

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
May 20, 2014
9:30 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Jerry Hounshel, Commissioner Matt Reedy &
Commissioner Tom Joray

Absent: All commissioners were present for this meeting.

Commissioner Jerry Hounshel called the meeting to order at 9:30AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a silent prayer observed.

Commissioner Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the May 7, 2014 commissioner minutes. Commissioner Tom Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the payroll of May 16, 2014 in the amount of \$ 343,938.74. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. No claims were presented for approval.

Reports from other Committees :

Commissioner Hounshel, on behalf of the Jackson County Fair Board stated that the old front restroom has been demolished and work has begun on the construction of the new facility.

End of Reports from other Committees

Commissioners invited Cliff Sommers and Ray Bachmann to be present at this meeting. Commissioner Reedy, on behalf of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners, presented Sommers and Bachmann a Commendation for their work on the Bicentennial time capsule opening on April 26, 2014. Commissioners stated their appreciation for all the time and effort that was involved in making the historical event such a huge success.

Cliff Sommers then informed commissioners that the Jackson County Historical Society has agreed to accept the contents of the time capsule. He also stated that there is a possibility of an exhibit in the Antique Building at the 2014 Jackson County Fair.

Carol Brown then came before commissioners to request the use of the courthouse lawn and restrooms on June 29th, 2014 for the Columbus City Band Concert. Commissioners agreed to the use of the lawn and restrooms and instructed Brown to file a certificate of insurance with the Jackson County Auditor and to coordinate with Jana Wessel on details of courthouse use.

Jackson County Juvenile Detention Center director, Steve Redicker, presented the detention center's April 2014 report.

Redicker then stated that a purchase of radios will be made for within the detention center. Commissioner Reedy requested that Attorney Susan Bevers look into the possibility of using bond money for this purchase. Redicker stated that he will wait until he hears back from Bevers. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the use of Bond money for the purchase of the radios. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Ron Ratliff, then came before commissioners in regards to approval to continue with the Hoenover Addition Phase 2-Section 3. It was stated that the drawings have been approved by the City of Seymour. After discussion, Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve upon the recommendation of Warren Martin, Highway Superintendent. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

John Long with the Jackson County Drug Free Council, came before commissioners with the 2014 Grant Allocation Recommendation of Funds Use. After discussion, Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the presented recommendation. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Nick Roberts and Greg Horn with the Perfection Group, came before commissioners in regards to a utility analysis that was completed a couple years ago. Commissioner were presented a 'snapshot' of utility usage. Roberts and Horn then asked if commissioners were interested in an updated audit. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to take the information under advisement. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Roberts and Horn were thanked for their time and for the information presented.

Highway Superintendent, Warren Martin, stated that the contract for Bernardin-Lochmueller & Associates for the Cavanaugh Bridge did not show up in time for this meeting. He stated that it is a typical contract. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve pending Attorney Bevers review. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Martin then stated that he has some concerns with agreements for Martha's Vineyard. Martin requested that Attorney Bevers review the contract.

Glen and Nancy Noblitt and Julie Noblitt Moore then came before commissioners with concerns regarding the construction of the new Rockford Bridge. Glen Noblitt stated that he wanted it on record that he has concerns regarding where the causeway is located. Mr. Noblitt also wanted as a matter of record that he may need compensation for the closing of the bridge. Julie Noblitt Moore then asked Commissioner on the time frame for reopening. The Noblitt's were informed that the bridge should be reopened in 180 days (November 2014).

Jana Wessel informed commissioners that she has received two (2) estimates of tree/stump removal for two trees in the courthouse lawn. Goodfellers Tree Service and Barry's Tree Service submitted estimates. After review, Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve Barry's Tree Service to remove the trees/stumps. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Hounshel stated that an additional board member needs to be added to the Emergency Telephone Advisory Board. Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to approve adding an additional member to the Board from Jackson County. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy stated that he would like to make a motion for an amended ordinance to change Advisory Boards to be a recommending body to commissioners prior to hire for Director positions. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Attorney Bevers presented Ordinance #7 -an ordinance amending Ordinance 6 (A) (1993)-for signature. The ordinance was for a Stop sign at the intersection of 900 East and 200 North, stopping southbound on 900 East approved at the May 7, 2014 commissioner meeting.

The meeting recessed until June 3, 2014 at 6:00PM.

Jerry Hounshel - President

Matt Reedy

Thomas M. Joray

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest