

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Session

October 22, 2012

7:00 p.m.

Call to Order..... President Speakman

Pledge of Allegiance..... Mr. Kitchen

Opening Prayer..... Mr. Brown

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

September 24, 2012

VISITORS

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Utility - Brown, Elliott and Queen
- Budget & Finance – Kitchen, Smith and Brown
- Police, Fire & Traffic - Smith, Kitchen and Foster
- Service –Elliott, Foster and Jones
- Railroad – Jones, Smith and Elliott
- Building/Recreation – Smith, Foster and Queen
- City Auditor
- Law Director
- Mayor
- Service/Safety Director

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

CORRESPONDENCE

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURN

JACKSON CITY COUNCIL

Minutes from
September 24, 2012
7:00 p.m.
Regular Session

Jackson City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 24, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Jackson City Council Chambers. President Ronald Speakman called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was given, led by Mrs. Jones. The Prayer was given, led by Mr. Brown.

A roll call was taken as follows:

- Mr. Brown – present
- Mr. Kitchen – present
- Mrs. Jones – present
- Mr. Smith – present
- Mr. Queen – present
- Mr. Elliott - present
- Mr. Foster – present

Mr. Elliott made a motion to approve the minutes from September 10, 2012 regular session, seconded by Mrs. Jones. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

VISITORS

Shelly Horvath, Sojourners, spoke on the topic of runaway/homeless youth, see attached. The Generation Now Program, Green Light Program will be having an event on November 7th in Jackson. Mrs. Jones asks if this was going to be publicized. Ms. Horvath replied yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UTILITY – No Report

BUDGET & FINANCE – No Report

POLICE, FIRE & TRAFFIC – No Report

SERVICE

Mr. Elliott reported that committee met September 12th, with the Administration, Mrs. Jones, Mr. Smith, Mr. Queen and Mr. Kitchen to discuss a flood ordinance. Mr. Reed announced there were little unencumbered funds in the general fund and Mr. Sheward agreed. There is a sizable grant through ODJFS, the level is uncertain and amount and when, it may be next spring. Goes to County, Townships then Municipalities. The City should remove the bridge at Manpower and get estimates to clean McDowell Run and overflow ditches. Mayor Heath gave Mr. Elliott the projected cost, \$7500 McDowell Run, \$9000 overflow ditches, \$5000 bridge removal, which totals \$21,500. We would like to see these projects done, this is a starting point. Hopefully we receive funds from ODJFS. This is not the ultimate solution, but a piece of the puzzle. We also discussed runoff from Jackson High School. Mr. Brown asks if this was the pedestrian bridge at Manpower, or Traffic Bridge and cleaning the creeks to Veterans Drive. Mr. Elliott stated specify flood prevention. Mayor Heath stated the continuing program through ODJFS Jobs Program, picked this area, Salt Creek is being cleaned from the city limits to the county line. We have discussed the urgency of this, not sure how long it will take, 4-6 weeks we will have a better idea. The ideal time is late fall, the foliage is gone. If by the first of December we get no help, we will have to prioritize. We will recheck the budget, if we have funds we will start on the bridge next month. The city auditor is concerned about the surplus in the general fund; we will go through it step by step. The ordinance for allocation, CIB, sales tax revenue down, we lost 18% about \$35,000 estimated. We have to reduce appropriations. Also you have a letter to the Jackson City Schools, see attached. Resolution tonight, this is an emotional issue to deal with, want to do everything we can. We are on the right course. If ODJFS can help, maybe they can do everything, we will stay in contact with them.

Mr. Elliott asks do we not have \$21,500 to spend in the general fund. Mayor Heath stated he thought we did, Mr. Reed raised a red flag, would hope some how. Mr. Kitchen asks do we have process for estimates. Mayor

Heath replied Mr. Sheward is working on some. Mr. Kitchen stated he wants to go all the way to Veteran's. He called three contractors, met with one. Did take the time to walk with Mr. Queen, you cannot believe how much debris there is. Easiest portion to clean is Main Street to Veterans; need to specify what we want done. Probably less than \$21,000. Mayor Heath stated McDowell's Run railroad trestle is quite cumbersome. Mr. Speakman stated make sure they have Workers Comp and are bonded. Mr. Sheward agreed.

Mr. Kitchen stated there is an obstruction on the south side of the creek. The bridge is in bad shape. Mr. Speakman stated don't study it to death, don't give false hope. Mr. Queen asks if there was money left over from Harding Bridge. Mr. Reed replied no, little money in 228 instead of general fund. Mr. Brown asks about the tax revenue. Mr. Reed stated the tax revenue is an estimated fund. Mr. Brown stated he thought it was possible to borrow from electric utility fund and pay back. Can we request \$21,500 with the intention to pay back in twelve months? Mr. Reed replied he is still suggesting using 228; we are not using this year. Mr. Sheward stated we will utilize 228 funds; we can always borrow from utility for the bridge. Mr. Speakman suggested having the administration prepare legislation. Mr. Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smith. In a voice vote, all members agreed. Mayor Heath stated bids/proposals will be in the paper. Mr. Brown asks although done as a proposal; do as bid it drags it out. Wants to see something happen.

RAILROAD – No Report

Mayor Heath distributed a letter, see attached. The city will continue with the lawsuit. Thanked the ORDC, we had high hopes, saddened with the result. Mr. Queen asks if any payments from US Rail had been received. Mr. Reed replied no.

BUILDING/RECREATION – No Report

CITY AUDITOR

Mr. Reed stated Ordinance No. 42/43/44 is cleanup ordinances, please pass. Also there have been several meetings with the investment board, trying to work with CD's, not seeing a windfall.

LAW DIRECTOR

Mr. Kirby stated the state, effective next week, and \$25000 to \$50000 on bid requirements. 735.05 amending. Mr. Brown asked does the city have an ordinance that needs updated. Mr. Kirby replied he would check. Also public records seminars, your requirements are satisfied, you can still attend. Mr. Foster asks if \$50000 applied to school boards also. Mr. Kirby replied just municipalities.

MAYOR

Mayor Heath spoke on the success of the Apple Festival, the Jaycees organized a fabulous Ribbon Cuttings, and people look favorable upon us. Congratulations. There are two ordinances 45/46, pay raises for non-union, so they can have the same increase, and this is past practice. Police chief, Assistant, and Service Director, no increases since being here and consolidated jobs. Not a popular position, he is dedicated and knowledgeable.

Mayor Heath announced Trick or Treat will be held on October 31st from 5 p.m – 7 p.m. in all four communities in the county. This is a neighborhood event, worked well last year. The Jaycees will help.

Mr. Kitchen asked if we were back to square one with US Rail, the plan to go forth. Mayor Heath stated he met with Mr. Kirby and Mr. Martin to finalize.

SAFETY/SERVICE DIRECTOR

Mr. Sheward thanked the city employees in the clean up of the Apple Festival, lots of effort to keep the streets clean. Mr. Queen asked about money in the Board of Control minutes. Mr. Sheward stated that was a type.

ORINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 35-12

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE ELECTRIC FUND: TRANSFER OUT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 36-12

AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE ELECTRIC FUND: TRANSFER OUT TO THE ELECTRIC REPLACEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT FUND: TRANSFER IN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Second Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 42-12

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE GENERAL FUND: TRANSFER OUT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Elliott. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Mr. Brown made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mr. Elliott. In a roll call vote, members voted as follows:

Mr. Brown – yes
Mr. Kitchen – yes
Mrs. Jones – yes
Mr. Smith – yes
Mr. Queen – yes
Mr. Elliott – yes
Mr. Foster – yes

In a roll call vote to adopt the ordinance, council voted as follows:

Mr. Brown – yes
Mr. Kitchen – yes
Mrs. Jones – yes
Mr. Smith – yes
Mr. Queen – yes
Mr. Elliott – yes
Mr. Foster – yes

ORDINANCE NO. 42-12 DULY ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NO. 43-12

AN ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GENERAL FUND: TRANSFER OUT TO THE SCMR FUND, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND AND THE GARBAGE FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY..

