

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
November 4, 2020
6:00 PM

Present: Commissioner Matt Reedy, Commissioner Bob Gillaspy & Commissioner Markel by phone (due to 14 day COVID quarantine).

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 October 20, 2020 Regular Meeting.

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

After review, Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve the Payroll of October 23, 2020 in the amount of \$436,780.86 along with Monthly Claims, including electronic checks, in the amount of \$2,594,047.61.

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

Reports from other Committees: None

Realtor Rob Millman presented to Commissioners the Lease Agreement and Purchase Agreement with Seymour Community Schools for the purchase of 1420 Corporate Way in Seymour. This is the 'old Superior Court' building. County Attorney Susan Bevers prepared the documents. The purchase is for the amount of \$675,000 and this will most likely close in July 2021. The lease agreement will serve until that time. The Seymour School Board has approved the lease as well. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve both the Lease Agreement and the Purchase Agreement with Seymour Community Schools. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Rick Anderson with Johnson Melloh Solutions discussed with Commissioners the opportunity of the company providing a no cost to the county Solar analysis of the buildings. After discussion, Commissioners agreed that this analysis could prove beneficial to the county and therefore agreed to allow Johnson Melloh Solutions perform the analysis.

Commissioner Reedy then read Resolution #22, Commissioner Bill #20. This resolution is for the CARES ACT reimbursement of Payroll Expenses and allowing the reimbursement to be receipted into the General Fund. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Jeff Hubbard informed Commissioners that he received an email today stating the approval of \$675,000 to be reimbursed to the County for payroll expenses.

Brandon Stott, Redding Twp Fire Dept Chief then appeared before Commissioners to provide recommendations for the replacement of Board member Richard Brakemeyer, whose resignation Commissioners accepted at the October 20th meeting. Commissioners decided to research the names provided and make an appointment at the Nov 17th meeting.

Commissioner Reedy then asked to discuss the 'rules' of placing political signs. He stated that he received a call this year due to the early placement of political signs on county property which was also serving as an early polling site. After discussion, Attorney Bevers stated she will research this topic more, however, the Commissioners would like to see something in place stating that signs can be placed after 5pm the day before the election and picked up before business the day following the election.

The 2021 Commissioner Meeting Schedule was presented. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve as presented. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Dan Banks, Juvenile Home Director, then approached Commissioners to discuss PTO time and his employees. Banks informed Commissioners that with the affect that COVID has had on his staff and residents this year, it has become almost impossible for his employees to take all the vacation time they need, only allowing a certain number of hours to roll into the next year. Banks is asking permission to pay 3 employees, 80 hours of PTO time for 2020 hours that are not able to be taken. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve this change for 2020 for the Juvenile Home. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent, Jerry Ault, then discussed the following with Commissioners:

- The 875 N Project is in closeout phase. The county owes \$126,365.49 for 25% of the grant. Transfers are being made within the budget to pay this bill, which will eliminate the remainder of the 2020 paving money.
- A check has been received from the responsible parties Insurance company for the damage on road 200 N in Owen Township. It has been 30 days since the letter was signed for on damages on County Road 600 N, so this has been forwarded to Attorney Bevers and another letter was sent.
- The LTAP Road and Bridge Asset Management Plan has been completed online.
- The highway dept was informed that a subcontractor for a Utility company completely shut down one of the County roads with no permission to close the road and no notification to the Sheriff's Dept or EMS. After discussion, Attorney Bevers was advised to send a letter to all utility companies in Jackson County informing them that no one can completely close a road without Commissioner permission.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard stated that the United Way Drive for 2020 will be held November 16th & 17th and that Open Enrollment meetings will be held November 23-25.

EMA Director, Duane Davis informed Commissioners that he has been able to secure a grant to help write the Cyber Security Awareness Program. This would include input from N-I-Tech and some department heads. Commissioner advised Davis to communicate with N-I-Tech and see if this lies within their current contract. Davis also stated that the Mobile Command Bus is ready to be disposed of. Commissioners advised to contact Jerry Ault at the Highway Dept to see about the next County Auction.

Commissioners were informed that they were provided the September and October 2020 Fund Reports in their packets of information.

Attorney Bevers stated that the close out forms for the Joe Jackson Renovation Project were received today. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Reedy signed the forms.

Commissioners then recessed until November 17, 2020.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 9:00 AM.

Signed this 17th day of November, 2020.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspay

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest