

**Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
October 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 Gillaspay made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2022 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Payroll of October 7, 2022 in the amount of \$483,127.00 along with Claims, in the amount of \$314,916.12. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees: None

Craig Luedeman with HWC then presented to Commissioners the Final draft of the Uniontown Sewer Project Study. After review, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to accept the final draft as presented. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Markel followed with a motion to allow the READI Grant Committee to submit the study to IDEC. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Max Brown and Bonnie Klakamp then appeared before Commissioners to discuss maintaining an unplatted road in Shieldstown. Currently a farmer must use Brown's private drive as an easement to gain access to his field. After discussion, Commissioner Reedy stated that he will discuss this issue with the County Surveyor.

Desiree Ottersbach then appeared before Commissioners to ask for a speed limit sign near her address of 5659 W 50 N Medora. Commissioners advised the Sheriff's Department to review the area and the topic will be discussed with the highway department. Commissioners asked that this topic be placed on the next regular meeting agenda.

Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Emergency Proclamation for a county burn ban which went into effect October 14th, 2022. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy then read Resolution #15, Commissioner Bill #10. This resolution is to set a minimum bid for Commissioners Certificate Sale at \$200. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Conner Barnette wanted it stated for the record that he did not meet with anyone onsite as was stated in the earlier Brown/Klakamp discussion.

Anthony Branaman with the Highway Department presented 3 quotes for radio equipment. After review, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the quote from J & K Communications for \$50,206.09. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Branaman then wished to remind Commissioners that it can take up to 5 years to complete a bridge from the beginning paperwork to the end of construction. Bridge #26 is a major concern at this time. He would like to seek Federal Funding/Assistance with this bridge, stating that it is just too large for the county team to undertake.

Branaman then discussed applying for the 80/20 grant for bridge overlay. After discussion, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to let the bid for this project and see the counties position once those are returned.

Sheriff Meyer then presented Commissioners with the September 2022 Jail/Sheriff reports.

Sheriff Meyer also stated that the dog shelter needs additional gravel, possible landscaping and a sign. Commissioners advised the highway department to supply the gravel and asked Conner Barnette to assist with the sign and landscaping.

Auditor Roger Hurt stated that the Commissioners were provided the September 2022 Treasurer's report for their review.

Attorney Bevers also stated that she did not meet with anyone at the property/road in Sheildstown as was stated earlier in the Klakamp/Brown discussion. Attorney Bevers also stated that Mr. Tape (the farmer who was granted the easement) also requested maintenance to the unplatted street. A survey has been conducted by Jonathan Isaacs, which was ordered by Brown, has remained unpaid and therefore has not been recorded.

Attorney Bevers also stated that the Right of Ways have been obtained for bridge 154 and that the documents are prepared for the 100W reconstruction, however, they are waiting on the property owners to sign the documents.

Commissioners then recessed until November 1, 2022, at 9:00 AM.
The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at 9:00 AM.
Signed this 1st day of November 2022.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspay

Roger Hurt - attest