First Reading

Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Elliott. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Mr. Brown made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mrs. Jones. In a roll call vote, members voted as follows:

Mr. Brown – yes
Mr. Kitchen – yes

Mrs. Jones – yes
Mr. Smith – yes
Mr. Queen – yes
Mr. Elliott – yes
Mr. Foster – yes

In a roll call vote to adopt the ordinance, council voted as follows:

Mr. Brown – yes
Mr. Kitchen – yes
Mrs. Jones – yes
Mr. Smith – yes
Mr. Queen – yes
Mr. Elliott – yes
Mr. Foster – yes

ORDINANCE NO. 43-12 DULY ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NO. 44-12

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING REDUCTIONS OF PREVIOUS APPROPRIATIONS IN THE : COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT FUND: BUILDINGS & OTHER STRUCTURES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Kitchen. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Mr. Brown made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mr. Kitchen. In a roll call vote, members voted as follows:

Mr. Brown – yes
Mr. Kitchen – yes
Mrs. Jones – yes
Mr. Smith – yes
Mr. Queen – yes
Mr. Elliott – yes
Mr. Foster – yes

In a roll call vote to adopt the ordinance, council voted as follows:

Mr. Brown – yes
Mr. Kitchen – yes
Mrs. Jones – yes
Mr. Smith – yes
Mr. Queen – yes
Mr. Elliott – yes
Mr. Foster – yes

ORDINANCE NO. 44-12 DULY ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NO. 45-12

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A WAGE INCREASE FOR THE POSITIONS OF CHIEF OF POLICE AND ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mrs. Jones. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Mr. Brown made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mrs. Jones. In a roll call vote, members voted as follows:

Mr. Brown – yes
Mr. Kitchen – yes
Mrs. Jones – yes
Mr. Smith – yes
Mr. Queen – no
Mr. Elliott – yes
Mr. Foster – yes

In a roll call vote to adopt the ordinance, council voted as follows:

Mr. Brown – yes
Mr. Kitchen – yes
Mrs. Jones – yes
Mr. Smith – yes
Mr. Queen – no
Mr. Elliott – yes
Mr. Foster – yes

ORDINANCE NO. 45-12 DULY ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NO. 46-12

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARY FOR THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF JACKSON TO BE \$61,800 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mrs. Jones. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Mr. Brown made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mr. Kitchen. In a roll call vote, members voted as follows:

Mr. Brown – yes
Mr. Kitchen – yes
Mrs. Jones – yes
Mr. Smith – yes
Mr. Queen – no
Mr. Elliott – yes
Mr. Foster – yes

In a roll call vote to adopt the ordinance, council voted as follows:

Mr. Brown – yes
Mr. Kitchen – yes
Mrs. Jones – yes
Mr. Smith – yes
Mr. Queen – no
Mr. Elliott – yes
Mr. Foster – yes

ORDINANCE NO. 46-12 DULY ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NO. 47-12

AN ORDINANCE OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO TO AUTHORIZE THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE THE EXISTING TRANSFORMER FACILITY AND RISEER POLE AT THE JACKSON WATER PLANT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$25,595 AND FINDING THAT EMERGENCY CONDITIONS EXIST SO AS TO OBVIATE ANY FORMAL BIDDING AND ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Elliott. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Mr. Sheward explained this belongs to AEP; we are building a line to the water plant, essential to purchase. Mr. Brown asks the cost difference if we installed. Mr. Sheward stated the labor to take out and reinstall would result in no savings. Mr. Brown asks the cost of a new transformer. Mr. Sheward replied it is only a year old. Mr. Brown stated we paid to have this installed; now we are buying it back. Mr. Sheward stated we paid for the installation, they still own. Mr. Brown asks if we had requested to buy. Mr. Sheward stated we paid for the installation, probably \$20,000, didn't actually pay for the equipment or transformer.

Mr. Brown made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mr. Elliott. In a roll call vote, members voted as follows:

Mr. Brown – yes
Mr. Kitchen – yes
Mrs. Jones – yes
Mr. Smith – yes
Mr. Queen – yes
Mr. Elliott – yes
Mr. Foster – yes

In a roll call vote to adopt the ordinance, council voted as follows:

Mr. Brown – yes
Mr. Kitchen – yes
Mrs. Jones – yes
Mr. Smith – yes
Mr. Queen – yes
Mr. Elliott – yes
Mr. Foster – yes

ORDINANCE NO. 47-12 DULY ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NO. 48-12

AN ORDINANCE REZONING FROM INDUSTRIAL (I) TO BUSINESS (B-3) 4.555 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED ON STATE ROUTE 93 AND BEING PART OF THE PROPERTY COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS MERIDIAN IN THE CITY OF JACKSON, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First Reading

Mr. Queen made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Smith. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Mrs. Jones made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mr. Kitchen. In a roll call vote, members voted as follows:

Mr. Brown – yes
Mr. Kitchen – yes
Mrs. Jones – yes
Mr. Smith – yes
Mr. Queen – yes
Mr. Elliott – yes
Mr. Foster – yes

In a roll call vote to adopt the ordinance, council voted as follows:

Mr. Brown – yes
Mr. Kitchen – yes
Mrs. Jones – yes
Mr. Smith – yes

Mr. Queen – yes
Mr. Elliott – yes
Mr. Foster – yes

ORDINANCE NO. 48-12 DULY ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 14-12

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING ASSISTANCE OF JACKSON CITY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT AND OHIO SCHOOL FACILITIES COMMISSION TO IDENTIFY CONTRIBUTING FACTORS TO FLOODINGS AS A RESULT OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL FACILITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY..

First Reading

Mr. Kitchen made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Queen. In a voice vote, all members agreed.

Mr. Kitchen made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mr. Queen. In a roll call vote, members voted as follows:

Mr. Brown – yes
Mr. Kitchen – yes
Mrs. Jones – yes
Mr. Smith – yes
Mr. Queen – yes
Mr. Elliott – yes
Mr. Foster – yes

In a roll call vote to adopt the resolution, council voted as follows:

Mr. Brown – yes
Mr. Kitchen – yes
Mrs. Jones – yes
Mr. Smith – yes
Mr. Queen – yes
Mr. Elliott – yes
Mr. Foster – yes

RESOLUTION NO. 14-12 DULY ADOPTED

CORRESPONDENCE

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURN

Mr. Queen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Brown. In a voice vote, all Council agreed. Council adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Tera Brown
Tera Brown
Clerk
Date 10-22-12

Ron Speakman
Ron Speakman
Council President
Date 10/22/12

Green Light Project

Numbers Tell the Story

October, November 2012



Sojourners Care Network is joining the fight against youth homelessness by taking part in this year's Green Light Project, Numbers Tell the Story.

November is National Runaway Prevention month.

Sojourners will be partaking in a number of different activities in four different counties, Athens, Jackson, Ross and Vinton. These activities include presenting Exposing the Numbers Exhibit

in the counties schools, government offices, and other community locations.

There will also be a Social Media Day of Action and Green Sock Day. Finally we

will be hosting a walk in each county to show our support against youth

homelessness. At one point during our walks, we will release green,

biodegradable, and flame retardant sky lanterns. Please take a stand against youth

homelessness with us by joining one of the following events.

Upcoming Activities for Green Light Project

October 5- November 30- Exposing the Numbers Exhibits are placed within communities and schools.

November 1, Thursday- Social Media Day of Action

Every Thursday in November- Green Sock Day

6:30PM, November 5, Monday

Athens County Green Light Project Walk, Athens, Ohio

Start/Finish- Athens County Courthouse

1 South Court Street, Athens, Ohio 45701

Walking Route- To the river, one mile there and back

6:30PM, November 7, Wednesday

Jackson County Green Light Project Walk, Jackson, Ohio

Start/Finish- Jackson County Courthouse Parking Lot

295 Broadway Street, Jackson, OH 45640

Walking Route- To Manpower Park, one mile there and back

6:30PM, November 8, Thursday

Ross County Green Light Project Walk, McArthur, Ohio

Start/Finish- Ross County YMCA

100 Mill Street, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

Walking Route- Through Yoctangee Park, less than one mile round trip

6:30PM, November 9, Friday

Vinton County Green Light Project Walk, McArthur, Ohio

Start/Finish- Wyman Park, McArthur, Ohio

Walking Route- Through North Village neighborhood, less than a mile round trip

Green Light Project

Numbers Tell the Story

October, November 2012

Jackson County

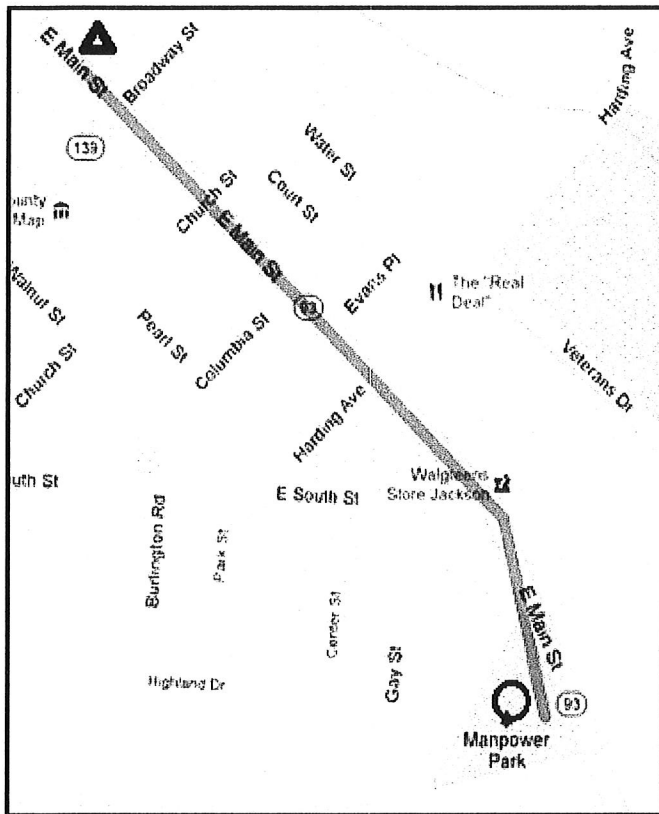
Dates	Jackson County Schools, Exposing the Numbers Exhibit Schedule
October 22-26	Wellston Middle School, Wellston High School
October 29- November 2	Oak Hill Middle School, Oak Hill High School
November 5-9	Jackson Middle School, Jackson High School

Jackson Community Exposing the Numbers Exhibit Locations

October 22-November 30

- LAUNCH Inc.
- Courthouse
- Jackson City Public Library
- Jackson County YMCA
- Commissioner's Building

**Jackson Green Light Project Walk, November 7, 6:30pm,
Jackson County Courthouse Parking Lot**



Jackson County Contact

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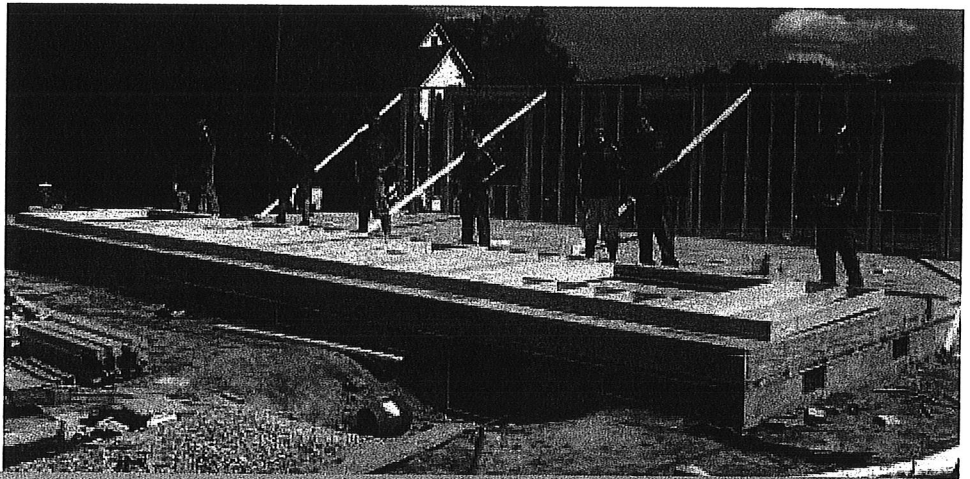


Introduction to Sojourners

Sojourners is an asset-based youth development organization serving Appalachian Ohio. A nonprofit organization founded early in 1999, Sojourners fosters positive development opportunities for children and young adults. The organization provides a variety of programs including: foster care, runaway and homeless youth services, diploma and GED support, employment training, mentoring, leadership education and service learning opportunities.

Our Mission—Sojourners Care Network, a nonprofit organization rooted in Appalachian Ohio, empowers young people to become healthy, responsible, and productive citizens now and in the future.

Our Vision—We envision a day when no young person is considered at-risk, deficient, or a problem to be solved. Rather, young people will be seen as partners in the development of themselves and their communities.



Sojourners Profile

**Over 128,250 service hours
donated to the region**

Special Service Projects

Tinker-Bay Covered Bridge Restoration Project
Cox Covered Bridge Restoration Project
Hope Furnace Restoration Project (in Lake Hope State Park)
Hope Park Construction Project (in Lake Hope State Park)
Ridges Nature Trail
Vinton County Courthouse Gazebo and Flower Boxes
McArthur Park Amphitheater
Vinton County Historical and Genealogical Society Annex Project
Christmas Tree Collection and Wildlife Habitat Project
Vinton County Fairgrounds Signage Project
Food Baskets for Veterans Project

On-going Service Projects

Coordination of Vinton County Red Cross Blood Drives
Assistance with Vinton County Red Cross Disaster Preparedness
Assistance with Care Outreach Food Pantry
MLK Day Celebration Dream Camp Day Camp
Vinton County Quilt Barns Project
Conservation and Natural Resource Projects throughout Southern Ohio

Economic Impact

- Yearly payroll of over one million dollars.
- \$98,156.58 in training stipend paid to participants annually
- \$288,249.72 wages paid to participants in summer youth employment programs
- \$13,443,839 in federal and local grant funds brought into the community in ten years
- 24 full time staff
- Average 15 young men and women enrolled in full time vocational training program annually
- 236 young men and women enrolled in summer youth employment programs
- 23 houses built or rehabilitated for low income families in twelve years

Youth Development Impact (Over Twelve Years)

- 265 young men and women ages 16-21 employed through Youthbuild
- 103 graduates of Youthbuild (80 diplomas earned, 76 GED's earned)
- 60 young men and women enrolled in college or the Armed Forces
- 225 young people in foster care and Youthbuild have received work readiness training
- 1100+ foster youth served in Sojourners foster care homes.
- 210 young people in foster care mentored through the Appalachian MentorCorps
- 145 homeless youth ages 18-21 provided safe shelter, food, and life skills training through Transitional Living Program

Community Partners

American Red Cross
Area 14 Workforce Investment Board
Canter's Cave 4-H Camp
Care Outreach
ESC Group
Forked Run State Park
Habitat for Humanity
Herbert Wescoat Memorial Library
Hocking College
Hocking Hills State Park
Integrated Service Systems
Jackson-Vinton Community Action
Lake Hope State Park

Ohio Apprenticeship Council
Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Rio Grande College
St. Francis Center
Tri-County Mental Health and Counseling
Village of McArthur
Vinton County Board of Commissioners
Vinton County Convention and Visitor's Bureau
Vinton County Chamber of Commerce
Vinton County Local School District
Vinton County Historical and Genealogical Society
Vinton County National Bank
Virtual Learning School



Sojourners Main Campus - 605 1/2 West Main Street
Sojourners Training Center - 62969 US Highway 50
McArthur, OH 45701

740.596.1117, www.sojournerscare.net



July 25, 2012

Dear Superintendent Howard,

As you are aware, during each of the past two years in the month of May, the area around Huron Street in Jackson has been hard hit by high water as a result of a heavy rainfall.

This has affected an area that stretches from Vaughn Street, where our school system's middle school is located, to an area east of the school system bus garage on Huron Street and even beyond Main Street.

I do believe that both the middle school and the school bus garage each received a level of damage as a result of each of these heavy rainfalls.

While Huron Street is in a low lying area and there have historically been periodic high water problems in that area, the high water instances in each of the past two years, especially in 2011, reached what I believe to be an unprecedented level that I do not believe had ever been reached in the past.

Since these two rain occurrences have directly affected two school system facilities adversely, I am sure the school system, like everyone in the city, would like to address every means to possibly limit such occurrences in the future.

