

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
March 3, 2021
6:00 PM

Present: Commissioner Matt Reedy, Commission Bob Gillaspy (by Phone) & Commissioner Drew Markel (arrived late)

Commissioner Matt Reedy called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Silent Prayer observed.

Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve the Payroll of February 26, 2021 in the amount of \$429,352.35 along with Monthly Claims, including electronic checks, in the amount of \$2,716,049.13.

Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees: None

Custodian Jana Wessel appeared before Commissioners to discuss the following:

- The Ken Neely quote that was discussed at the last meeting, was revised to state 10 lamp posts will be fixed. The amount of the quote is \$5,271.00. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.
- The invoices from A+ for snow removal during the large snowstorm were presented and reviewed. Both invoices total \$1,025.00. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.
- Community Corrections was contacted on the possibility of mowing the Courthouse and Judicial Center lawn this year. Community Corrections cannot commit to this, due to the fluctuation of workers. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion allowing the custodians to mow the Courthouse and Judicial Center lawns for the 2021 mowing season. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Markel arrived.

Chris Wiese, owner of Freedom Fireworks, discussed with Commissioners that possibility of hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on April 3rd at 1pm, on the Courthouse lawn (rain date of April 10th). They would be hosting in recognition of 10 years in business. Wiese also presented a quote for Liability Insurance with his proposal. The Jackson County Sheriff Department is holding their annual Easter Egg hunt that day as well, so discussion was held, as to the timing of the events. Commissioner Markel made a motion to allow Wiese to use the Courthouse lawn for an Easter Egg Hunt on April 3rd, rain date of April 10th, with set up beginning at 11am, hunt at 1, clean up done by 3pm – as long as this works with the timing of the Sheriff Dept's egg hunt. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Wiese was advised to present the Certificate of Liability to the Auditor's office before the event.

The Incarcerated Offenders Providers Agreement was presented for approval. Attorney Susan Bevers stated that this has been signed in the past and this is a renewal of the agreement. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the Indiana FASSA agreement and allowing Auditor Roger Hurt to be the signee for the agreement. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Auditor Hurt presented the March 2021 Meeting Room Schedule for Commissioners to review.

Chief Deputy Dustin Steward appeared before Commissioners . Steward presented a Memorandum of Understanding for the purchase of a truck for the Student Resource Officer, by the Sheriff's Commissary Fund to

be repaid by Seymour Community Schools. The memorandum stated four annual payments, in the amount of \$10,122.00, to be completed in 2024. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve and allowing Commissioner Markel to sign the Memorandum. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Steward then asked Commissioners to use the 'overflow' fair parking lot East of the Jail for the 2021 Easter Egg Hunt. The hunt will be on April 3rd, 2021 at 11am. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent, Jerry Ault, then discussed the following with Commissioners:

- A detailed report of the 2021 Snow Exepenses to date. The expenses shown were FEMA rates for plowing only. The total to date is \$766,036.06.
- Bridge 154 – This bridge was closed 1 ½ years ago, located on 300 S, in the Dudleytown bottoms. This project was pushed back, but now Kathy McKillip with INDOT is stating that the County can have \$160,000 of COVID funds to go toward the project. The total project cost is close to \$200,000. Ault stated that the highway department does not have the extra money currently for the project. Commissioners advised Ault to discuss this issue with Council.
- The estimate on the 550N bridge has been revisited and has been reduced from approx. \$600,000 to approx. \$300,000.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard presented a breakout of the Liability Insurance cost from Beatty Insurance for Commissioner review.

Hubbard then reminded Commissioners that they had agreed to revisit the COVID emergency sick pay in March. After discussion of the current status of the County, Commissioner Markel made a motion for the Emergency Sick Pay to end as of March 31, 2021. After that date, an employee will have to take PTO for COVID. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy then stated that an email with a quote had been received from Jacob Dietz, Inc – Fire Protection Specialists. Upon review of the current Granua contract, it appears that Jackson County is in contract until the end of 2022. This quote was tabled.

A letter was received from Knotts Cleaning that broke down the amount of labor and materials that they donated toward the Dog Shelter. Commissioners thanked them for the donation.

Auditor Hurt informed Commissioners that the January 2021 Treasurer's Report was in their packet for their review.

Auditor Hurt informed Commissioners that the February 2021 Fund Report was in their packet for their review.

Commissioners then recessed until March 2, 2021.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

Signed this 2nd. day of March, 2021.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspy

Roger Hurt - attest