

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
September 06, 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.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2011 minutes as amended. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the claims of September 06, 2011 in the amount of \$1,300,759.93 and the payroll of August 26, 2011 in the amount of \$317,316.78. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Matt Reedy made a motion to John Long from Interim Director of the Juvenile Detention Center to full time Director to be effective immediately. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Juvenile Detention Center Director John Long presented a proposed restructure of employees. John stated that he would like to eliminate the (3) three supervisor positions and fill the position of Deputy Director. The proposal has been approved by the Juvenile Detention Center Advisory Board and will lower the proposed budget for 2012. John Schafstall made a motion to approve. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jerry Hounshel opened bids received for the demolition of the house at 117 S. Sugar Street in Brownstown as follows:

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| 1) Rust Construction Inc.      | \$11,500.00 |
| 2) Kings Trucking & Excavation | \$9,345.00  |
| 3) Temple & Temple Excavation  | \$15,480.00 |
| 4) Hauer Excavation            | \$9,360.00  |
| 5) Percival Excavation         | \$9,220.00  |

After review of bids by Attorney Susan Bevers and Highway Supervisor Warren Martin, Matt Reedy made a motion to award to low bidder Percival Excavation upon the receipt of a performance bond. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin presented a contract with Indiana Department of Transportation for the Covered Bridge Rehabilitation project for the Shieldstown Covered Bridge for signature.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners that a county auction has been set for October 08, 2011. A notification letter has been sent to all Department Heads.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners of a request from the County Health Department to have a parking lot paved. Jerry Hounshel will contact the Health Department and request their presence at the next scheduled Commissioners meeting.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin submitted an equipment replacement list for Commissioners review.

Ralph Collins with Rumke appeared before Commissioners proposing the placement of a new drive on 870 West. Ralph explained that this will remove the hazard presented when trucks pull into traffic and will be of no cost to the county. Matt Reedy made a motion to approve. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Juvenile Home Director Dan Banks presented quotes for improvements to the Jackson County Juvenile Home. Matt Reedy questioned whether the projects under consideration for the juvenile home would be required to be bid with the common construction wage. Attorney Susan Bevers stated that until January 1, 2012, all such projects would be subject to the common construction wage. Commissioners discussed holding off on the project until after January 1, 2012. Dan stated that there is nothing which requires immediate action and that he will present the proposal again after the first of the year.

Courthouse Custodian Jana Wessel requested approval of a Maintenance Agreement for the Courthouse fire alarm system. Attorney Susan Bevers will review and present at the next scheduled meeting. Jana also requested permission to keep courthouse restrooms open for the annual Melonfest. John Schafstall made a motion to approve the request. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Duane Davis informed Commissioners that District 8 is forming a task force and requested the use of the fairgrounds property as the site for the task force. Matt Reedy made a motion to approve contingent on the approval from the Jackson County Fair Board. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Sheriff Mike Carothers presented the Jail Report and the Inmate Meal Expenditure Report for August 2011.

Sheriff Mike Carothers requested permission from Commissioners to replace the shower base at the jail with marble. There has been an ongoing problem with leakage. Commissioners

discussed various updates needed at the jail. John Schafstall made a motion to allow the Sheriff to make needed repairs. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard presented the reinsurance proposal received from SIHO for Jackson County Employees. Jeff stated that the Insurance Committee has met and recommends the acceptance of Summit Re proposal which will be an increase of approximately 12%. The new rates will be in effect beginning on October 01, 2011. Jerry Hounshel made a motion to accept the Committee's recommendation. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Jeff also informed Commissioners of the kick-off for United Way which will be held on September 27, 2011 at 11:30 AM.

Keith McGinnis with RBM Consulting questioned Commissioners on when a contract would be signed for the new voting system. Attorney Susan Bevers stated that in an effort to protect the county she is requesting that RBM add a clause in the contract stating that the company would refund the county in the event that a judge someday ruled in favor of ES&S. John Schafstall stated that he would like to wait a while before making a decision. Matt Reedy expressed his concern as to the fairness in requesting this clause to be added. Mr. McGinnis stated that he is pretty certain that RBM will not add this clause to the contract. Matt Reedy made a motion to strike the clause from the contract due to time restraints. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried. John Schafstall voted no.

The meeting recessed until September 20, 2011 at 9:00 AM.

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Jerry Hounshel – President

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Matt Reedy

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John Schafstall

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Debra Eggeman - attest