Of course, one of the newer features in the area in the last ten years has been the construction of the new Jackson High School on the highest hill in the area. This was an area that I am sure at one time was primarily covered by trees and vegetation that helped to soak up the water from rains and prevented it from running down the hillsides.

Now, obviously, a large part of the area is covered by buildings and blacktop, with a very limited amount of trees and vegetation to soak up any rains.

While I am sure this was addressed in foresight when the school was built, because of these two rain events and our city's renewed effort to help address the issue, I was wondering if our school system could ask the Ohio Schools Facilities Commission to fund a study that would in hindsight see exactly how the water does run off from the new high school location and could this be contributing to the problem, with the knowledge that there are multiple factors that has most likely created these situations.

I would hope that the Ohio School Facilities Commission would be positively swayed into looking into this since this problem has directly affected two vital buildings owned by the school system.

I thank you for your cooperation and I hope we can work together to help address this issue.

Sincerely yours,

Randy R. Heath, Mayor

**RIGHT-WAY CONSTRUCTION INC.
1001 LESMIL ROAD
WELLSTON, OHIO 45692
Telephone (740) 384-6988 Fax (740) 384-6988**

ESTIMATE

To: City of Jackson
From: Right-Way Construction Inc.
Date: September 20, 2012
Attn: George Kitchen
Re: Cleaning and widening of creeks
Man Power Park

Dear George:

Below you will find the scope of work to be performed by Right-Way Construction.

Clean and widen creek running beside Main Street, approximately 470 feet, remove old concrete in creek line.

Widen creek from existing culverts to bridge on Main Street, approximately 200 feet.

Clean out approximately 470 feet of creek line from existing culverts to chain link fence

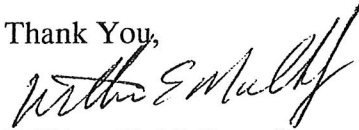
Haul off excess dirt.

Seed, fertilizer and mulch disturbed areas.

Total Cost: \$ 7,825.00

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call me at 740-384-6988.

Thank You,



William E. Mulhern Jr.
President, Right-Way Construction Inc.



OHIO RAIL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Mail Stop #3140, 1980 West Broad Street, Columbus OH 43223

John R. Kasich, Governor • James G. Bradley, Chairman

September 20, 2012

Honorable Randy Heath
Mayor
City of Jackson
Memorial Building
145 Broadway Street
Jackson, Ohio 45640

Gabriel Hall
Chief Executive Officer
US Rail Corporation
7846 West Central Avenue
Toledo, Ohio 43617

Dear Messrs. Heath and Hall:

The Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC), the City of Jackson, and US Rail Corporation entered into a Letter of Intent (LOI) dated October 13, 2011. That letter expressed the intentions of all parties for ORDC to accept a transfer of ownership from the City of Jackson of the approximately 70 miles of railroad lines the City owns in Jackson, Vinton, and Ross counties (hereinafter referred to as the "Jackson Line"). It further stated that ORDC intended to enter into a long-term lease agreement with US Rail Corporation for the operation of the Jackson Line.

One of the critical path items outlined in the LOI was that ORDC and US Rail would develop a draft long term lease. As of September 10, 2012, the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC) and US Rail Corporation have mutually determined that such an agreement cannot be reached.

In light of the termination of negotiations, I am informing you that the Letter of Intent signed by the three parties and dated October 13, 2011, is now terminated.

Due to the uncertainty of US Rail's future on the line, ORDC will not provide funding assistance to US Rail for spur or rehabilitation projects along the Jackson Line. Any projects along the line for which ORDC provides funding assistance will be undertaken directly with the City of Jackson.

Received

SEP 24 2012

City of Jackson



www.rail.ohio.gov

phone: 614.644.0306

IMPROVING RAIL TODAY FOR TOMORROW'S ECONOMY

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. R. Dietrich', written in a cursive style.

Matthew R. Dietrich
Executive Director

Cc: State Representative Ryan Smith
State Senator Bob Peterson
State Senator Tom Patton
Vaughn Wilson, Ohio Department of Transportation, District 9
Greg Murphy, Ohio Department of Transportation
Kevin Potter, Ohio Department of Development