

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
June 16, 2015
9:30 AM

Present: Commissioner Jerry Hounshel Commissioner Matt Reedy & Commissioner Tom Joray
Absent: All Present

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

Commissioner Tom Joray made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2015 Commissioner Meeting. Commissioner Matt Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

After review, Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve the payroll of June 12, 2015 in the amount of \$354,330.29, and Claims for June 16, 2015 in the amount of \$664,389.69. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees:

Commissioner Reedy stated that the meeting held at the Highway Department in regards to the loading/unloading on county roads ordinance was a successful meeting. The group came up with what they believe may be a better solution – a tier structure for penalties within this ordinance.

End of Reports from other committees.

Julie Riggs and Cheryl Kenyon with Thrive Alliance (formerly Aging and Community Service) came before the Commissioners to request \$16,100 to be placed within the Commissioners 2016 budget for the agency. Kenyon discussed with Commissioners services that are done within the county, 2014 expenditures and how the \$16,100 will leverage over 1 million dollars in funding. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve placing \$16,100 in the 2016 budget for Thrive Alliance. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Anne Scarlett with the Jackson County Juvenile Detention Center presented Commissioners with the May 2015 JCJDC report.

Steve Wischmeier then came before Commissioners to request a road closure for the Tampico Tractor Pulls. The closures will be on July 19th & July 20th. The closure will be for a portion of County Road 450 E to 540 S. Wischmeier also provided a copy of proof of insurance to the Auditor's Office. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the road closure that is needed. Commissioner Reedy requested Highway Superintendent is to go to the sight and determine, along with Wischmeier, where the closure signs need to be placed. Commissioner Reedy's motion is for the road to be closed from the points determined when the signs are erected. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Joe Reynolds, with the Brownstown Fund for the Arts, asked for Commisisoners approval to use the courthouse lawn, electric and restrooms on June 28th, 2015 beginning at 2 pm for the Columbus City Band concert. Custodian Jana Wessel has already been contacted and has agreed to be in attendance. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Reynolds then presented the Auditor's Office proof of insurance.

OLD BUSINESS

Donald Schnitker asked Commissioners on the status of the CAFO requirements now that the CAFO moratorium has expired (as of June 15, 2015). Commissioners stated that the Amended Ordinance is now in place and has been since the moratorium was lifted. No new moratorium will be placed at this time.

Commissioner Hounshel then read Ordinance #18, Commissioner Bill #16. This ordinance is amending the current Public Defender Board ordinance. Discussion was held about what criteria was needed for board members. After discussion, Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

END OF OLD BUSINESS

County Attorney Bevers stated that she is working on the loading/unloading ordinance including tiers for penalties, which she should have ready for the next Commissioner meeting.

Commissioner Hounshel stated that in previous meetings the Commissioners had voted to transfer the title of an old ambulance to the Pershing Township Fire Dept. Once approached, Pershing Township stated that they no longer are in need of this vehicle. Driftwood Township Fire Dept has expressed interest in obtaining this vehicle. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to repeal the previous motion of transferring ambulance title to Pershing Township and transferring to Driftwood Fire Department pending their board approval. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard, presented Commissioners with the 2016 budget for approval to submit. After discussion Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the General Fund budget as presented with the addition of \$25,000 for the Jackson County Fair. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioners then discussed the 2016 CAGIT budget. After discussion, Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve submission as presented. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin discussed the following topics:

- 1) Martin stated he has prepared two packets for submission for two roads/bridges to be possible projects-packets contain information for Legislators to understand the needs of Jackson County.
- 2) Stated he is currently having trouble with INDOT in regards to reimbursements regarding bridge #228.
- 3) Shieldstown bridge should have started May 15th and has not begun.
- 4) Salt bids are in from the state at \$72.63 per Ton.
- 5) Currently working of preparing the 2016 budget.
- 6) Bridge Inspection is now back on track with Janssen & Spaans, and the 1st on site inspections are almost completed.
- 7) County mowing should be finished up the first few days of July.
- 8) Chip and Seal program will begin when mowing is finished.
- 9) O'Mara should begin paving next week.
- 10) The Road Hog Equipment used for milling had a lot of issues while the county used it. Martin stated that due to the problems encountered, the price to rent went from \$23,000 to \$15,000.

Martin in closing, stated that the meeting that was held for the loading/unloading ordinance went very well.

Sheriff Mike Carothers then presented Commissioners with the May 2015 Jail Meal Expenditure Report. The Sheriff also stated that a Jail inspection was held last Tuesday and all went well. The only issue found was with overcrowding.

Commissioner Joray then brought up the paving/road issue at Martha's Vineyard. After discussion, Attorney Bevers and the other Commissioners advised Commissioner Joray to call the Developer of the subdivision.

Commissioners recessed until Tuesday, July 7th, 2015 at 6:00PM.

Jerry Hounshel – President

Matt Reedy

Thomas M. Joray

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest