

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
October 6, 2020
6:00 PM

Present: Commissioner Matt Reedy & Commissioner Bob Gillaspay.

Absent: Commissioner Drew Markel

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 September 15, 2020 Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

After review, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Payroll of September 25, 2020 in the amount of \$417,480.51 along with Monthly Claims, including electronic checks, in the amount of \$2,723,671.01.

Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees: Commissioner Gillaspay stated that he sat in on interviews today for the EMS Director position.

End of Reports from other Committees.

Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter informed Commissioners that a portion of Brownstown has been proposed for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. The designated area is both sides of Hwy 50 from the Subway restaurant to Jeff's Car Wash- the Brownstown Courthouse Square Historic District, roughly Walnut Street between Sugar and Poplar Streets and Main Street between Cross and Spring Streets, Brownstown, Indiana. This designation can help businesses/building owners to qualify for tax exemptions for renovations to the buildings.

Commissioner Reedy then performed the 1st reading of Ordinance 27, Commissioner Bill 19. This ordinance is for the rezone of the location of the new Dollar Store in Carr Twp/Medora. The Plan Commissioner passed this with a unanimous favorable vote, and no opposition was given at the Public Hearing. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Reedy then performed the 2nd reading of Ordinance 27, Commissioner Bill 19. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve upon 2nd reading. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

County Attorney Susan Bevers then discussed the Fire Eye Security Contract that was presented by County Clerk Melissa Hayes at the last meeting. The contract would run through December 2022. Currently the Secretary of State is paying for this service through the Help America Vote Act. After discussion, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the contract. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried. Attorney Bevers then presented a Non Disclosure Agreement with Fire Eye Security. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Gillaspay then motioned to allow Clerk Melissa Hayes to sign both the contract and agreement. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Auditor Hohenstreiter then presented a list of days that the Extension Office/4H will need to use the Historic Court Room for a meeting venue in the Courthouse. This list is updated from the previously approved list. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Jerry Ault then discussed the following with Commissioners:

- Crack Sealing of roads will begin soon

- Working on sand beds now, making sure all is ready for winter
- Currently putting down stone shoulders on the roads paved this year
- Currently cold patching over culvert pipes that were replaced this year but not paved this year
- Starting next Tuesday the bridge crew will begin replacing bridge #52
- The road inventory that was received from LTAP was compared to ours and showed 12.441 mile of road that needs added to our inventory. This addition will bring the total miles of roads in Jackson County to 740.544 miles.
- One single axle dump truck is currently out of service after being hit on St Rd 135. It is being repaired. Also, one excavator is out of service due to contaminates in the fuel tank and fuel lines and is currently being repaired.
- One payment has been received for one of the roads damaged by unloading equipment. Waiting on payment for the 2nd road that received damage.
- Applied for and approved a Railroad Crossing Grant in the amount of \$44,325.00. This will be used for marking the railroads.
- Lake Leslie has been paved and looks good. The HOA will need to offer the roads to the county in order for the county to accept them.
- The new mowers have been received and are working on the paved roads to get caught up.

Commissioner Reedy stated that he has heard a lot of misinformation about the Jackson County Canine Shelter since the Commissioners voted to accept the building from the Committee. Commissioner Reedy stated that he believes by working through the items needed to complete, there can be money trimmed off the amount needed to complete the building.

Attorney Bevers presented a letter Requested a \$8,000 transfer from the Community Foundation to the Jackson County Canine Shelter Fund. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners then recessed until October 20, 2020.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 9:00 AM.

Signed this 20th day of October, 2020.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspay

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest