

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
May 17, 2016  
9:30 AM

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

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

Commissioner Jerry Hounshel made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2016 Commissioner Meeting, Commissioner Matt Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

After review of claims and payroll, Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to approve the payroll of May 13th, 2016 in the amount of \$390,285.93, along with claims for May 17, 2016, in the amount of \$1,171,993.04. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

**Reports from other Committees:** None

Anne Scarlett with the Jackson County Juvenile Detention Center presented the April 2016 Detention Center Report.

Assessor Katie Kaufman presented the Form 11 Contract for approval. The contract was reviewed by Commissioners. Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to approve pending Attorney review. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Brenda Turner with the Drug Free Council came before Commissioners with the Drug Free Council Grant for approval. After review, Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to approve as presented. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Robert Brock and Tim Burbrink, two farmers that are affected by the Cypress Lake Lane issue appeared before Commissioners to discuss this issue further. Upon discussion, it appears that there is still confusion as to which road is given to the County in a 'Trailer Brothers' deed. Commissioner Reedy stated that Commissioner Joray had asked at the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting that this issue be table until the June 7 meeting, allowing him time to get with the Joint Drainage Board. Attorney Bevers was advised to talk with County Surveyor Dan Blann to discuss the platted road that is currently in question. Jerry Ault, Highway Supervisor, was advised to look at the condition of the other lane/entrance further south.

Wally Pfaffenberger then appeared before Commissioners in regards to the maintenance bonds in place for the Hoeverer Addition, Phase III, Sections 1 & 2. Stating that all paving, curbs and gutters and drainage is complete he now asks to be moved from maintenance to Performance Bond. Jerry Ault has inspected this area and stated that no issues were found. Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two(2) yes votes, motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to add Middle Street in Vallonia to county road inventory. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

**END OF OLD BUSINESS**

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard appeared before Commissioners, stating that he will begin working on the 2017 Budget, reminding Commissioners that the \$25,000 Fair amount is in the 2016 Bond for the next 3 years, so it does not need to appear in the Commissioners budget and inquired about keeping the Service contract amount at \$20,000. Hubbard also informed Commissioners that he is signed up for a webinar starting at 1pm today in regards to the State Mandated Internal Control changes that have to be made. Hubbard invited anyone who wanted to, to sit in on the webinar.

Sheriff Mike Carothers presented a photo to Commissioners of a jail pod at approximately 8 am on Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Discussion on Jail overcrowding followed. Commissioner Reedy advised Auditor Hohenstreiter to look into possible areas to get funds from in order to transform the current room at the Jail into a 32 room pod. This change is estimated to cost \$450,000.

Highway Superintendent, Jerry Ault came before Commissioners with the following:

1. The Driftwood Bridge dedication is set for May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. All is on schedule in regards to this bridge.
2. There has been no progress on the Shieldstown Covered Bridge. INDOT has informed that they will not budge on previous deadline.
3. 27-28 miles of Paving for 2016 has been completed.
4. Reclaiming machine arrived yesterday. There is currently 7 mile to complete.

Commissioner Reedy then read Ordinance #9, Commissioner Bill #9 in regards to the unofficial detour route on Highway 31 to have a maximum speed limit of 40 mph and to be revisited prior to December 31, 2016. Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Hounshel stated that Commissioners need to be thinking/preparing for the transgender restroom issue.

Commissioners recessed until Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at 6:00PM.

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Matt Reedy – President

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Jerry Hounshel

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Thomas M. Joray

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Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest