

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
July 17, 2012

Members Present: Commissioner Jerry Hounshel, Commissioner John Schafstall

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.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Commissioner meeting as presented. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

John Schafstall made a motion to approve the payroll of July 13, 2012 in the amount of \$333,511.04. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Juvenile Detention Center Director John Long presented his report for June 2012.

Brandon Robbins with Reedy Financial Group appeared before Commissioners requesting approval of the following Ordinances.

- 1) **Ordinance 2012-12 - Ordinance to Establish a Cumulative Fire Fund for Redding Township Fire Protection District.**
- 2) **Ordinance 2012-13 - Ordinance to Establish a Cumulative Fire Fund for Jackson County.**
- 3) **Ordinance 2012-14 - Ordinance to Establish a Cumulative Fire Fund for Owen/Salt Creek Fire Protection District.**

Attorney Susan Bevers stated that she has reviewed the Ordinances and recommends approval. Matt Reedy made a motion to approve all three. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Conrad Calmer with the Redding Township Fire Protection District reported to Commissioners on the building of a new fire station in Redding Township at the corner of Rockford Road and High Street. Conrad stated that bids for construction are due back on August 6, 2012.

Tony Apro and Rob Vollrath with Perfection Group gave a quick review of the presentation made on July 3, 2012. Mr. Apro stated that due to the absence of Commissioner Matt Reedy when the presentation was made he would like to answer any questions which Matt may have. Mr. Apro explained that the next step would be for Commissioner to put out a Request for Proposals. John Schafstall suggested that before making any decisions he would like to form a committee to once more look over the ideas for savings. Commissioner all agreed to set up a committee for the research. Committee members are Matt Reedy, J.L. Brewer, Debbie Hackman, Warren Martin, Jeff Hubbard and Jana Wessel.

Attorney Susan Bevers presented Resolution 2012-16 to establish an Advisory Board for Jackson/Jennings Regional Community Corrections for approval. Community Corrections Director J.L. Brewer stated that by joining forces with Jennings County it will allow Jackson County to receive more grant monies. Jackson County currently monitors Jennings County offenders but receives no additional money from the state. Matt Reedy made a motion to approve. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

An agreement between Jackson County and Jennings County was also presented for approval. The agreement states that Jackson County shall function as the host county and all Community Corrections personnel shall be employees of Jackson County. John Schafstall made a motion to approve the agreement as presented. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners discussed the issue of cell phone reimbursement for the Assistant Emergency Management Director. Robert Baldwin frequently receives work related calls on his personal cell phone. Commissioners agreed that before making a decision that the issue requires more research.

Emergency Management Director Duane Davis informed Commissioners that the state has issued a rule that all counties must have an Emergency Evacuation Plan for the fairgrounds. Duane has prepared the document for Commissioners review. Jerry Hounshel stated that the Fair Board has approved. John Schafstall made a motion to approve. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Duane Davis informed Commissioners that due to the burn ban, Debbie Hackman has made arrangements with Rumpke for a free day of trash pick up.

Jason Fee with Janssen & Spaans Engineering gave an update on work being done on the Shieldstown Bridge.

Eric Braun with Strand & Associates gave an update on work being done on the Rockford Bridge.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin requested permission to begin the process of purchasing a new grade all to replace the one damaged by fire. Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the request. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. An additional appropriation request will be advertised from the cumulative capital fund for this purchase.

Plan Commissioner Mike Weir informed Commissioners that Board of Zoning Member, James Lucas is recusing himself from voting on the proposed confined feeding operation east of Brownstown. Matt Reedy made a motion to appoint Jason Fee to replace Mr. Lucas for the hearing. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Francis Elliot who is on the Plan Commission has also recused himself from voting on the issue. The Plan Commission will appoint someone to fill in for Mr. Elliot.

John Schafstall stated that he has received two (2) quotes for the repair/replacement of sidewalks at Superior Court I in Seymour and the Courthouse in Brownstown. Cooper Concrete submitted a quote for \$26,500.00 and Star Enterprises has submitted a quote for \$27,750.00. Matt Reedy made a motion to go with Cooper Concrete for work needed at the Superior Court I building in Seymour. John Schafstall seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. After considerable discussion John Schafstall made a motion for the Highway Crew to repair work on the sidewalk located on the north side of the courthouse in Brownstown. Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners discussed the condition of railroad tracks in Ewing. Highway Supervisor Warren Martin will do some research and find out who should be contacted.

The meeting recessed until August 7, 2012 at 6:00 PM

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Jerry Hounshel - President

John Schafstall

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Matt Reedy

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Debra Eggeman - attest