

**Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
January 18, 2022  
9:00 AM**

Present: Commissioner Matt Reedy, Commissioner Drew Markel & Commissioner Bob Gillaspay

Absent: All Present

Commissioner Matt Reedy called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Silent Prayer observed.

Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2022 Regular Meeting.

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

Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Payroll of January 14, 2022 in the amount of \$480,813.70. and Claims in the amount of \$789,143.33. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Reports from other Committees:** Commissioner Reedy stated that the Indiana Department of Economic Development will be taking point on the READI Grant funds.

**End of Reports from other Committees.**

Eric Simo then addressed Commissioners with concerns regarding semi use/traffic control on Frontage Rd, in connection with the business being built on that road. Frontage Road was previously closed due to unsafe conditions. Simo states that numerous Semi's are traveling that road everyday, hauling in inventory for the new business. Simo is concerned for the safety of other traffic as those semi's maneuver the turns etc. This also causes a hinderance to customers of his store and the tire shop. After discussion, Commissioners advised the Jackson Co Highway Dept to once again review the road situation in the discussed area.

Ronesha Murrell and LaVita McClain then addressed Commissioners in regards to the Death of Ta'neasha Chappell at the Jackson County Jail. After Ms. Murrell and Ms. McClain expressed their concern for the handling of the instances surrounding Ms. Chappells death, Commissioners allowed from other family members and concerned citizens to express their comments on this issue. Due to current pending litigation, Commissioners did not comment or answer questions.

Plan Commissioner, Conner Barnette then presented the following to Commissioners:

- The Jackson County Zoning Ordinance. Commissioner Reedy then performed the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance #3, Commissioner Bill #3 – An ordinance amending the Jackson County Zoning Ordinance. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve upon 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Reedy then performed the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance #3, Commissioner Bill #3. Commissioner Gillaspay then made a motion to approve upon 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and to waive 3<sup>rd</sup> reading. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
- Contract with Naturalscape for the annual poplar/ash tree treatment for \$364.84. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
- HFI Preventative Maintenance Contract – The contract is for the Historic Courthouse, The Judicial Center and the Annex. The contract is for \$14,820.00. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Anthony Branaman, with the Jackson County Highway Department presented 2 unofficial detour routes and provided information on the new scoring system for bridges. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the new bridge scoring system. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Sheriff Meyer presented the July 1 – December 31, 2021 Commissary Report. Sheriff Meyer also presented the December 2021 Jail/Sheriff department reports for Commissioner review.

Duane Davis then presented the EMA County Plan update for Commissioners. Attorney Bevers has reviewed the plan. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Auditor Roger Hurt presented the County 2021 100R for review. Commissioner Markel then made a motion release the information for publication. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners then recessed until February 1, 2022 at 9 AM.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 9:00 AM.

Signed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2022.

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Matt Reedy

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Drew Markel

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Bob Gillaspay

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Roger Hurt - attest