

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
September 20, 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 9:00 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a silent prayer observed.

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

Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the payroll of September 09, 2011 in the amount of \$318,050.80. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Tom Burk, executive vice president of ES&S Software and Toby McClamroch, an attorney representing ES&S appeared before Commissioners in relation to a contract signed by Commissioners in December of 2010. Mr. Burk gave a brief overview of the company and certified that the system is fully certified by the State of Indiana. ES&S is prepared to fulfill its obligation and requested a time and date to begin. Jerry Hounshel stated that it is in the best interest of the voters of Jackson County to discontinue the contract. Mr. McClamroch stated that there is a contract signed for the delivery of the system and the contract is still in full force. Jerry Hounshel stated that the request to deliver the system to Jackson County has been duly noted. Mr. Burk requested permission to question Commissioners on their decision to discontinue the contract. Jerry Hounshel stated that Commissioners will not take questions.

Superior Court I Bailiff Linda McElfresh appeared before Commissioners requesting approval of a Fire Service Agreement. Linda presented quotes from Siemans and Gruanu. Koorsen Fire and Security is the current company being used but due to continuous problems Linda would like to go with another company. John Schafstall made a motion to award to Gruanu pending the Attorney's review of the contract. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Larry Miller and Dr. Kenneth Bobb appeared before Commissioners presenting quotes for paving the Health Department parking lot. Quotes were received from BP2 Construction (\$9,840), All Star Paving (\$7,372.50) and Myers Paving, Inc. (\$10,065.00). After much discussion John Schafstall made a motion to approve low bidder All Star Paving contingent on Council approval. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jim Phillips with Phillips & Company informed Commissioners that he will be in the Courthouse lobby on Thursday, September 22, 2011 to take picture for employee ID cards. The cards provide discounts to county employees while traveling. Mr. Phillips requested the Commissioner President to sign the cards. In the past Judge Vance has provided signature on the cards. John Schafstall made a motion to allow Mr. Phillips to use the signature of Commissioner President Jerry Hounshel. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jerry Hounshel on behalf of the Fort Vallonia Days Committee requested street closings for this year's festival which will be held on October 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>. The streets to be closed are: 1) Main Street from Commerce to Church Street from 7 AM to 7 PM. 2) Water Street from Main Street to St. Louis Ave from 7 AM to 7 PM both days. Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the request. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Attorney Susan Bevers presented the Local Elected Officials Agreement for Region 9 for approval. Matt Reedy made a motion to appoint Seymour Mayor Craig Luedeman as the Chief Elected Official to represent the county. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Attorney Susan Bevers informed Commissioners that she has reviewed the contract with SimplexGrinnell for fire alarms services for the courthouse. Commissioners discussed the researching companies who will provide both fire protection and monitoring in all county buildings. John Schafstall made a motion to appoint Matt Reedy to do the research before signing the contract. Jerry Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin requested approval of a transfer of funds within the Cumulative Bridge Fund from 25-115-156 (Bridge #156) to 25-115-149 (Bridge #149) in the amount of \$26,724.98. John Schafstall made a motion to approve. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin presented Commissioners with information on the use of a salt and brine mixture similar to what is used on state roads. Warren stated that the use of brine would save money for the county. Jerry Hounshel expressed his concerns on the public reaction that brine is not good for vehicles and suggested making the public more informed about the use of brine.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin presented an update on the work being done on the Cavanaugh Bridge from Bernardin, Lochmueller & Associates.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Commissioners that he has spoken with Percival Excavation and they plan to begin demolition of the house on Sugar Street in the next few days. The demolition should take approximately three (3) days to complete.

Juvenile Detention Center Office Manger Gloria Baughman presented the August 2011 report for the center. Gloria explained that Director John Long was attending the Indiana Juvenile Detention Training and could not be present at the meeting.

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard requested direction on the payment of an invoice from WTH in the amount of \$3,600.00. In the past the Realtors Association has paid this. County Assessor Bev Gaiter explained that the website has been a huge help to her office and she would like to work with realtors on the payment. Tony Gray with WTH stated that he will work with the county on this issue.

The meeting recessed until October 4, 2011 at 6:00 PM.

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Jerry Hounshel – President

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John Schafstall

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Matt Reedy

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Debra Eggeman - attest