

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
October 1, 2019  
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 and a silent prayer observed.

Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 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 September 27, 2019 in the amount of \$426,037.55 along with Claims, including electronic checks, for the amount of \$2,553,028.44. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Reports from other Committees:** None

Plan Commissioner, Conner Barnette, then came before Commissioners stating that there is still a vacancy on the Plan Commission Board. After discussion, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to appoint Leon Pottschmidt to the Plan Commission. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Barnette then presented a packet of information to Commissioners in regards to Property Maintenance Violation at 3419 W Water St in Vallonia. This property has been an ongoing case for years, however, the house has now been condemned and Barnette would like the property to be cleaned and the house removed. Barnette is estimating the cost to be between \$10,000 and \$15,000. Commissioner Markel made a motion to move forward with the cleanup of the property of 3419 W Water St in Vallonia. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Gary Anthony with the 2020 Census then appeared before Commissioners to ask for approval to use the Courthouse lobby for an Applicants Day and to place a sign on the lawn that day. Anthony stated this day will be either at the end of October or beginning of November and most likely during the hours of 1 -4 pm. Commissioner Markel made a motion to allow Gary Anthony to use the Courthouse lobby for 2020 applicants day and to put a sign on the courthouse lawn. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy then read Resolution #25. This resolution is for the design and build process to continue on the Work Release Center, even though only one (1) quote was received. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve Resolution #25. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner reviewed the 2020 Holiday Schedule. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the schedule as presented. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Jerry Ault came before Commissioners with the following:

- An additional will be needed to complete work on bridge #194 in the amount of \$95,000. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve and move on to Council. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
- The Paving on CR 1150 is currently on going.
- Discussion was held about the intersection of Hwy 135 and CR 680 N. This intersection is dangerous and the county is currently waiting to see what work will be done by the State to resolve the situation. Commissioners were in agreement that if the county is not satisfied with the State's cleaning – that the Highway Dept can go in and finish clearing.
- Highway Dept is still waiting on the 'go ahead' for the EWP projects for 875 N & 100 W.

Sheriff Meyer then came before Commissioners to discuss the option of the Sheriff's Dept having a credit card. After discussion, the Sheriff and Commissioners decided to not proceed with this option.

Sheriff Meyer then provided a follow up on the road discussion from the last Commissioner meeting. The average speed on Curry Road was 43mph. The average speed on CR 250 E was 37mph. Commissioners thanked the Sheriff for his information and at this point no signage action was taken.

Attorney Bevers stated that she will not draft a repeal to the Ordinance 2001-#7 until directed by the Commissioners.

Attorney Bevers stated that nothing further has been decided on the Courthouse Lawn Nativity Scene and additional Christmas décor.

Attorney Bevers stated that she will be watching a video regarding the Opioid Litigation and the Purdue Pharma tentative agreement. After Bevers completes the video the county will then decide to opt in or opt out.

Commissioner Markel stated that the exterior work on the Courthouse windows is complete. The roof of the Courthouse is also complete. Depending on remaining funds, the inside of the courthouse windows may receive cleaning and repair as well.

Commissioners recessed until the next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 9:00 AM.

Signed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019.

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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