

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
November 7, 2018
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 a silent prayer observed.

Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 16 , 2018 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

After review, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Payroll of October 26, 2018 in the amount of \$417,041.43, along with Claims, including electronic checks, for the amount of \$2,525,216.27. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees:

Commissioner Gillaspay stated that he met Arann Banks, Greg Sekula (Indiana Landmark), and a contractor regarding George Halls Round Barn relocation.

Commissioner Markel stated that will the elections, some contacts in other counties will be changing in regards to the Work Release Center, so he will be working on discussing this venture with the new contacts.

End of Reports from other Committees.

Brad Schneck with the Jackson/Washington State Forest presented a Timber Sales Check to the Jackson County Commissioners in the amount of \$23,735.52.

Gill Hoene presented to Commissioners a change order for the Jackson County Dog Shelter for a credit of \$2,000. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Allen Patterson, Hamilton County Parks Director and Mark Heirbrandt, Hamilton County Commissioner then appeared before Commissioners to discuss the acquisition of the remains of the Bells Ford Covered Bridge. Discussion was held regarding possible designs and maintaining the Jackson County history of the Bells Ford Bridge. After discussion, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to advising County Attorney Susan Bevers to begin the paperwork, a Memorandum of understanding, and to accept the donation of \$25,000 to assist with Round Barn expense. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Kimberli Myers, with the Health Department, then presented a Lease Rental Agreement for the Cares Clinic to be located at 112 N Chestnut St in Seymour. The Health Department has a Grant that has been approved to use for the Rent, Utilities and Phone expense. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy stated that he would like Attorney Bevers to draft a Reference Letter for RQAW to be reviewed at the December 4, 2018 meeting.

Attorney Bevers then discussed with Commissioners where the county is currently on the Opioid Litigation. Bevers stated that the Judge for the case had requested new information in October which has been provided. Jackson County has submitted everything that can be at this time, and now waiting to hear back.

Attorney Bevers stated that, after several attempts, she has yet to receive a moving expense amount from Kloppenburgs' attorney. At this point Bevers is ready to ask the Court to appoint 3 appraisers.

Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter then presented a CDBG Invoice for \$1,000 for the Commissioners to review. The invoice is for use of the Learning Center. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Auditor Hohenstreiter then provided Commissioners with a list of properties that did not sell at the 2018 Tax Sale. Auditor Hohenstreiter recommended to Commissioners to hold a Commissioner Certificate Sale in March 2019 with a minimum bid set at \$200. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion allowing the Certificate Sale to be held in March 2019, with Minimum bid of \$200. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

2019 Board Appointments – Commissioners are still working on gathering names for boards, so this topic is tabled until December 4, 2018.

Highway Superintendent, Jerry Ault, then came before Commissioners to discuss the following:

- The department will go back to a district setup versus county wide. This will put a crew in each district every day and should improve response time.
- Discussed small structures that need replaced.
- Ault will go to Freeman Field tomorrow to see if any of the Bell Ford Bridge that was stored there is salvageable for Hamilton County.
- No response has been received regarding The Pre-Inspection Inspection that was sent to INDOT 2-3 weeks ago. Commissioner Gillaspay stated that INDOT should be invited to the next Commissioner Meeting. Attorney Bevers will send the invitation.
- Ault then stated that Jackson County was not listed as an Awardee of the 2018 CMPG. This is the second year in a row that Jackson County has been turned down. Ault will be contacting the Scott County Highway Superintendent who had asked Ault for help in submitting their application. Scott County was awarded funds.

Brad Isaacs with Janssen & Spaans then addressed Commissioners, advising them that with the weather turning cool, it would be in the best interest of the county to get a warranty seed bond with INDOT for the Shieldstown Covered Bridge. This bridge had a completion date of July 31, 2016. Isaacs also stated that he has been working on Bridge Inspections for #154 & #197.

Warren Martin then provided Commissioners with an update on the Judicial Center.

- An update was given on the FF&E expenditures Fund.
- November 16, 2018 – the Prime Contractors must be out of the building.
- December 3, 2018 – is the date the courts will begin moving.
- Has advised Morris Thomas to begin the close out documents.
- The swipe keys are all programmed.
- The veterans office will stay and not move to the Courthouse, Judicial Center or Annex.

Sheriff Mike Carothers presented the October 2018 Jail Report, Meal Expenditure Report and the Dog Detention Report.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard then asked about the Security aspect of the Annex once the Judicial Center is complete. Commissioner Markel said that a solution will be presented soon. Hubbard then asked about the Appointment to the Plan Commission Board for Steve Kiel who has resigned. Commissioners need to find a replacement to fulfill the term. Hubbard then stated that Open Enrollment meetings will be held Nov 19 – 21, 2018.

Auditor Hohenstreiter informed Commissioners that the State Board of Accounts has arrived for a Federal Audit of 2016 & 2017.

Commissioners recessed until the next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 9:00 AM.

Signed this 20th day of November, 2018.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspay

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest