

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
May 7, 2014  
6:00 p.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 6:00PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a silent prayer observed.

Commissioner Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the April 15, 2014 commissioner minutes. Commissioner Tom Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the payroll of April 18, 2014 and May 2, 2014 in the amount of \$690,034.87 and claims in the amount of \$582,095.72. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Reports from other Committees** : No reports given.

Commissioner Hounshel stated that Senator Steele's office has requested to use the Courthouse lobby on May 16, 2014 at 1pm. The lobby would be used to honor the Late Judge Robert R Brown with a ceremony renaming a section of U.S. Hwy 50 between Brownstown and Seymour the "Robert R Brown Memorial Highway". Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the use of the courthouse by Senator Steele's office and INDOT. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

County Auditor, Kathy Hohenstreiter, presented a contract from SRI for approval. The contract is for the 2014 tax sale, with the fee dropping to \$70 per parcel from \$75 per parcel. Hohenstreiter stated that June 29<sup>th</sup> will be the certification date for properties to be listed on the 2014 tax sale. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve signing the SRI contract. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin, presented commissioners with the 2013 annual report for signature so it can be sent in. Commissioners reviewed the report and signed.

Martin then presented two (2) additional for the purpose of moving money into contract paving. The additional are as follows:

From CEDIT - \$635,000 for Contract Paving

From Local Roads & Streets - \$358,000 for Contract Paving

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Martin then stated that the following are the paving expense changes from last year:

District 1 - decrease of 3%

District 2 - increase of 2%

District 3 - decrease of 8%

Martin then informed commissioners that IMI has purchased Gomar construction. Gomar was the Contractors for the Rockford Bridge project, but Martin stated that he has been assured that even though the project is under new management the start/completion dates will not be affected.

Martin also presented information he has gathered regarding the purchase/lease/rent of reclaiming equipment. This information was gathered at the request of council.

Commissioner Reedy stated that Larry Goforth had approached him about a road and bridge concern. Jerry Ault with the highway department stated to the Commissioners that he had already spoke with Mr. Goforth about the issue.

County Attorney, Susan Bevers, gave Martin the 811 pipeline survey she had received for the Hwy Dept to complete.

Commissioner Joray requested that a Stop sign replace a current yield sign on CR 900 E and 200 N at Woodland Lakes. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve placing a stop sign on CR 900 E at 200 N. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Attorney Bevers was advised to have an ordinance for the next commissioner meeting.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard, presented commissioners with their May 2014 calendar.

Commissioners asked custodian Jana Wessel about the concern for a couple of trees on the courthouse lawn that needs to be removed. Wessel stated that at time of meeting she has one quote but would like to have time to receive another quote to compare. Commissioners agreed and asked her to bring her information to the next commissioners meeting.

Commissioner Reedy discussed the possibility of inviting Raymond Bachman and Cliff Sommers to the May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 commissioner meeting. He suggested recognizing them with a letter of commendation for their work on the time capsule project and ceremony. All commissioners were in agreement with his suggestion and asked Auditor Hohenstreiter to get in touch with Bachman and Sommers and invite them to the May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The meeting recessed until May 20th, 2014 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