

**Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
November 2, 2021
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 Silent Prayer observed.

Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2021 Regular Meeting.

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

Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Payroll of October 22, 2021 in the amount of \$444,732.69 along with Claims, including electronic checks, in the amount of \$2,626,208.86. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees: Commissioner Reedy stated he attended the Fair Board Annual Meeting which reported the 2021 Fair to be a great success.

End of Reports from other Committees.

Maxwell Mitchell then appeared before Commissioners to ask for approval for use of the Courthouse Lawn on November 16th, 2021 from 10am – 3pm for a Community Gathering. Mitchell stated he is in the process of receiving a Certificate of Liability for the event. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to allow the use on Nov 16, 2021 from 10am-3pm. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Mitchell was advised to provide the Certificate of Insurance to the Auditor's office, prior to the event.

Commissioner Markel discussed the possibility of a Multimedia Display in the Meeting Room. Conner Barnette has been gathering information on outlets, wiring, TV's, etc. The project is expected not to exceed \$25,000. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the project. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Seymour Mayor Matt Nicholson discussed with Commissioners the chance for the county to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement for an EPA Grant. By partnering with the Cities within the County, it opens up the opportunity for parcels within the entire county. The grant is currently in the application process and no projects must be listed at this moment. After discussion, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to pursue the application. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners then discussed the 2022 Commissioner Meeting schedules. Commissioners were presented with options for meeting dates & times. This topic will be placed back on the Dec 7th, 2021 meeting.

Commissioner Gillaspay stated that Concrete Bids for the Dog Shelter are due Friday, November 5, 2021.

Highway Superintendent, Jerry Ault discussed the following with Commissioners:

- The paving of the Health Dept parking lot should be completed tomorrow.
- This will be the last year for the 2009 county paver. It will cost as much to repair as to purchase new.
- 100W hillside – Attorney Bevers has not received the new legals from the County Surveyor.
- The highway department is gearing up for winter.
- The Community Crossings Grant application will open up on January 3, 2022. Preparations are being made for the application submission.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard presented Commissioners with the Board Appointments for 2022 for their review. Hubbard also stated that Insurance open enrollment meetings will be held Nov 22 -24.

Auditor Hurt stated that 4 properties did not sell at the 2021 Tax Sale. The next step could be a Commissioner Certificate Sale. Upon review of the properties information, Commissioner Markel made a motion to hold a Certificate Sale for the unsold properties with a minimum bid of \$200.00. Commissioner Gillaspy Seconded. Three (3) yes votes, Motion carried.

Auditor Hurt presented the Commissioner with a Fund report ending October 31, 2021 and the November 2021 meeting room schedule.

Valarie Baird with Washington County Soil and Water presented information to Commissioners about the Twin Creek – Lick Branch Watershed project. This project will affect the counties of Jackson, Lawrence, Washington and Orange.

Commissioners then recessed until Nov 16, 2021 at 9 AM.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 9:00 AM.

Signed this 16th day of November, 2021.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspy

Roger Hurt - attest