

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
February 18, 2020
9:00 AM

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 February 4, 2020 Regular Meeting.

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

After review, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Payroll of February 14, 2020 in the amount of \$438,288.45 and Monthly Claims in the amount of \$343,910.99. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees:

Commissioner Reedy stated that himself, Sheriff Meyer, the Public Defender and Health Department met on the Opioid Issue in the county. The meeting was very informative and Dr. Bunce will continue to keep everyone informed on the issue.

End of Reports for other Committees.

BID OPENING – JACKSON COUNTY WORK RELEASE CENTER

Commissioner Markel then opened the Bid received from Royalty Group. The total estimated cost, including the purchase of 2 lots, was listed at \$5,772,216.87. After review, Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the estimated bid received from Royalty Group. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jordan Richart then came before Commissioners to discuss his groups 2020 Jackson County Leadership project. The group he is working with has chosen a History Project, covering the Shieldstown Covered Bridge. The group would like to raise funds to place a metal bench and a new history board on the bridge. The items would be permanently attached to the floor and wall. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve this project and the placement of the bench and history board on the bridge. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Richart was advised to work with the Highway Garage for additional assistance.

JL Brewer, Community Corrections Director, presented Commissioners with a 1 year lease for the Community Corrections office in Seymour. The lease is dated for April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021 for the cost of \$2050.00 per month. County Attorney Susan Bevers has reviewed the lease. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Brewer then presented Commissioners with two(2) Peer Recovery Specialist Contracts. The cost of these contracts and expenses for the program will be covered by Grant funds. Jackson County Community Corrections was awarded the Justice Partners Response Grant in the amount of \$60,000. County Attorney Bevers also reviewed these contracts. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Mark Mathews then asked Commissioners for approval to use the Courthouse lawn/steps on Saturday February 22, 2020 from 11am to 1pm for a 2nd Amendment event. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners advised Mathews to provide a Certificate of Liability to the Auditor's office by the time of the event.

Sheriff Meyer then presented Commissioners with the January 2020 Jail Report, Monthly Statistics, Cash Book Report and Dog Detention. Sheriff Meyer stated that the Jail held REC for males this past weekend and REC for females will be this coming weekend.

Highway Superintendent, Jerry Ault discussed the following with Commissioners:

- Jackson County was awarded funding for both bridge projects in the 2025 Call for Projects – Bridge #26 in Salt Creek Twp and Bridge #202 in Carr Twp.
- The US Forest Service is doing three more stream crossings in Salt Creek Twp. They will fund the entire project and then turn over to Jackson County. Jackson county will need to sign a Road Agreement.
- Bid Packets have been sent out for the 2020 Contract Pave Program. The 2020 Program will cover 11.328 miles of road. The bids will be opened at the April 7, 2020 Commissioner Meeting at 6pm.
- Flood Signs – in order to get new signage reading DO NOT ENTER FLOOD WATER STRONG RIVER CURRENTS POSSIBLE, 25 signs would need to be ordered. Commissioners also asked Ault to look into flashing flood water signs, which could be placed on the roads where most problems occur.
- Geo Tech reports should be received today on the road slide projects.
- An extension has been filed with NRCS for an extension for the road slide projects.
- The county should know in late March if awarded any CCMG money

County Attorney Bevers presented information to Commissioners on behalf of Duane Davis who was unable to attend the meeting. Bevers stated that Jackson County Emergency Management was awarded a Grant of \$80,000 for the purchase of a custom trailer. The quote for the trailer was presented in the amount of \$65,438.00. The quote needs to be accepted in order to get an invoice, which the county needs in order to pay the \$21,000 down payment. With no other information available, Commissioners decided to take no action until Davis could provided details to Commissioners.

The next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

Signed this 3rd day of March, 2020.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspay

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest