

**Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
December 7, 2021
6:00 PM**

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

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 16, 2021 Regular Meeting.

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

Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Payroll of November 19, 2021 in the amount of \$449,783.79 and December 3, 2021 in the amount of \$455,401.47. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Gillaspay then made a motion to approve Claims, including electronic checks, in the amount of \$3,078,867.42. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees:

Commissioner Reedy stated that Veterans Services has approached him with a possible opportunity to move the location of their office. A business has gone up for sale that is move in ready and would meet all the needed office specifications. This item will be placed on the December 21st meeting agenda.

End of Reports from other Committees.

Karla Hubbard then presented Commissioners with quotes for Insulation and Concrete work to possibly complete the garage at the Health Dept. The quotes have been to County Council and the Health Dept was approved to use the remainder of the CARES money to complete this project, pending Commissioner approval of the work to be completed. After discussion and review of photos, Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the project as presented, also allowing changes to be made if fiscally reasonable. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Plan Commissioner, Conner Barnette, then discussed the following with Commissioners:

- Ordinance 33, Commissioner Bill 12 a petition to vacate a road in Vernon Twp. Commissioner Reedy performed the 1st reading of Ordinance 33, Commissioner Bill 12. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Reedy performed the 2nd reading of Ordinance 33, Commissioner Bill 12. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve upon 2nd reading and to waive 3rd reading. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
- An update on the IT project in the meeting room.
- An update on the roof leak in the annex/probation office.

Max Brown and Bonnie Klakamp, then appeared before Commissioners to discuss a county road/drive issue. The address is 1878 E 200 N Seymour. Brown questioned the farmers use of their private drive to access a field behind the property when there is an old unplated road that could be maintained. After discussion, Commsioner Markel advised that the survey that was completed needs to be recorded so that a determination can be made.

Jeremy Conyer then came before Commissioner to discuss the Brownstown Soccer Field. Conyer stated that with new people taking over, he was there for clarification on issues. Commissioners advised that per the agreement, the county would turn over the ground for the purpose of a soccer field, but the association would raise money to maintain the field and projects. Conyer stated that the next big project would be a permanent

building with restrooms. Commissioners advised Conyer to approach the Town of Brownstown to see if timing could correspond with Dog Shelter sewer work being done.

Max Noblitt was listed on the agenda, but not in attendance.

EMS Director, Nate Bryant, then presented Contracts for Commissioner approval. Commissioner Gillaspy then made a motion to approve the Airgass, Boundtree and Stryker Contracts as presented and allow Nate Bryant to be the signator of these documents. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners reviewed the SRI contract for the 2022 Certficiate Sale. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners reviewed the 2022 Extention Office Agreement. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners reviewed the N-I Tech Contract for 2022. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners then signed the 2021 Nepotism forms to turn into the Auditor. Commissioner Reedy also signed the Conflict of Interest form regarding Reedy Financial.

Commissioner then reviewed the 2022 meeting schedule. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve as presented with dates and times. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners then discussed graffiti on the Medora Covered Bridge. The President of the Indiana CCovered Bridge Association asked if more could be done to cover the artwork. Commissioners advised Jerry Ault to look at the bridge and at the least try to resolve the more derogatory graffiti. When addressed by Commissioners, Brad Isaacs stated that a point of contact for this would be Mary Kennedy at INDOT, Indianapolis office.

Highway Superintendent, Jerry Ault, then discussed with Commissioners the Emergency Road Closure that has occurred at the intersections of: 1240E & 100 S, 200S & 1300E & 1240E & Hwy 250. The road is closed to traffic excluding Construction Equipment. This was done to keep motorist safe. After discussion, Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve the Emergency Road Closure at the listed intersections. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jerry Ault then discussed the following with Commissioners:

- Bid results that were opened at the previous Commissioner meeting were presented. After review, Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to accept all bids. Commisssoner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
- Ault provided a list of roads that he will turn in for the Community Crossing Grant for 2022.
- Ault stated that a Designated Signee needs to be appointed for Highway Department Federal Contracts. Commissioner Markel made a motion to allow Commissioner Reedy to be the designated signee. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Sheriff Rick Meyer then presented a quote from Crowder Detention for a Door to be replaced at the Sheriff's Dept. This is for the door in the lobby that has access to the receptionist. After review of the Crowder quote for \$8,795.00, Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the replacement, not to exceed \$9,000.00. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Sheriff Meyer then stated that their has been interest for donations to support the K-9 program. Sheriff asked about possibility of setting up a non reverting fund for these donations. Sheriff was advised that this needs to be discussed with the Auditor, County Attorney and Council. Sheriff Meyer also presented the November Jail Reports.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard, then presented the list of Board Appointments for 2022. Commissioner Markel made a motion that all Commissioners remain on the current boards, no changes. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. The following appointments were then made:

BOARD	APPOINTEE	MOTION TO APPROVE	2ND	VOTE
Board of Review	Judy Mellencamp Max Noblitt Linda Kovacich	Commissioner Gillaspay	Commissioner Markel	3-0
JC Library Board	Kathy Ellis	Commissioner Markel	Commissioner Gillaspay	3-0
City of Seymour Plan Commission	Darren Richey to replace Mark Hays	Commissioner Gillaspay	Commissioner Markel	3-0
JC Board of Health	Judy Tape Ron Harrison	Commissioner Markel	Commissioner Gillaspay	3-0
JC Cemetery Commission	Tom Cooley	Commissioner Markel	Commissioner Gillaspay	3-0
Hospital Board – Schneck	Rich Smith Susan Bevers	Commissioner Gillaspay	Commissioner Markel	3-0
JC Plan Commission	Leon Pottschmidt	Commissioner Markel	Commissioner Gillaspay	3-0
JC BZA	Seth Pollert	Commissioner Markel	Commissioner Gillaspay	3-0
Alcoholic Beverage Board	Kenny Sweeney	Commissioner Markel	Commissioner Gillaspay	3-0
County Drainage Board	Fred Harrison Ben Thompson to replace Mark Weisehan	Commissioner Markel	Commissioner Gillaspay	3-0
Ambulance Services Authority Board	Dr. Pangallo	Commissioner Gillaspay	Commissioner Markel	3-0
JC Community Corrections Advisory Bd.	Carrie Tormoehlen Dawn Goodman-Martin	Commissioner Gillaspay	Commissioner Markel	3-0
JC Visitor Promotion Commission	Cassie Stillwell Karen VonDielingen	Commissioner Gillaspay	Commissioner Markel	3-0
JC Public Defender Bd	Bruce Wynn	Commissioner Markel	Commissioner Gillaspay	3-0
Bd of Fire Trustees-Pershing Township	David Ellis	Commissioner Markel	Commissioner Gillaspay	3-0
Bd of Fire Trustees-Brownstown Township	Mike Kloppenburg Mike Hogg	Commissioner Markel	Commissioner Gillaspay	3-0
Bd of Fire Trustees-Driftwood Township	Frank Wolka Jr. Harold Garland	Commissioner Markel	Commissioner Gillaspay	3-0
Bd of Fire Trustees-Grassy Fork Township	Walk Wintin Tom Bolton	Commissioner Markel	Commissioner Gillaspay	3-0
Bd of Fire Trustees-Hamilton Township	Gary Wente Joe Easton	Commissioner Gillaspay	Commissioner Markel	3-0
Bd of Fire Trustees-Jack/Wash Township	Victor Schneider Max Pollert	Commissioner Markel	Commissioner Gillaspay	3-0
Bd of Fire Trustees-Owen/Salt Creek Twp	Dennis Sherill Larry Smallwood	Commissioner Markel	Commissioner Gillaspay	3-0
Bd of Fire Trustees-Redding Township	Arlene Calmer Troy Nicholson Jean Reasoner to replace Matt Main	Commissioner Gillaspay	Commissioner Markel	3-0
Bd of Fire Trustees – Vernon Township	Odes Densford	Commissioner Markel	Commissioner Gillaspay	3-0

Auditor Roger Hurt presented Commissioners with the October 2021 Treasurer Report, The 2022 Claim Schedule, The 2022 Pay Schedule and the November 2021 Fund Report for their review.

EMA Director, Duane Davis then presented 3 Memorandums of Understanding that are for Emergency Preparedness for facility, supplies and equipment for Commissioner and Attorney Bevers review. These documents will be placed on the next meetings agenda for approval. Davis also stated that he is working on and will be presenting the Comprehensive Plan for Commissioner review soon. Davis then informed Commissioners that the Jackson County EMA has successfully passed the State assessment. Three grants have also been awarded and will be sent for Commissioner signature.

Attorney Susan Bevers stated that the Commissioners received their notice of the Redevelopment Commission Annual Presentation.

Commissioners then recessed until Dec 21, 2021 at 9 AM.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 9:00 AM.

Signed this 21st day of December, 2021.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspay

Roger Hurt - attest