

**Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
March 1, 2022
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 Silent Prayer observed.

Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2022 Regular Meeting.

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

Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Payroll of February 25, 2022 in the amount of \$479,260.86 and Claims in the amount of \$2,897,418.51. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees: None

Highway Superintendent, Jerry Ault, performed the 2022 Contract Paving bid opening. Bids were received from All Star Paving, Dave O'Mara & Milestone. The following bid amounts were read:

Project	All Star	O'Mara	Milestone
1-1	205,869.32	206,409.30	250,719.80
1-2	162,042.50	165,809.45	201,404.45
1-3	201,555.31	197,957.50	243,394.00
1-4	67,426.40	66,869.00	72,434.85
1-5	97,305.16	96,151.00	114,344.50
1-6	108,032.78	107,205.50	128,027.45
1-7	99,979.00	98,590.00	119,829.55
1-8	98,972.50	95,605.00	98,152.75
1-9	63,403.90	57,797.50	63,308.65
1-10	99,927.50	92,945.00	104,618.75
1-11	96,926.50	96,926.50	122,428.75
1-12	85,249.50	81,568.50	90,821.70
Total	1,386,690.37	1,363,834.25	1,609,485.20

Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to take all bids under advisement, allowing packets to be reviewed for completion. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Chris Wiese, with Freedom Fireworks, then asked Commissioners for approval to use the Historic Courthouse lawn and restrooms for an Easter Egg Hunt to be held on April 16, 2022. Set up would begin at 7am with clean up completed by 4pm. Rain out day would be April 23, 2022. A Certificate of Insurance was provided.

Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Joe Hirtzel, who was listed on the agenda, was not present for the meeting.

Joe Hauersperger and Chad Leinart then presented the plat for Quail Creek 2 Subdivision. After discussion, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the roads and the drainage associated with those roads as presented in the subdivision contingent on Seymour Planning & Zoning approval. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Clerk Melissa Hayes then presented the 2022 Polling location list for approval. The voting center locations were presented as follows:

- Jackson County Learning Center
- Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 108
- Calvary Baptist Church (Seymour)
- Brownstown enclosed shelter house next to the Brownstown pool
- Medora Christian Church
- Freetown Community Center
- Crothersville Baptist Church

Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Conner Barnette then appeared before Commissioners to discuss the following:

- Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the request letter to the Community Foundation to draw \$14,000 from the Dog Shelter Fund that his held there. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
- Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to allow \$30,000 of the remaining funds from the 2019 GOB / Fund# 4928 for the completion costs of the Dog Shelter project.
- Barnette stated that the interior of the dog shelter should be completed this week, with outside work to be completed within a few weeks.
- Commissioner Reedy then performed the 1st reading of Ordinance 6, Commissioner Bill 4 – an ordinance to vacate an alley in Kurtz. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Reedy then performed the 2nd reading of Ordinance 6, Commissioner Bill 4. This alley vacate was approved by JC Plan Commission on February 4, 2022. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve upon 2nd reading, and to waive 3rd reading. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
- Work is currently underway in the historic courthouse meeting room, with possible completion next week.

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

- Bridge issue on 340N & 1040E. There has been an ongoing problem with semi's attempting to take this route, causing damage to the bridge/guardrail. The county has previously posted signs in an attempt to help with this issue. Ault stated that he sees two solutions: 1) take out the bridge and make 1040E a dead end road or 2) move the road and bridge. After discussion, Commissioners asked the highway department to look into the cost of moving the road and bridge due to the high amount of daily traffic on that road.
- Ault then discussed the possibility of downsizing his staff in order to increase the wages for the highway department workers. Ault states that the county is losing employees who are going to higher paying jobs. Aults plan is to eliminate the position of 3 truck drivers – this will not eliminate current employees, but not rehiring in the positions where employees have already left. Commissioners advised Ault to go to Council for their approval as they would need to approve a new Salary Ordinance.

Roger Hurt, Auditor, presented the Astrophysics Warranty Extension on the Judicial Center scanner. This is an annual extension and is the same as the 2021 extension. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Hurt then informed Commissioners that the January 2022 Treasurer Report, along with the February 2022 Fund Report is in their packet for their review.

Hurt also stated that the 2022 Commissioner Certificate Sale will be held on March 17, 2022.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard, then addressed Commissioners to discuss the possibility of a 'donated leave program'. After discussion, Commissionere advised that more information is needed ont his topic.

Commissioners then recessed until March 15, 2022 at 9 AM.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 9:00 AM.

Signed this 15th day of March, 2022.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspay

Roger Hurt - attest