

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
December 20, 2016  
9:30 AM

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

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 December 6, 2016 Commissioner Meeting, Commissioner Tom Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

After review of claims and payroll, Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve the payroll of December 9, 2016 in the amount of \$389,950.38 along with Claims for December 20, 2016, in the amount of \$369,946.26. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Reports from other Committees:** None

Bid Opening, End Loader for Jackson County Highway Department.

Jerry Ault then performed the bid opening for the end loader. The following bids were opened:

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| West Side Equipment  | John Deere | \$153,000.00 |
| Rudd Equipment       | Volvo      | \$164,970.00 |
| McAllister Equipment | CAT        | \$138,900.00 |
| Wilson Equipment     | Case       | \$175,000.00 |

Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to take the bids under advisement to allow time to review.

Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy then presented Commissioners Tom Joray and Jerry Hounshel plaques to honor their years of service on the Jackson County Board of Commissioners.

Kimberly Myers and Dr. Bunce with the Jackson County Health Department then presented the PHC 2017 contracts for approval. The following were presented:

-Contract for Lin Montgomery (PHC1) – Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

-Contract for Tiffany Jackson (PHC2) – Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

-Contract for Wendy Moore (PHC3) – Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to approve.

Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Myers then stated that on Dec 31, 2016, Health Dept Board Members Joyce McKinney and Fred Perry's terms will expire. Myers stated that both are willing to serve again.

The contract the Commissioners held with Plumer Hay Farms was then brought for discussion. It was discovered that the termination of contract that was voted on earlier this year was sent to the address on the contract, which is no longer the correct address for the business. The refund check for the Spring 2016 rent payment that Commissioner voted to send has also not been cashed by the business. After discussion, Commissioners advised Attorney Susan Bevers to draft a new contract with correct address and some other changes. Commissioners advised Auditor Hohenstreiter was then advised to stop payment on the refund check if not cashed by December 31, 2016.

Arann Banks, Jackson County Visitor Center Director, then appeared before Commissioners to discuss lighting issues at the center. Banks presented a quote from B & C Electric for \$8250.00 for the repair work that needs to be done at the center. After discussion, Commissioner Joray made a motion to make repairs to the lighting, not exceeding the \$8250 quote. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Banks then stated that she will bring quotes to a January Commissioner meeting for phone replacement and for the purchase of a copier.

Commissioner Reedy then read Ordinance #36, Commissioner Bill #19 by title only. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Auditor Hohenstreiter then presented the 2016 Nepotism Forms for review. Commissioner Hounshel made a motion to accept the forms. Commissioner Joray seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent, Jerry Ault then discussed the following with Commissioners:

1. Shieldstown Bridge – Eric Koch's office has now been notified of this issue. INDOT wants to schedule another meeting for after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. The bridge is wrapped and sitting on a solid foundation.
2. The new salt barn is full. The entire 1000T of salt has been received.
3. The brine equipment has been tested.
4. Ault then Thanked Commissioners Hounshel and Joray for all their time and work that was done as Commissioners.

Juvenile Detention Center Director, Steve Redicker then presented the November Report for the JDJDC. Redicker then thanked Commissioners Hounshel and Joray for their time and support.

Commissioner Hounshel then asked what the status was on the Middendorf property. Attorney Bevers stated that she has not received back a 2<sup>nd</sup> appraisal for the property. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Reedy stated that after talking with local Town Council members that the consensus was that the Town of Brownstown would not be in favor of closing Sugar street due to the flow of traffic issue.

Discussion followed that Dr. Kloppenburg should be contacted again in regards to the county purchasing his corner lot.

Auditor Hohenstreiter then presented the LOW contract for approval. This was discussed at the previous meeting and is for Tax Billing software for the Auditor and Treasurer offices. Commissioner Joray made a motion to approve. Commissioner Hounshel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Joray then dismissed himself from meeting.

The Update for the Personnel Policy was tabled until a later meeting.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard stated that the Internal Controls procedure is being implemented. Hubbard then thanked Commissioner Hounshel for his service.

Auditor Hohenstreiter informed Commissioners that the December settlement will be distributed before Christmas.

Plan Commissioner, Conner Barnette, asked for the status of the Joe Peters property in Vallonia. Attorney Bevers stated that she has not received the default judgement back from the Judge. When that is received, a certified letter needs to go out to Mr. Peters stating the date for when the County will go in and clean up the property.

Barnette then presented a year end report for the department.

After discussion, Barnette was advised to approach Council to reinstate the funds for an inspector and also to revisit the fee amounts that the county is currently charging.

Jeff Hubbard then asked when the new East side ambulance station would be complete. Commissioner Hounshel stated that they are predicting late February for a move in date.

Commissioner Hounshel then made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 6:00PM.

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Matt Reedy

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Drew Markel

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Bob Gillaspy

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Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest