

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
November 17, 2020
9:00 AM

Present: Commissioner Matt Reedy, Commissioner Bob Gillaspay & Commissioner Markel

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 November 4, 2020 Regular Meeting.

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

After review, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Payroll of Nov 6, 2020 in the amount of \$ 431,739.49 along with Monthly Claims in the amount of \$1,398,611.41. Commissioner Markel seconded.

Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees: Commissioner Reedy stated that he has had conversation with Dr. Bunce and Dr. Fish regarding the current COVID pandemic in Jackson County, stating that due to the increase, it is highly likely we will see more stringent rules/guidelines very soon.

End of Reports from other Committees.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard informed Commissioners of the following:

- The annual United Way luncheon was held yesterday at the Judicial Center and will be held today at the Jail.
- Next week are the Insurance open enrollment meetings.
- The county has received the \$675,910.89 remaining CARES Act funding. Several offices already had requests in process when the IFA changed the way they are doing the reimbursements. Discussion followed of what fund this money was received into and what it can be used for.

Highway Superintendent, Jerry Ault, then performed the Bid and Quote Opening.

Bids were received and opened from the following companies:

- Hanson (Hayden Quarry & Scott Co Quarry)
- Blackwell
- IMI
- Dave O'Mara
- Milestone
- Marathon Patroleum
- Asphalt Materials
- Terry Asphalt Materials
- Premier Ag

Quotes were received from the following companies:

- Napa (Seymour and both Brownstown Location)
- Schaeffer's
- Poms
- Best One
- Shelby IMI
- Lucas Ackerman
- WinSupply
- St Regis
- CivilCon
- E3 Bridge

Commissioners took all bids and quotes under advisement allowing Ault to review and bring recommendations to the December 1, 2020 Commissioner Meeting.

Ault then presented LPA Contracts for Bridge #26 & #206 Projects. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the contract for Bridge #26. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Markel then made a motion to approve the contract for Bridge #206. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy then performed the 1st reading of Ordinance 32, Commissioner Bill 23. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Commissioner Markel seconded. This ordinance is for the vacate of 2 unimproved platted alleys in North Vallonia. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. The 2nd reading of Ordinance 32, Commissioner Bill 23 was performed. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve upon 2nd reading and waive 3rd reading. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jana Wessel then asked Commissioners about this winter season's snow removal. She stated she reached out to several companies and could not get any quotes. With this information, Sheriff Meyer stated that inmates can come up and clean off sidewalks and Jerry Ault stated the highway dept can clear the Judicial Center parking lot and the the parking spots around the square.

Wessel then presented a contract for work on the courthouse bell tower. Commissioner Markel made a motion to accept the contract as presented. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy then performed the 1st reading of Ordinance 31, Commissioner Bill 22. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Commissioner Markel seconded. This ordinance is for restricting the closing of county highways by utility providers. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. The 2nd reading of Ordinance 31, Commissioner Bill 22 was performed. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve upon 2nd reading and waive 3rd reading. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Attorney Bevers was advised to email to Utility provider contacts.

Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the 2021 N-I-Tech Contract as presented. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter stated that Commissioner Reedy signed the Disclosure of Elected Official of Contract with Relative (Reedy Financial Group). The document will be uploaded for the SBOA.

Auditor Hohenstreiter stated the 2019 pay 2020 Tax Abatement list was provided for the Commissioners to review.

Commissioner Reedy then performed the 1st reading of Ordinance 30, Commissioner Bill 21. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Commissioner Markel seconded. This ordinance is in regards to political signs on real property owned by the county. The ordinance states that sign placement is restricted to 5:00pm the day before to midnight of election day for any primary, general or special election. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Reedy then performed the 2nd reading of Ordinance 30, Commissioner Bill 21. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve and waive 3rd reading. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners discussed moving to Zoom meetings for December 2020 due to the increase of COVID. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to hold the Dec 1 & Dec 15, 2020 Commissioner Meetings by Zoom. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Markel then motioned allowing Commissioner Reedy to be the signatory for documents at these meetings. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Sheriff Meyer discussed with Commissioners a remodeling of the book-in area of the Jail, creating more distance between employees and the inmates. Commissioner Markel made a motion allowing the change to the building. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Sheriff Meyer also presented the October 2020 Jail Reports.

Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to appoint Troy Nicholson to the Redding Township Fire Board Trustees. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. The motion was followed by Commissioner Markel stating how difficult it is to make these appointments, since Commissioners really have no other say/power once the appointments are made.

A memorandum of Executive Session for August 14, 2020 was presented. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners then recessed until December 1, 2020, which will be available by Zoom.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

Signed this 1st day of December, 2020.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspy

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest