

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
October 2, 2018
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 18 , 2018 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

After review, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Payroll of September 28, 2018 in the amount of \$409,395.68, along with Claims, including electronic checks for the amount of \$2,687,034.21. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees: Commissioner Markel stated that Schneck Hospital has agreed to purchase 1 ambulance per year for the Jackson County EMS, up to \$250,000 per ambulance.

End of Reports from other Committees.

Wally Pfaffenberger, with the Lake Leslie Home Owners Association then appeared before Commissioners to discuss the possibility of the County taking over the roads of the Lake Leslie Subdivision. The core sample report from 2011 was discussed, along with road width, cul-de-sac issues and drainage. Commissioners then advised County Attorney Susan Bevers to draft an agreement stating the exact requirements that need to be met in order for the County to accept the roads to the Homeowners Association.

Jackson County Prosecutor, Jeff Chalfant, then discussed with Commissioners the retirement of Investigator Mick Hudson. Hudson has spent 50 years in Law Enforcement, 10 of which has been with the county. Chalfant stated a retirement party is being planned for late October and asked if the Commissioners would allow that Hudsons service weapon be given to him as a retirement gift. Commissioner Markel made a motion allowing Hudson to keep his service weapon, pending legal review. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Plan Commissioner, Conner Barnette presented the Virgil Steinker Road Vacate for signatures only. The vacate has already been approved.

Commissioner Markel then presented a Work Release Center update. Markel stated that the committee has met and discussing ideas.

The Commissioners then discussed the electronic signature for Grants. Commissioner Reedy agreed to remain the signatory for the electronic signatures.

Highway Supervisor, Jerry Ault then presented the 3 year lease agreement for the 2018 Backhoe for signature. The lease is with West Side Tractor Sales Company.

Commissioner Markel stated he received a request from Fort Vallonia Days to place a banner on the Courthouse fence from October 9 -22, 2018. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Warren Martin provided Commissioners with a Judicial Center update including the following:

- An FF&E fund update
- Most contractors are finishing up and moving out
- Landscaping with start in 1 ½ weeks
- Repp & Mundt will be returning to repair some foundation issues

Commissioner Markel then stated that Martin has been an invaluable asset to this entire project. The project would not be where it is without the Supervision he has provided.

Sheriff Carothers then presented the September 2018 Jail Report, Stats, Meal Expenditure Report and Dog Detention Report.

Commissioner then discussed the Jackson County Dog Shelter. Commissioner advised Attorney Bevers to draft an ordinance stating what breeds will be accepted/not accepted at the shelter and other necessary points, using Red Sky guidelines criteria.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard presented the 2019 SIHO Insurance contract. Hubbard then asked for guidance on what the 2019 premiums should be for employees who take the insurance. The fixed cost of the insurance is set to increase 9 ½ % in 2019. Commissioner Markel made a motion to increase the employee insurance premiums 9 ½%. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Hubbard then stated he received a letter of resignation from Clayton Beard from the Plan Commission Board. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to replace Beard with Leon Pottschmitt, beginning January 1, 2019. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) votes, motion carried.

Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter presented a WTH GIS limited use agreement for approval. This agreement is with the USDA, for the wild pig elimination program. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Markel then had discussion regarding the Kloppenburg property located at 121 S Sugar Street. Commissioner Markel made a motion to present to Council on October 15th, 2018, the Purchase and moving expense not to exceed \$190,000 for this property. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Markel also stated that it may be worth asking Council if they would entertain the idea of investigating the purchase of properties at 214 & 216 E Cross Street for overflow parking in the future.

Conner Barnette then added that the Town of Brownstown has approved a 4-way Stop at the intersection of Sugar and Cross Streets and Sugar and Walnut Streets.

Barnette also stated that the county map is ready to update.

Commissioners recessed until the next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 9:00 AM.

Signed this 16th day of October, 2018.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspay

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest