

**Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
October 4, 2022
9:00 AM**

Present: Commissioner Matt Reedy, Commissioner Drew Markel & Commissioner Bob Gillaspy

Absent: All Present

Commissioner Matt Reedy called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Silent Prayer observed.

Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2022 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve the Payroll of September 23, 2022 in the amount of \$487,027.28 along with Claims, including electronic checks, in the amount of \$2,786,265.76.

Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees: Commissioner Gillaspy stated that Carver Construction has agreed to pay the full amount of the quote from Dave O'Mara for the damage to CR 1240 E in Vernon Township. The quote came in at approximately \$188,000.

Commissioner Markel stated that the HWC report regarding the Uniontown sewer project came back very favorable. There is still a lot of discussion and work to be done for this project.

End of Reports from other Committees.

Brad Isaacs provided Commissioners with an INDOT newsletter and grant information regarding the availability of a Preventative Bridge Maintenance Grant. Isaacs expressed his concern for the larger bridges within the county and encouraged Commissioners to support this grant.

Drew Storey with Clark Dietz also spoke with Commissioners in regard to the Preventative Bridge Maintenance Grant. Storey provided Commissioners an informational handout on the subject stating that Indiana will have \$30,000,000 available for the entire state and that this grant is an 80/20 match. Commissioners agreed to take this information under advisement and to discuss with the Highway Department.

The tax sale agenda item will be discussed at the next regular Commissioner meeting.

Commissioner Markel then made a motion to approve the 2023 Jackson County Holiday schedule as presented. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Dan Banks then appeared before Commissioners to provide a Juvenile Home update. Banks discussed how rules have changed over the years. Banks stated that the Juvenile Home board is currently in the early stages of looking into changing the facility from long term to an emergency shelter. Commissioners discussed how this may be a better resource for Jackson County children and encouraged more research be done. Banks also stated that he has rescinded his retirement letter.

Anthony Branaman with the Highway Department provided Commissioners with quotes from ERS and Deputy Electronics for the radios and repeater needed at the Highway Department. After review, Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve the purchase, not to exceed \$70,000. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jeff Hubbard informed Commissioners that a few interviews have been performed for Juvenile Home Director, with a couple suitable replacements if Dan Banks does decide to retire.

Auditor Roger Hurt informed Commissioners that they have been provided the October 2022 Meeting room schedule and the September 2022 balance of funds report.

Commissioner Reedy then performed the 1st reading of Ordinance #29, Commissioner Bill #9. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Commissioner Markel seconded. This ordinance is to place a 3-way stop at the intersection of 1300E & 900 N. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Reedy then performed the 2nd reading of Ordinance #29, Commissioner Bill #9. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve upon 2nd reading and to waive 3rd reading. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Auditor Hurt stated that the State Board of Accounts is expecting to perform their exit conference soon and that a letter of representation is needed to be completed by the County Attorney before that can be done.

Attorney Bevers stated that the Right of Way documents are prepared for the property on 100W in Hamilton Twp. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the release of ROW for Mark, Sharon, and William Browning. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Markel then made a motion to approve the release of ROW for Brian and Ruth Ann Hendrix. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners then recessed until October 18, 2022, at 9:00 AM.
The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at 9:00 AM.
Signed this 18th day of October 2022.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspay

Roger Hurt - attest