has been contacted and is interested. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. The term will expire on December 31, 2012.

David Henson with Architectural Design Concepts and Joe McDermit, President of the Pershing Fire District Board appeared before Commissioners requesting approval of a contract which allows Architectural Design Concepts to provide architectural services for the Pershing Fire Department Project. Attorney Susan Bevers has reviewed the contract. Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the request. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jerry Hounshel stated that the Highway Department has purchased a new rubber tired roller. The Jackson County Fair Association has expressed interest in purchasing the old roller. After discussion John Schafstall made a motion to donate the used roller (Ferguson 9-wheel roller) to the Fair Association. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners discussed proceeding with bid advertisement for demolition of the house at 117 S. Sugar Street in Brownstown. Jason Fee, with Janssen & Spaans stated that he will put together specifications. Advertisement for bids will be made with the opening of the bids scheduled for September 6, 2011 at 6:15 PM.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin reported that five (5) proposals have been received for archeological work for the Vallonia Storm Drain Project as follows:

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| 1) Accidental Discoveries                    | \$749.00   |
| 2) Archaeological Consultants of the Midwest | \$644.00   |
| 3) Archaeological Consultants of Ossain      | \$800.00   |
| 4) Corn Island Archaeology                   | \$3,200.00 |
| 5) Pioneer Consulting                        | \$1,100.00 |

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin stated that after review his recommendation is Archaeological Consultants of the Midwest (low bidder). Matt Reedy made a motion to follow the Highway Supervisor's recommendation. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners that the 2011 paving has been completed. Also, Bridge #156 at Tampico Pike has been completed.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin reported that snow removal and flooding this year has put the department low on fuel. Warren also informed Commissioners of a meeting with the Washington County Highway Supervisor and others at the Cavanaugh Bridge site to update them on progress of the bridge.

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

County Clerk Amanda Lowery informed Commissioners that she has received response from Election Services Software in regards to the termination of their contract. In the response ES&S feels that they will be ready to certify before the 30-day notice of termination arrives. Amanda has Unison Systems on call and ready when the thirty days has past.

Attorney Susan Bevers presented an agreement with A. J. Miller Consulting to provide consulting services for the re-districting of the County Council and County Commissioner districts. The fee is \$5,000.00 for the services. Attorney Bevers also informed Commissioners of a request to purchase software from 39 Degrees North to be used in the re-districting process. It is possible to use the county's GIS program but it will be difficult to work with and more time consuming. Council Clerk Amada Lowery stated that there are funds remaining in the Help America Vote Grant which can be used for the purchase of the software. The cost of the software will be \$2,500.00. John Schafstall made a motion to approve the agreement. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Clerk Amanda Lowery will proceed with the purchase of the needed software.

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard presented a contract with Universal Valuation for renewal of their services for 1-year. For the past several years Universal Valuation has provided services to verify that appraisals for the county are accurate and up to date. Matt Reedy made a motion to approve. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jerry Hounshel read aloud a letter received from a county resident who was very unhappy about the recent closing of the courthouse due to air conditioning problems.

The meeting recessed until August 16, 2011 at 9:00 AM.

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Jerry Hounshel

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Matt Reedy

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John Schafstall

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Debra Eggeman - attest