

County Board
January 16, 2016

The County Board of Jasper County met in regular session on Thursday, January 16, 2016. The meeting was held in the Board Room, Jasper County, Illinois. Members present were Miller, Fehrenbacher, Kerner, Leffler, Heltsley, Weber, Swick, Haskett, M. Smithenry, Hickox, J. Smithenry and Bierman. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by proclamation according to law by Sheriff Britton.

Sheriff Britton led the board in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Bierman asked for public comments. There were none.

J. Smithenry moved to approve the agenda. M. Smithenry seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Committee Reports:

The Road and Bridge Committee met on January 11. The state inspected the bridge on the CIPS road. A deteriorated diaphragm was found. The bridge will be posted and replaced. Kerner moved to replace the bridge, J. Smithenry seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote. The West Liberty/Dundas water district had a water hydrant damaged and they feel it was by a mower. The cost to repair is \$1583.42. The department is not paying the repairs at this time. M. Smithenry moved to award the Wade Bridge letting to Allendale Gravel in the amount of \$221,976.00. Kerner seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote. Heltsley moved to approve the construction engineering agreement on the Grove Bridge. Kerner seconded the motion. The motion carried. Swick moved to approve the County Maintenance Agreement. J. Smithenry seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

The Sheriff's Committee met on December 30. The light bar on an old squad car was removed and added to a car currently in use to save the department some money. One correctional officer is off on sick leave for an on the job injury and one correctional officer may have to have major surgery.

The Finance Committee met on January 11. The committee discussed over time hours being paid to county employees. All employees must work a 40 hour work week before overtime hours are realized. A letter will be sent to the department heads explaining this. McCoy Heating and Air Conditioning will run the gas line at the Courthouse for the new furnace. Discussion was held on a resolution for ATV use on the roadway. Discussion was held on wages for part time employees. The committee approved the amended 911 ordinance. The current IRS mileage rate is now .54 per mile. The Sheriff is considering a new phone system at the jail for inmate use. There will be a phone in the day room and in each cell block. There will be a phone for the visitors to use also. The County will not

pay out any money, but will receive 45% of what is paid by the inmates to use the phone. Any number can be blocked and calls can be recorded. The phone usage can be limited by the department. Leffler moved to allow the contract with the new phone system. J. Smithenry seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote. Weber moved to approve the 911 amended ordinance with the updated appointments to the 911 board. Swick seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote. The County Clerk would like approval to purchase 2 Toshiba copiers from C I Digital at a cost of \$3,000 each. These copiers are refurbished and less than a year old with a small number of copies on the counters. The current copiers in the office have made 740,000 and 640,000 copies. Haskett moved to allow the purchase of 2 copiers from C I Digital with funds from the Record Storage line. Heltsley seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote. Discussion was held on the 56 page Treasurer's report that is copied each month for all board members. In order to cut back on copy expenses, if someone is not interested in the full copy each month, please let the clerk know. There is always a copy available in the Treasurer's office and the County Clerk's office.

The Ambulance Director addressed the board on a seminar on Medicare billing. This year the seminar that is normally attended by this department is during the director's vacation. The vacation is booked one year in advance. There is an additional seminar in Orlando, Florida on April 12 and 13. The cost is \$1443 for one person to attend the seminar. There is \$3300 budgeted since normally 2 employees attend. This year, only Alzate will be attending. Kerner moved to allow the employee to attend the seminar. Swick seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote with 10 members voting yes and 2 voting no.

Miller moved to approve the six month reports for the County Clerk, County Sheriff, County Treasurer and the Circuit Clerk. Heltsley seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote. Haskett stated he felt everyone does an excellent job on their six month reports.

Haskett moved to send each department a notice on the 40 hour work week. Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

The Building Committee met on January 7. The furnace project at the Courthouse is not moving forward. The contractor cannot be reached by phone. The committee decided to have Greg McCoy run the gas line to get heat to the upstairs at the Courthouse. The water heater at the Courthouse needs a new heating element. There is no news on the 911 remodel project. Steve Jones will give an estimate on the restroom repair in the County Office Building basement. Bids have been submitted for the labor on the concrete for the parking lot at the County Office Building. Smithenry bid \$5400. Goeckner Backhoe bid \$13,750.00 and Ochs bid \$7,128. Miller moved to approve the Smithenry bid in the amount of \$5400 for labor. Leffler seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote. Kerner moved to approve the bid from CCI for the concrete at \$101 per yard. J. Smithenry seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote. Brian Griffith bid \$2100 to tear out the old concrete. The County Highway department will haul the busted concrete away. M. Smithenry moved to approve this bid. Swick seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

The Ambulance Committee met on January 6. The old ambulance has been sold and

delivered. There was a training day at Dynegy that went well. There was a small amount of interest in the newspaper ad for paramedic employment. The web site is not used enough to warrant the cost per year so it will be closed. M. Smithenry moved to purchase six new file cabinets at a cost of \$180 each. Kerner seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote. The new sleep rooms are almost complete. Kerner moved to purchase 4 new beds for the sleeping rooms at a cost of \$1870.14. Heltsley seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

The Animal Control report is in the Board packet.

The Health Department report is in the Board packet.

JEDI met on January 12. This was the annual meeting and they held the election of officers and set the budget and meeting dates for the coming year.

Haskett moved to approve the County Clerk's monthly report. Leffler seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

There was no old business.

Weber moved to approve the minutes of the December meeting. M. Smithenry seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Haskett moved to enter into closed session for the purpose of personnel. Swick seconded the motion at 8:10 pm. The motion was approved on a roll call vote with all board members voting yes. The Board returned to open session at 9:00 pm.

Heltsley moved to lift the ambulance department residency requirements. The paramedics or EMT's must remain at the base or in Newton the full 24 or 48 hour shift. Swick seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Leffler moved to adjourn at 9:03 pm. J. Smithenry seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Linda Huth,
Jasper County Clerk