

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
June 7th, 2016
6:00 PM

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

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

Commissioner Jerry Hounshel made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2016 Commissioner Meeting, Commissioner Matt Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Tom Joray abstained due to his absence from the meeting.

After review, Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve the payroll of May 27th, 2016 in the amount of \$383,442.46, along with Claims for June 7, 2016, including electronic checks, in the amount of \$7,391,833.91. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three(3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees: Commissioner Hounshel stated that four roofs at the fairgrounds have been replaced. He stated that there are two more buildings to go. Commissioner Hounshel stated that he attended the Community Crossings Grant Funding meeting at INDOT.

Plan Commissioner, Conner Barnette then appeared before Commissioners. Barnette stated that in regards to the Joe Peters property in Vallonia, no appeal has been filed. Peters has until June 9th to do this. The second letter, which states the fines, has been sent. Commissioner Hounshel stated that he drives past this property daily and that no cleanup has begun. Attorney Susan Bevers advised that the next step is to file a complaint in the Clerk's office. Commissioners then advised Barnette to acquire three (3) quotes for cleanup.

Conner Barnette and Paul Ramsey with the Health Dept. then discussed with Commissioners a complaint received regarding the Purvis property in Sparksville. This property has been looked at by the Health Dept as well as CPS. The children have been removed and deemed unlivable for children. Discussion was held about the public health in regard to this property. Attorney Bevers was advised by Commissioners to look into the legal process in regards to the Peters and Purvis properties.

Conner Barnette then asked for advisement in regards to foreclosed properties and weed/mowing control. Barnette stated that he is receiving notifications back from the foreclosed properites because no one is living at the properties. Attorney Bevers stated that as long as the county makes an effort to notify, the county can then go on property and mow. Commissioners advised Barnette to not exceed 1 mowing per month on these type of properties.

Dick Parman, on behalf of the Brownstown Fund for the Arts and the Columbus City Band appeared before Commissioners to request permission to use the Courthouse lawn, steps and restrooms on Sunday June 26th, beginning at 2pm for the annual Columbus City Band concert. Commissioners requested that a certificate of Liability be brought to the County Auditor. Commissioner Hounshel then made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Pete and Helen Johnson then appeared before Commissioners to discuss a flooding issue that is affecting them and their neighbors, Mr & Mrs Soto. The Soto's live right next to the Soccer Field. The

Johnsons stated that they are in full support of the Soccer Field, but ask that the Commissioners try to come up with a solution to the flooding issue that has occurred since the 'field' was replaced with the Soccer Field. The Soto's pool and shed/garage now floods when it rains. Commissioner Hounshel assured the Johnson's and Soto's that the County Surveyor will be out to shoot some elevations and discuss with Commissioners the best solution. Commissioner Reedy assured the Johnsons that he would then contact them .

Attorney Bevers then presented the Materiality/Internal Controls Ordinance for approval. Commissioner Reedy read Ordinance #11, Commissioner Bill #10. Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard stated that he has received a letter of resignation from Mike Hall for his position on the Pershing Township Board of Fire Trustees. Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to appoint Stephanie Mellenbrook to replace Mike Hall. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance #12, Commissioner Bill #12 was presented, and ordinance to accept Right of Way for Public Purpose – regarding Middle Street in Vallonia. Upon review, this was table to verify footage and lot numbers.

Attorney Bevers then presented the Restricted Address Ordinance for approval. Commissioner Reedy then read Ordinance #7, Commissioner Bill #8. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

The Cypress Lake lane issue was tabled until the Joint Drainage board of Jackson and Bartholomew county can meet.

END OF OLD BUSINESS

Duane Davis, Emergency Management Director, presented Commissioners with the bi-monthly report and also updated Commissioners on the following:

1. 2016 Salary Reimbursement – still waiting on this, which is 50% of the salaries of Emer Mgmt.
2. 2016 EMPG – has been submitted with intent to apply
3. 2016 SHSP – gave notice today of intent to apply – will use this for active shooter kits and license plate readers.
4. Davis then asked for approval of the Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan was approved at the May 4, 2016 meeting, Commissioners signed the plan.
5. Davis then stated that FEMA has new procedures with paying for disasters and that the county may in the future have to set up a Disaster Relief Fund.
6. The Emergency Management office flooded again last week. After discussion, Jerry Ault will look to find out if putting a check valve in the drain outside the office may help this problem.

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

1. Presented the Bridge #228 Final Inspection for approval and signature. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

2. Presented a Change order for Driftwood bridge for \$2,626.32 to add a drain. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
3. Time extension for Driftwood bridge change to August 31, 2016 due to reseeded of grass in the channel. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
4. Presented the title of a 2010 Ford truck VIN # 1FTMF1EW7AKE03269 to be signed and traded in to Poynter's in Seymour. Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
5. Title 6 Implementation Plan – Commissioner Reedy read Resolution #4, Commissioner Bill #11. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
6. Road assessment Plan – reporting that this plan is 75% complete. This needs to be complete in order to apply for certain grants.
7. Reclaiming is complete as of today.
8. Twin Bridges – received permit from DNR to start on crossing once the water goes down.

Commissioner Hounshel then discussed with Jerry Ault and the other Commissioners, the Community Crossings Matching Grant. This is state fuel tax money that the state will distribute (\$190 million). Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to pursue the Community Crossings Matching Grant. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioners advised Ault to discuss this with Council and bring back options to the next Commissioners meeting.

Sheriff Mike Carothers then presented the May Jail Report, Meal Expenditure Report, Dog Detention Report and the Jail Status Report. Upon discussion, Commissioners also instructed Sheriff Carothers to obtain three (3) quotes on reconstructing the Recreation area into a pod to hold 32 beds.

Commissioner Reedy then discussed meeting with Judges and Sheriff and others to discuss the Jail overcrowding and how best to handle it. Commissioner Hounshel and Joray agreed to allow Commissioner Reedy to try to put this together.

Commissioners recessed until Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 9:30AM.

Matt Reedy – President

Jerry Hounshel

Thomas M. Joray

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest