

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
February 20, 2018  
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 6, 2018 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

After review, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the payroll of February 19<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$424,857.55 along with Claims for the amount of \$588,857.55. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Reports from other Committees:**

Commissioner Gillaspay stated that he looked at the Sheildstown Covered Bridge project yesterday. Everything appears to be moving along well.

**End of Reports from Other Committees.**

Highway Department Truck Bid Opening:

Highway Superintendent Jerry Ault then opened the following bids –

1. Stoops Freightlinger \$128,776.00
2. Palmer Trucks (Kenworth) \$137,709.00
3. J Edinger & Son \$58,285.00 (Snow package only)
4. KY Truck Sales (Freightliner) \$122,136.00
5. Seymour Mack \$136,038.00
6. UHL International \$117,030.76
7. Sternberg International \$126,779.22
8. Rush Trucking (International) \$130,136.00

Commissioner Markel made a motion to table a decision on the truck purchase allowing time for Ault and Attorney Bevers to review the bid packets. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Ault then discussed the following with Commissioners:

1. The Call for Projects applications for bridge 154 & bridge 197 were approved. These are 80/20 grants.
2. Hoosier National Forest is replacing two low water crossings in Maumee with bridges. Once complete, the county will need to take over and add to county inventory.
3. The Change Order for Shieldstown Covered Bridge in the amount of \$9,328.77 for a lower cord splice. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
4. Discussion was held regarding semi traffic along County Road 1040 E by WalMart Distribution in Seymour. More frequent incidents have occurred with Semi's driving down this road trying to avoid backups on I65 & Hwy 31. This road has a curve with a bridge that unmanageable by 52' semis and has caused damage to the guardrails.

Commissioner Reedy then performed the first reading of Ordinance 2018-#1, Commissioner Bill #2. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Reedy then performed the second reading of Ordinance 2018-#1, Commissioner Bill #2. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. This ordinance restricts traffic on County Road 1040 E in Jackson Township. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Trena Carter with ARA, along with Trish Speer and Jackie Hill appeared before Commissioners to provide an update on the Workforce Community Development Block Grant. Information was given on programs provided and number of participants.

Dan Barrett then came before Commissioners to discuss and to see approval for the Seymour Sanitation and Sewer Project. Barrett discussed that a three year performance bond is required for any road cuts. Commissioners stated that the contractor needs to contact Jerry Ault at the Highway Garage at least 24 hrs before the road is cut. Commissioners also agreed that a geotech fabric should be used when repairing the road cuts. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to present the plans as presented with the mentioned additions. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jennifer Phillmore, Brian Meyer and Chris Mahn with CenterStone then discussed with Commissioners their proposal for the Re-entry and Recovery Program for Jackson County. Commissioners and Sheriff Carothers agreed that there are good possibilities with the program and the Commissioners stated their support of the program.

Dennis Brasher, Ambulance Director then discussed with Commissioners two bids that were received for a new Ambulance. North Center came in with a bid of \$159,915 and RSVP bid \$142,039. The Ambulance board has reviewed and recommended purchasing the Ambulance from RSVP. Commissioner Markel made a motion to accept the Ambulance board recommendation. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

RL Turner Audit Verification – An audit verification was received. Warren Martin and Morris Thomas with Garmong have reviewed the information and state that the following information/clarification needs to be added to the form:

1. scheduling issues with Turner
2. a Change Order that has been approved and
3. include a billing that was not shown on the form.

Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the audit with the changes and to allow Commissioner Reedy to sign the form with the changes added. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

The Auditor's Office provided the Combined Cash & Investment Statement for 2017 for Commissioner Review.

The Auditor's Office provided the Carry-Over's from 2017 to 2018 for Commissioner Review.

Juvenile Detention Center Director, Steve Redicker discussed the following with Commissioners:

1. Contact has been made with all service providers to inform them of the Centers' closing
2. There is a contract with Advanced Correctional that needs to be addressed – Commissioner advised Attorney Bevers to handle this.
3. Items in the classroom that were purchased with Grant money will go to Brownstown Community School Corporation.

4. Other counties have been notified that all out of county juveniles need to be removed by Feb 28, 2018.
5. Redicker informed the Sheriff that renovations can begin anytime as he can move the kids around to allow for the renovations.

Commissioners again thanked Redicker for his time and efforts with the Center.

Sheriff Carothers stated that bunks have been ordered to change the Detention Center into double bunked rooms. The cost on adding showers in each pod has not been finalized. A plan is being worked on as to where to hold any Jackson County Juvenile sentenced until he/she is moved to another county. The Sheriff also stated that the June 2018 inspection should reflect an increase in capacity.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard stated that three (3) Detention Center employees have shown interest in moving over to the Highway Garage, however, none of them have CDL's, which are a requirement of the Highway Garage. After discussion, Commissioner Markel made a motion allowing the highway garage to hire the employees with a 6 month grace period to get their CDL. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Hubbard also presented the SIHO quarterly report to Commissioners.

Plan Commissioner, Conner Barnette presented Planning and Zoning's 2017 report and an update of projects.

#### Judicial Center Report

- Warren Martin stated that 2 columns had underwash occur. Patriot engineering has provided a fix to the problem.
- Masons are working.
- The upper deck over the Sally Port is being poured today.
- Martin would like to have the Furniture & Fixtures complete in 1 -2 weeks.
- Williams Movers are putting together a quote for the moving of offices.
- The Middendorf basement flooded.

Commissioners recessed until the next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 6:00PM.

Signed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.

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Matt Reedy

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Drew Markel

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Bob Gillaspay

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Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest