

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
October 1, 2013  
6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Jerry Hounshel, Commissioner Matt Reedy,  
Commissioner Tom Joray

All Commissioners were present for meeting.

Commissioner Jerry Hounshel called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a silent prayer observed.

Commissioner Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the September 17, 2013 commissioner minutes. Commissioner Tom Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the payroll of September 20, 2013 in the amount of \$338,326.37 and monthly claims in the amount of \$798,489.99. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

No reports from other Committees were discussed.

Andrea Blair Sheldon, who was listed on agenda, was not in attendance for the meeting. Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin spoke with Ms. Sheldon prior to the meeting about her request of a stop sign to be placed in the Hoenver addition, where she lives. Martin explained that the addition was not county responsibility and that he spoke with Wally Pfaffenberger, the developer of the addition. Pfaffenberger will take care of the stop sign issue for Ms. Sheldon.

Commissioner Jerry Hounshel brought before Commissioners a request regarding road closures for Fort Vallonia Days. The request included areas on Main and Water Streets in Vallonia on October 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the request as presented. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy then performed the first reading of Ordinance #25, Commissioner Bill #18-2013. This ordinance is amending Ordinance #4-2006. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve upon first reading. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Reedy then made a motion to waive second reading. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Ordinance #25 concerned the County Emergency Management/Homeland Security Advisory Council: Power and Duties.

Jackson County Sheriff, Mike Carothers provided commissioners with the September 2013 Jail Report, Meal Expenditure Report and Dog Detention Report.

Jason Fee came before Commissioners with a follow-up on information previously provided regarding the Courthouse expansion project. Fee stated that of the last three properties left to purchase, Dr McGill is currently having appraisals reviewed. McGill has stated that he will have a use for the building until August 2014. Other two properties have not had significant progress. Fee also stated that the two (2) architects interested in the expansion have the following concerns: 1) Moving existing walls in main courthouse. 2) Secure prisoner transport. 3) Courthouse now listed on Historical Registry. Commissioner Hounshel suggested that the expansion committee meet to get opinions and come back to October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Commissioner meeting with recommendation.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

County Attorney, Susan Bevers then presented Ordinance 23, Commissioner Bill 17-2013 for signing. This ordinance was approved at September 17, 2013 meeting. All commissioners then signed Ordinance 23, Commissioner Bill 17-2013. Ordinance #23 concerned the placing of a 40 mph sign on County Rd 300 S in Brownstown Twp. between County Road 100 East and County Road 150 East.

**END OF OLD BUSINESS**

Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin then presented an additional appropriation request for the recycle money in the amount of \$2,669.30 to Hwy Fund 2-202-222. .

Martin then reminded commissioners that the county auction will be held October 5, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. at the Highway Dept.

Martin then presented commissioners with the unofficial detour route for the closure of State Road 58 between Spraytown to Waymansville, in Pershing Twp. located in the northern part of Jackson County, near the Bartholomew County line. The closure is planned for 40 days and is for the purpose of replacing box culverts.

Martin then stated that since the Vallonia Stormwater application was not granted he now needed to contact the Community Foundation, who had given a \$6,500 grant for this project. He stated that he needed to create letter stating that the Stormwater project was not funded but that their funds would be used for the specific purpose of purchasing the ground.

Martin informed commissioners that there was a meeting today with Gohman and Duke at Bridge 228 and that right-of-way clearing would begin this Thursday or next Monday.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard gave an update on the phone system. Hubbard stated that all non courthouse premises installations have been completed. Hubbard stated that the Juvenile Home and Veteran's office have chosen to remain with the old system. Next week, lines will be getting moved for the Planning Commission.

Hubbard then stated that in regards to County Health Insurance, he would like to have premiums set by the first commissioner meeting in November. Hubbard stated that with the differences in the insurance this coming year, he plans on holding numerous informational meetings for employees.

Discussion of the possible county K-9 shelter then followed.

Commissioner Joray stated his concerns regarding this project. Joray stated that he is concerned that a county facility will fill too quickly, that the expense for food and vaccinations will be large, and county liability for inmates taking care of the animals in the shelter. Joray also stated his concern that tax payers cannot afford this project. Joray stated that at this point he could not vote yes to this project.

Commissioner Hounshel stated that the current holding facilities being used are not the answer. Hounshel stated his concern for the entire K-9 program if the county doesn't control a shelter. Hounshel stated that the facility is not intended to be long term holding. He stated that vicious dogs or non-adoptable dogs will be euthanized and adoptable dogs will be available for adoption.

Commissioner Reedy stated that if county does nothing, he fears the county will be going back to the original problem before K-9 program began.

Ellen Mirer, President of the Human Society, stated that as of now they do not have funds to put up a new building and that they need to keep their contract with the city of Seymour.

After discussion of possible K-9 shelter, motion was made by Commissioner Joray to table this topic until the October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Motion carried.

Melvin Beeker, with RQAW, addressed commissioners, stating that if RQAW were chosen for the courthouse expansion, the project manager would have over 25 years experience.

The meeting recessed until October 15, 2013 at 9:30AM.

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Jerry Hounshel - President

Matt Reedy

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Thomas M. Joray

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Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest