

**Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
November 21, 2023
9:00 AM**

Present: Commissioner Drew Markel, Commissioner Bob Gillaspay and Commissioner Matt Reedy

Commissioner Drew Markel called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and Silent Prayer observed.

Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2023, Regular Meeting. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Payroll of November 17, 2023, in the amount of \$524,212.84 along with claims, in the amount of \$296,787.80. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees:

Fair board reported from their meeting that 2023 was a good year, thankfully! Commissioner Markel and Reedy attended Reedy Financial Meeting for the merger of Brownstown Township and Owen/Salt Creek fire departments. Commissioner Markel advised that one (1) more year of preparation is needed before the merger can happen, and that those discussions will be moved to 2024.

New Business:

Keith Boling, Veteran's Director, thanks the county for the last rewarding and humbling fourteen (14) years to have the opportunity to help our local vets and announced his retirement date is December 31, 2023. With that, Keith introduced Cynthia Bernard, a retired army vet, and made a recommendation for her as his replacement since she has a passion for servicing veterans with her beginning employment date of January 2, 2024. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to appoint Cynthia Bernard as Veterans Service Officer. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioners then presented Keith with a retirement plaque and thanked him for his service to the county.

Arann Banks (not present), Visitor's Center Director, after having a conversation with Conner, is suggesting that a form will now be used moving forward to obtain permission to put signs on the Courthouse fence to alleviate signs being left for extended periods of time. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Miscellaneous Business:

Sheriff Meyer presented Commissioners with the October 2023 Jail/Sheriff report for their review. Also, Sheriff Meyer mentioned the issue of burn bans and possible fines for those that disregard. Discussion followed of how a neighboring county fines residents and disperses their funds. Sheriff suggested that this is something to consider. The Sheriff Dept. is needing approval for three (3) trade-in titles to be released which include: 2014 Chevrolet VIN#8991, 2018 Chevrolet VIN#3395 and 2018 Chevrolet VIN#3963. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jeff Hubbard wanted to let everyone know that county employees are incredibly pleased with the 2024 premium contracts. The only change for the upcoming year will be the prescription card, but coverage shall stay the same.

Commissioners then recessed until December 5, 2023, at 9 AM.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 9:00 AM.

Signed this 5th day of December 2023.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspay

Staci L Eglen-attest

