

**Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
February 21, 2023
9:00 AM**

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

Absent: All Present

Commissioner Drew Markel 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 February 7, 2023 Regular Meeting.

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

Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Payroll of February 10, 2023 in the amount of \$522,852.80 along with claims in the amount of \$430,122.58. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees: None

Chris Wiese with Freedom Fireworks appeared before Commissioners to ask for approval to use the Courthouse lawn on April 8, 2023 for an Easter Egg Hunt. This would be the 3rd year Wiese has held the egg hunt. Rain make up day would be April 15, 2023. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve pending the presentation of a Certificate of Liability Insurance prior to the event. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Visitor Center Director, Arann Banks requested permission to have Brooklyn Pizza and Seymour Brewing Company on site at the March 17th event and the April 28-29 event. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Assessor Katie Kaufman presented the annual Form 11 Mailing contract to Commissioners for their approval. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Markel then performed the 1st reading of Ordinance 2023-#2, Commissioner Bill #2. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. This ordinance is for the creation of Fund 8951 – LATCF Funds. Commissioner Markel then performed the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2023-#2, Commissioner Bill #2. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve upon 2nd reading. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Lindsay Sarver with Healthy Jackson County then discussed a grant that is available in which the state has recently required that Opioid settlement funds be used as a partial match for this grant. The state of Indiana has \$25,000,000 available in Opioid Funding for this grant process. After discussion, Commissioner Reedy made a motion to support the grant with \$100,000 of Opioid Settlement funds, pending Council approval. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Conner Barnette then discussed the Internet issues that are occurring with Comcast at the Judicial Center and Courthouse. After discussion, commissioners advised Barnette to switch from Comcast to REMC even if it results in double invoices until the Comcast contract concludes.

Highway Superintendent, Jerry Ault informed Commissioners that State Road 258 should be open the last week in February. Ault then asked Commissioners if there is an ordinance in place or if one could be put in place

regarding the repair/replacement of mailboxes that are damaged due to county road snow removal. Attorney Bevers will look into this matter.

Sheriff Meyer then asked Commissioners to sign off on the title for the 2016 Tahoe that was involved in a vehicle/deer accident. The vehicle will be repaired but will require a salvage title. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard stated that he has a meeting at 3pm with Enterprise to review the quote that they will have prepared regarding pricing for county vehicles.

Commissioners then adjourned until March 7, 2023 at 9 AM.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 9:00 AM.

Signed this 7th day of March, 2023.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspy

Roger Hurt - attest