

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
October 16, 2018
9:00 AM

Present: Commissioner Matt Reedy, Commissioner Drew Markel & Commissioner Bob Gillaspy
Absent: All Present

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

Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2018 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

After review, Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve the Payroll of October 12, 2018 in the amount of \$409,395.68, along with Claims, for the amount of \$279,991.92. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees: Commissioner Markel stated that Brownstown Town Council has approved 4 way stops at the corners of Cross St & Sugar St and Sugar St & Walnut St. A Resolution putting these into effect will be signed at the next Town meeting.

Commissioner Gillaspy stated that the Ambulance Board was given the statistic of Overdose runs to date. In 2017, the amount was 94 runs to date. In 2018, the amount is 185 runs to date.

Commissioner Reedy stated that he would like to state that the Jackson County EMS, Schneck in Seymour and Columbus Regional all did a wonderful job when he has his heart attack of Aug 29, 2018.

End of Reports from other Committees.

Jackson County Visitor Center Executive Director, Arann Banks stated that she would like to bring the discussion of the County Seal back to another meeting, as more drawings are being prepared for review. Greg Sekula with IN Landmarks then joined Banks to discuss the Round Barn with Commissioners. Banks stated that a grant has been received from IN Landmarks for \$12,500 to help with the expense of moving the Round Barn to the Jackson County Fairgrounds. Banks stated that currently the need is to get the roof fixed before it can be moved. Banks is also waiting on prices back for the moving of the barn. Please see attached Exhibit 'A' for email communication regarding this issue.

Commissioner Markel then stated that the Committee for the Work Release Center is at the point where they need approval to move forward with additional planning. Interlocal agreements need to be prepared with Seymour and Jackson County for this center, with the option to add another partner in the future.

Commissioner Markel then read Resolution #12, a Resolution allowing the preliminary planning for the work Release Center. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners then instructed Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard to email department heads with a copy to Commissioners, regarding Space Heaters. With the risk that is involved, Employees will be given 10 days from date of email to remove their space heaters. Any space heaters not removed by the employee will be removed by the County Custodian.

Commissioner Markel then stated that a memo will be prepared and given to offices of Approved Office Procedures in the new Judicial Center. This will state what can and cannot be in the buildings/on walls.

Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter then presented the Purdue CDBG Invoice for approval. This invoice is \$18,400 Federal money and \$1,600 Local match. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

The 2019 Holiday Schedule was presented for approval. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the Schedule as presented, allowing for 13 paid holidays in 2019. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

The 2019 Commissioner Meeting Schedule was presented for approval. The schedule allows for the meetings to be held in the courthouse annex and the 1st Tues of each month at 6pm and the 3rd Tues of each month at 9am, excluding January 2, 2019. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Markel then asked that 2019 Board Appointments be brought in December.

Commissioner Markel then made a motion to approve an Engagement Letter with Stifel Nicholas and Company for the Work Release Center. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Gillaspay then read Resolution #13, Commissioner Bill #14. This resolution is for the Transfer of Service weapon to a retired Prosecutor Investigator. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Morris Thomas with Garmong and Warren Martin then discussed the following with Commissioner regarding the Judicial Center progress:

- RQAW in process of punch list
- Continuing to investigate the masonry on the exterior arches
- Cost change summary was presented. Currently \$44,094 has been spent of the \$350,000 contingency funds, with a possible credit of \$8,455.
- Garmong is negotiating with prime contractors and expense of approximately \$5,000. This was for cleaning of interior and for roof curves.
- Security Equipment has been moved into the Foyer.
- The GenSet is approximately \$26,000 (already in contingency report)
- Last Friday, the fiber was ran into the building.
- Security Planters will be ordered and worked into the landscaping. These will be placed around large windows in front of Judicial Center.
- 100 key fobs have been ordered and received.
- 45 parking blocks will be placed in the back parking lot.
- Furniture and phones are in place.

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

- Change Order #4 for the Shieldstown Covered Bridge – Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve Change Order #4 in the amount of \$800.00. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
- Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the NRCS agreement (request for Reimbursement) for the Vallonia Erosion Project in the amount of \$171,820.37. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
- Consultants Services Agreement for Bridge #194 with CivilCon in the amount of \$49,800. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy then stated that he and Jerry Ault met with a Hamilton County Commissioner and a representative from the Hamilton Township Park and Rec Board. The topic for discussion was the Bells Ford Bridge. Three (3) options were discussed and Commissioner Reedy presented the drawings for review.

Commissioners recessed until the next regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at 6:00 PM.

Signed this 7th day of November, 2018.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspay

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest

Exhibit A

Staci Eglen

From: Kathy Hohenstreiter <auditor@jacksoncounty.in.gov>
Sent: Friday, November 02, 2018 2:46 PM
To: 'Staci Eglen'
Subject: FW: Round Barn

From: Sydney Jensen <info@heartlandreclaim.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 6:55 PM
To: Arann Banks <arann@jacksoncountyin.com>
Subject: Round Barn

Hi Arann,

We hope the fair went well.

We were hoping to speak to you in person, we tried to call the office and the voicemail was full, so we decided to email you. We hit a bit of a speed bump last week when my parents were in town visiting. My dad recently broke his foot and the healing process is not going as well as we all expected. The problem is I have a severely handicapped twin brother with cerebral palsy who requires 24-hour care, he is unable to walk, talk, feed himself and without proper care he is susceptible to aspirational pneumonia which for him is life threatening. My dad is my brother's primary caregiver and this role has lead to continued difficulties in the healing process of his foot. We met as a family and tried to come up with a solution that would work the best for everyone. We are also considered primary caregivers for my brother and are able to perform his daily feeding, therapy and hygiene needs.

We have been trying to figure out a way we can still do the round barn and be able to take care of my brother and allow my dad to heal at the same time. My brother does not have a lot of options when it comes to caregivers and we are not willing to take a chance with his care or his well being. This is a very difficult decision for us us but we feel that we have to put my brother's needs first, he doesn't have many advocates so we need to be there for him and his future health.

We have been so proud to be a part of the round barn project; it is wonderful to see a community come together for such an amazing project. We have explored every option to be able to provide quality care for my brother and to continue to be a part of the round barn project. With all the traveling and time we would have to spend away from home it's just not possible for us to do both and we have to put my brother first.

Moving forward, we feel the best thing for everyone at this point would be if you bought us out and hired another company. We are heartbroken over the fact that we won't be able to be a part of this amazing project. If only we were closer it might be possible, but we can't justify compromising my brother's health and well being.

We know that money is tight, we love you guys and we love what you are doing and want to support you in anyway that we can. We calculated what the lumber in the barn is worth, wholesale it comes out to around \$30,000. We don't think it is fair to put that burden on you knowing that you're going to have to find another company. If we could be compensated half that amount, we would be more than happy to write up a contract transferring the rights to the round barn to Jackson County. We will be sure to solidify the collapsed roof to allow you more time to shop for another company.

Please let us know your thoughts and please know what a difficult decision this was for us, again we are very sorry for the inconvenience.

Peter Hildreth
Heartland Barnwood & Reclaim