

Regular Meeting
Jackson County Commissioners
August 16, 2011

Members Present Jerry Hounshel, John Schafstall, Matt Reedy

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

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 02, 2011 meeting as presented. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the payroll of August 12, 2011 in the amount of \$324,288.18. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Daniel Bland appeared before Commissioners requesting the vacation of a public-way for Brookside Drive in Buena Vista Estates. Plan Commissioner Mike Weir submitted findings from the Plan Commission for review. John Schafstall made a motion to approve the request. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Parks Board President Larry Raymer and member Fleeta Arthur appeared before Commissioner requesting a Park & Recreation master plan. Mr. Raymer stated that in order to pursue a grant a master plan must be in place. Ms. Arthur stated that since the Park & Receptions board was established in 1979 but has never had a master plan. Matt Reedy made a motion to approve \$5,000 for the implementation of a master plan pending Council approval. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Angie Stuckwisch appeared before Commissioners requesting the closure of a block in Wegan for the 5k race to be held on September 18, 2011 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. Residents living on the block have been notified. Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the request. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Health Department Office Manager Kimberli Myers informed Commissioners of the resignation of Norma Prewitt from the Jackson County Board of Health. The Board Members recommended Judy Tape to fill the vacancy. John Schafstall

made a motion to appoint Judy Tape. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Clinton Walls appeared before Commissioners requesting the closure of roads in Freetown for the Tractor Pull. Columbus Pike, Second Street and Union Street are the roads to be closed. Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the request and suggested that a donation of \$200.00 for street lights be made by the organization to the Town of Freetown. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Robert Baldwin, Emergency Management Assistant Director appeared before Commissioners requesting signature on a consent letter which will allow the Indiana Department of Homeland Security to retain and spend grant funds in the amount of \$222,850.00 to be used to conduct workshops, to support the quarterly meetings on the Statewide Committee and to conduct the Communications Conference. Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the request. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin requested approval on the following additional appropriation requests:

- 1) \$151,000.00 from the Cumulative Bridge fund for work on Bridge #254.
- 2) \$150,000.00 from the Cumulative Bridge fund for t work on Bridge #104.

Matt Reedy made a motion to approve. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin requested approval of the following transfers:

- 1) Highway Fund \$46.29 from 2-202-223 (weed spray) to 2-202-224 (other supplies).
- 2) Cumulative Bridge Fund \$89,129.59 from 25-225-189 (Bridge 189) to 25-115-156 (Bridge 156).

Matt Reedy made a motion to approve. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jerry Hounshel noted an error which was printed in the Seymour Tribune in reference to the cost of moving bridge #189 to the fairgrounds. The Tribune reported the cost at \$100,000.00 and the true cost was \$2,200.00.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin presented an invoice received from Janssen & Spaans Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$973.00 for demolition specs and asbestos coordination on the house on Sugar Street in Brownstown. John Schafstall made a motion to pay the invoice from the Commissioners Budget. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin presented an update on the Cavanaugh Bridge which was received from Bernardin, Lochmueller & Associates.

Community Corrections Director, J.L. Brewer submitted his annual report for Commissioners review.

Eric Bruen with RQAW gave a report on the progress of Rockford Bridge. Mr. Bruen stated that the project is on schedule for completion in 2013.

Judge Bruce Markel submitted the 2012 Building and Grounds budget for review.

Auditor Debra Eggeman informed Commissioners of a presentation given by Data Pit Stop for new excise software. Debra stated that information will be pulled for the excise distribution from the tax software and GIS software which will provide a more accurate distribution. The cost is \$4,000.00 with no annual maintenance costs.

Attorney Susan Bevers presented a facilities agreement to be made with Dr. Klent Brown for the rental of property located at 1279 W. 100 S. in Brownstown, Indiana. The agreement states that all stray and impounded canines shall be held by Dr. Brown at this facility for a period of time not less than five (5) days. John Schafstall made a motion to approve. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

John Schafstall requested that Plan Commissioner Mike Weir look into how the City of Seymour takes care of abandoned properties. John fees that the county should do the clean up of the properties if necessary and apply the costs to the owners property taxes.

Attorney Susan Bevers gave an update on the termination of agreement with Election Systems Software. Susan stated that County Clerk Amanda Lowery has met with another vendor and Susan is now reviewing an agreement with RBM Consulting. John Schafstall made a motion to approve the new vendor contingent upon the termination of the agreement with ES&S. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jerry Hounshel reported that there are issues at the Juvenile Detention Center which Commissioners must contend with. Jerry Hounshel made a motion to relieve Director Connie Schrader of her duties to be effective immediately. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Matt Reedy made a motion to appoint John Long as interim Director at the Juvenile Detention Center. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

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

Signed this 6th day of September, 2011.

Jerry Hounshel – President

Matt Reedy

John Schafstall

Debra Eggeman - attest

