

**Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
November 7, 2023
9:00 AM**

Present: Commissioner Bob Gillaspay and Commissioner Matt Reedy

Absent: Commissioner Drew Markel

Commissioner Matt Reedy called the meeting to order.

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

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2023, Regular Meeting. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Payroll of October 20, 2023, in the amount of \$515,512.21 and Payroll of November 3, 2023, in the amount of \$521,751.69 along with claims, including electronic checks, in the amount of \$5,117,209.97. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees:

Fair board meeting is November 8, 2023.

New Business:

Nate Bryant, EMS Director, presented a new software contract with a company named ESO that is comparable in cost to what is currently being used, but this new software comes highly recommended by the state medical director and is leading the way in Indiana. This new software will allow EMS to interface with hospitals to follow up on care. The go live date is January 1, 2024. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Arann Banks, Visitor's Center Director, is seeking approval for the use of the Courthouse on December 7, 2023, for the annual Hometown Christmas from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried. Also, Arann is looking for suggestions to remedy an overused pass thru traffic issue in the Visitor Center's parking lot. She requested a commissioner come to look at the options of remedying the current situation. Commissioner Gillaspay will go assess the parking lot and advise on solutions. Finally, Arann stated after having a conversation with Conner that a form will now be used moving forward to permission to put signs on the Courthouse fence to alleviate signs being left up year around or for extended periods of time.

Karla Hubbard, Health Dept. Administrator, along with Lindsey Sarver from Schneck Medical Center, presented a new grant opportunity for review. The Health Dept. will be the main overseer of the grant although it will be tied to Schneck and Centerstone. Karla is asking permission to apply for the Street Outreach (RCO) Grant in the amount of \$112,000.00. The reason for applying for the grant is to provide funding to put a team together to put efforts towards the opioid epidemic and addiction in Jackson County to assist individuals experiencing these situations, their families and communities. Due date for the grant is November 20, 2023. If awarded the grant, it will run through the end of 2024. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Kathy Hohenstreiter, Treasurer, suggests the process of removing a few properties from the tax sale roll as the fees are adding up from year to year since they have not been sold on tax sale and is recommending a solution of a Commissioner Certificate Sale. By doing so, this will save the county tax fees each year. The parcels in review are: 36-54-10-401-003.000-002, 36-53-34-402-032.000-004 and 36-66-17-206-068.000.009. After discussion, Commissioner Reedy made a motion to have parcel 36-66-17-206-068.000.009 put on certificate sale. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Reedy suggested to Kathy to send Dave Hall an email regarding parcel 36-54-10-401-003.000-002 to get in contact with IDEM to talk clean up of this parcel for future discussions on removing from tax roll in the future.

Commissioner Reedy announced and made a motion to approve the cancellation of the December 17, 2023, meeting and to pay claims as regularly scheduled. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Miscellaneous Business:

Highway Superintendent, Jerry Ault provided an update on 100 W that 3 base layers will be laid this Thursday, November 9, 2023. In 2024, the entire road from 925 N to 800 N will be overlaid.

Auction proceeds were \$151,800.00, and he would like this money to be utilized to purchase the following equipment:

- \$67,370.64 budget shortfall on estimated lease for 2 graders
- \$62,730.38 purchase a new skid steer with broom attachment and forks
- \$21,698.98 purchase a used shop truck

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Bridge #154 preconstruction meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2023, about work to begin on this bridge's replacement. In closing, the Highway Dept. has already gotten geared up for the winter season and all sand beds and plows are in good working order!

Auditor, Staci Eglen informed Commissioners that they were given the October 2023 Fund Report, October 2023 Treasurer Report, and the 2024 Claims, Payroll and Commissioner Meeting schedule for review.

Commissioners then recessed until November 21, 2023, at 9 AM.
The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at 9:00 AM.
Signed this 21st day of November 2023.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspay

Staci L Eglen - attest