

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
January 7, 2020  
6:00 PM

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.  
Pastor Mitchell McIntyre presented an opening prayer.  
Sheriff Rick Meyer performed the Swearing In of Commissioners for the year 2020.

**Election of Officers 2020:** Commissioner Markel made a motion for Commissioner Reedy for President. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Reedy made a motion for Commissioner Markel for Vice President. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2019 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

After review, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Payroll of December 20, 2019 in the amount of \$417,044.80 and January 3, 2020 in the amount of \$435,540.66. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.  
Commissioner Gillaspay then made a motion to approve Utilities, electronic checks, and other misc checks for the month of December 2019 in the amount of \$28,674,928.75, which included Fall 2019 Settlement. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Reports from other Committees:**

Commissioner Gillaspay presented the warranty papers for the Jackson County Dog Shelter. Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter was advised to retain these in her office.

**End of Reports from other Committees.**

John Beatty then presented the renewal for the county property/casualty/liability insurance for 2020. Beatty recommended keeping One Beacon as the carrier and discussed different coverages throughout the policy. The liability package increased by approximately 11%, with an overall premium increase of 8.28% at \$451,917.00. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the renewal. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Mike Chaveas, Supervisor- Hoosier National Forest then came before Commissioners to provide updates. Chaveas stated that the 2 bridge projects, in which they partnered with the county, are almost complete and that the Houston South Restoration Project hopes to be complete with the planning portion in mid February 2020.

Arann Banks, Visitor Center Director, then asked Commissioner for approval allowing a beer truck to be present for a January 31, 2020 performance and for the Acoustic Fest on April 23, 24 & 25, 2020. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the truck for both events. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent, Jerry Ault then informed the Commissioners of the following:

- The community crossing list was provided to Commissioners and the online application process will begin tomorrow.
- Core samples have been completed on the 100W and 875N hill slide offs, currently waiting for the analysis to come back.
- 2 call for projects were turned in for 2025. Ault has to provide a 20 minute presentation to INDOT on the need for these projects.
- The onsite project meeting with INDOT on Bridge #154 was today. Ault was advised by Commissioners to see if Hamilton County would be interested in the old iron bridge.
- Work has began on the 2020 passer ratings. These now have to be rated from intersection to intersection and be submitted to LTAP.

Commissioner Markel made a motion to appoint Cassie Stilwell to the Jackson County Visiter Center Board. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Gillaspy stated the he, Jeff Hubbard and others met to discuss the county workmans compensation.

Commissioner Reedy stated that he is working to set up a meeting with County Health Officer, Dr. Bunce, local Police Chiefs and Prosecutor regarding the Health Department handouts concerning the Community Drug issues.

Resolution #1, Commissioner Bill #1 was then presented. This is the resolution to establish the meeting dates and times for Commissioner Meetings for 2020. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Auditor Hohenstreiter then asked for approval to pay the 2020 Contract Public Defender, Amanda Goecker, in the weekly Utility runs that correspond with the County payroll schedule. A letter of request has been presented to the Auditor office from the Public Defender. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

The 2020 KCCS contract was presented for cleaning of the Judicial Center. After discussion, Commissioner Markel made a motion to pay claims to KCCS as they come in until further notice. No contract was signed at this time.

The next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 9:00 AM.

Signed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 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