

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
January 21, 2020  
9:00 AM

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

Commissioner Matt Reedy called the meeting to order following the Annual Board Finance Meeting. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and followed by silent prayer. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2020 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Memorandum of Executive Session was presented by County Attorney Susan Bevers for the meeting held on January 17, 2020. Commissioner Markel made the motion to approve and seconded by Commissioner Gillaspay. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

After review, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Payroll of January 17, 2020 in the amount of \$436,556.05 and Claims in the amount of \$1,745,596.93. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Reports from other Committees: None.**

Jerry Hounshel appeared before Commissioners to discuss a joint venture with the County and the Fair Board on the addition of a temporary pedestrian crosswalk on Camp Pyoca Road during the Jackson County Fair each year. The plan is for a crosswalk to be painted, two speed bumps to be installed and Solar LED signs to be placed at the crosswalk. Jerry Ault, Highway Superintendent, gave an estimate of \$1800 for the signs. Commissioner Reedy asked if this could be paid from LIT Public Safety. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve \$1800 in partnership with the Jackson County Fair, pending Council approval on the funds. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Dave Matthews then spoke with Commissioners regarding Jackson County becoming a 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment (2A) Sanctuary County. Commissioner Markel stated the importance of going to the Statehouse with these issues and the importance of voting. Jackson/Brown County IN 2A United is a Facebook page created and administrated by JD Fish, which has received over 1,000 members in the last week. Sheriff Meyers guaranteed that for the span of his term, himself or his officers will not come into anyones home to remove guns that are being held legally. Commissioner Markel invited Matthews & Fish to contact any of the Commissioners at any time.

Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter presented the 2019 100R to Commissioners. The 100R stated the earnings of employees for the entire year. Commissioner Markel made a motion to accept the 2019 100R. Hohenstreiter also stated that the 100 R would be advertised in The Tribune and Crothersville Times. The 100 R will also be posted in 3 places in the county. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Auditor Hohenstreiter then presented the 2019 Funds Report to Commisssoners. Commissioner Markel made a motion to accept the 2019 Fund Report. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Markel provided an update that the Jackson County Revelopment Committee has been formed. One meeting has been held by the committee to establish TIF areas through RDC. This will be going to the BZA tonight, January 21, 2020. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to show support. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Sheriff Meyer stated that the department recently had radio problems. It was determined that the tower is the issue. A claim was started in a previous year when the tower had been damaged. The insurance claim can be used to construct the new tower. Sheriff Meyer is currently working with the State and DCR to get quotes and height requirements and will continue with insurance claim. Commissioners instructed Sheriff Meyer to bring back quotes when ready.

Sheriff Meyer then presented Commissioners with the Semi-Annual (July thru December 2019) Commissary Report.

Sheriff Meyer then presented the December 2019 Jail Report, Meal Expenditure Report, Monthly Statistics and Dog Detention Report.

Councilman Dave Hall provided an update to Commissioners on the Work Release Center. The Seymour Plan Commission passed with a Favorable Recommendation to the BZA, which will meet January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7pm at the Seymour Council chambers. Councilman Hall stated that any attendance would be appreciated to show support for the Work Release Center.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard stated that he is scheduled to meet with the insurance company today on county property/liability. Hubbard will also look into the deductible for the Sheriff tower.

Emergency Management Director, Duane Davis, announced a Cyber Security program that will be taking place on February 19, 2020 from 10am – Noon at The Learning Center in Seymour

Commissioners recessed until the next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 6:00 PM. Starting February 1, 2020 Commissioner and Council meetings will be held in the Courthouse Historic Courtroom.

Signed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

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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