

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
February 5, 2019
6:00 PM
Meeting held at the Sheriff's Department,
Regular Meeting followed meal provided by Sheriff's Department at 5:30pm.

Present: Commissioner Matt Reedy, Commissioner Drew Markel & Commissioner Bob Gillasp
Absent: All Present

Commissioner Matt Reedy called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a silent prayer observed.
Commissioner Gillasp made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2019 Regular Meeting.
Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

After review, Commissioner Gillasp made a motion to approve the Payroll of January 18, 2019 in the amount of \$423,474.55 and February 1, 2019 in the amount of 428,415.37, along with Claims, including electronic checks, for the amount of \$1,424,601.51. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees:

Commissioner Reedy stated that he attended a Fair Board Meeting last evening, and that the livestock itinerary has been completed for the 2019 fair.

Commissioner Markel stated that N-I-Tech, who is now managing the county IT dept, has ordered 20 computers and still has 40-50 to order to complete purchases from the GO Bond.

Commissioner Reedy thanked Sheriff Meyer for hosting the Commissioner meeting.

Emergency Management Director, Duane Davis then came before Commissioners for the following:

1. Approval of the Jackson County Emergency Disaster Declaration for Travel Restrictions that was declared for the recent snow on Jan 19, 2019. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillasp seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
2. Provided an Advisory Board
3. Provided documents to Commissioners and County Attorney Susan Bevers regarding the Debris Management Plan for Review.

Sheriff Meyer, along with Jail Commander Chris Everhart and Kelly Brown with Centerstone then discussed the G-pod, MRT program. Two inmates from G-pod talked with Commissioners about how the program has influenced their life, the impact that it is having and how they believe it will change their lives after release. The inmates also thanked Commissioners, staff and the community for allowing them the opportunity to experience this program.

Commissioner Reedy then read Resolution #6, Commissioner Bill #4. This is a Resolution of Support for the designation of the Hoosier Hills Scenic Byway. This included approximately 12 ½ mi in Jackson County. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillasp seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy reminded everyone of the Judicial Center Open House on Friday, February 15, 2019 at 1:30pm.

Discussion was held on the Judicial Center Cleaning Contract with Knotts Cleaning. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Markel then made a motion allowing Highway Superintendent, Jerry Ault, to work with Reedy Financial to receive assistance with Grant writing. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Shieldstown Covered Bridge – There has been no response from INDOT on the punch list. Also, Commissioners would like to invite INDOT back for the February 19, 2019 meeting.

Commissioner Reedy then performed the 1st reading of Ordinance #2, Commissioner Bill #3 by Title Only- An Ordinance vacating a county road in Redding Township, Indiana. This has already been presented to the Plan Commission and passed with a favorable recommendation. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Reedy then performed the 2nd reading of Ordinance #2, Commissioner Bill #3 by Title Only. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Markel then discussed forming a Flood Safety Ordinance Committee consisting of 1 Commissioner, 1 Council member, The Highway Superintendent, Sheriff Meyer, Conservation officer and a Volunteer Fire Department representative. This committee is to review the current ordinance and see what changes can be made to lessen the problems occurring with vehicles attempting to drive through flood waters. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to form the committee and to appoint Commissioner Markel as the Commissioner Representative on the board. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners then discussed – Jackson County Board of Commissioners Youth Excellence Achievement Awards. Commissioner Markel made a motion to have 3 High School Students and 3 Middle School Students receive awards, 1 in each category of 1) Leadership, 2) Breaking Barriers & 3) Volunteer/Community Service. A board within Jackson County would handle the selection process and present their recommendations to the Board of Commissioners for approval. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

The surplus property from the courthouse offices is currently being stored at the former Superior Court building in Seymour. Commissioners would like the surplus to go on the county auction along with the highway department surplus, auction to possibly be held in mid June 2019.

Attorney Bevers presented the N-I Tech Contract to Commissioners. After review, Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Attorney Bevers was asked to clarify the departments in an addendum to this contract.

Commissioner Reedy then stated that the Census Bureau has a 40 minute presentation regarding the 2020 census. Instead of presenting at a Commissioner Meeting, he would like to set up a committee of Conner Barnette, Brad McPike and himself to view the presentation.

Ben Rudolph, President of the Jackson County Fire Chief Association informed Commissioners that he would like to sit on the Flood Safety Ordinance Committee for the Volunteer Fire Departments.

Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter presented the closeout forms for the Jackson Jennings Workforce Development Grant (WFD-16-100). Hohenstreiter stated that there is \$15,110 left in the fund. This can be distributed back to JCIDC and Jennings County when claims are submitted.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard stated that a check in the amount of \$9,301 was received from IPEP, Jackson County's Workmans Comp carrier, for the low amount of Workmans Comp claims.

Commissioner Markel made a motion to retain Kathy Hackman and Angie Hartley on the Community Correction Board. Commissioners Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Hubbard stated that he, Jerry Ault, Sheriff Meyer, and Commissioner Gillaspay have met to start revision of the County Handbook. Commissioner Reedy asked for County Handbook Review to be placed on the agenda for the 2nd meeting in April.

Highway Supervisor, Jerry Ault discussed the following with Commissioners:

1. The Community Crossing Grant Application has been submitted. Hopefully Ault will receive information by March 31, 2019.
2. Clean up work has begun on the Medora Covered Bridge.
3. Reports given to Commissioners on crew activity over the last 2 weeks.
4. Asked Commissioners if the Highway Department can purchase a scanner, with funds from the 2016-2018 GO Bond. Commissioners agreed that would be a like item and appropriate for Bond purchase.

Attorney Bevers presented a pipeline survey. Conner Barnette stated that he would like to review the survey and complete, if he has not already done it.

Attorney Bevers presented a RL Turner audit of the Judicial Center for completion. Commissioner Markel will present to Garmong and find out if this needs to be completed.

Brad Isaacs wished to Congratulate Jerry Ault and crew on the Fleet GPS Monitoring System. Isaacs stated that other counties are looking into purchasing the GPS based on Jackson County's usage.

Following Brad Isaacs comment, Commissioner Reedy thanked Commissioner Markel for the IT help in regards to the GPS system.

Commissioners recessed until the next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 9:00 AM.

Signed this 19th day of February, 2019.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspay

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest