

**Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
March 16, 2021
9:00 AM**

Present: Commissioner Matt Reedy, Commission Bob Gillaspy (by Phone) & Commissioner Drew Markel
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 March 2, 2021 Regular Meeting.

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

Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the Payroll of March 12, 2021 in the amount of \$440,518.43 along with Monthly Claims, in the amount of \$220,318.07. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees: Commissioner Reedy stated that the Dog Shelter committee met yesterday and that progress is being made.

End of Reports from other Committees.

Solid Waste Board Appointment – Commissioners asked to Table this until the April 6, 2021 meeting. They have not heard back from Debbie Hackman as to possible names of appointees.

Rick Anderson with JMS, presented Commissioners with the findings of their energy study. After gathering the utility bills of the county and performing a walk through of the buildings, it was found that some areas are efficient and some need work. Anderson stated that the Jail would be the area in the county that would see the largest impact in electric and water conservation if the project were to be undertaken. The total project for numerous buildings in the areas of water, gas and electric would be a little more then \$2,000,000.

Commissioners asked Anderson to complete a more detailed report with breakouts by utility and building and to email them this information for review.

Adam Cooper appeared before Commissioners to discuss the Greendale North Subdivision plat. The highway department and Planning & Zoning have reviewed and have no issues. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Matt Elder with Jacob Dietz, Inc was listed on the agenda but did not attend.

Community Corrections Director, JL Brewer then came before Commissioners to discuss the following:

- The department would like to purchase a new Dodge Durango to replace the 2008 Ford Crown Victoria. Brewer has received 2 stated bids for \$32,597, to be paid from the CTP & PI funds. The trade for the 2008 Ford is only \$1,400 so Brewer would like to see it go to Auction. Commissioners advised Brewer to talk with SPD Officer O'Brien, who has previously used an online auction site for SPD assets. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the purchase of the Dodge Durango for \$32,597. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
- The Peer Recovery Specialist Independent Contractor Agreement for Brooke Nugent was presented for a 1 year renewal. Attorney Bevers has reviewed this contract and Nugent was present for any questions. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Dave Willey with the Brownstown Fire District then discussed with Commissioners an ordinance which would re-establish the Cumulative Rate back to the maximum rate allowed. Over the years, with the fluctuations in Assessed Value, this rate trends down. Commissioners asked to table this matter until the next meeting allowing time to get information on how this would affect the taxpayers of the district.

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

- Ault presented the Year ending 2020 Annual Operational Report for the highway. This report has been reviewed by the Auditor. Commissioner Markel made a motion to accept the Report as presented. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
- The announcement of the 2021 Community Crossings Matching Grant should be out in a couple weeks.
- The variance in temperatures over the winter has been causing a lot of road issues. Some of the 'blow outs' are large and some are small. The current weather is not suitable for immediate repair, but the areas are being watched.
- Due to revenue shortages, two bridge projects that were to begin construction in 2025 have been cancelled. This will allow that money to be transferred to the two current bridge projects (154 & 197) to allow for completion. This will cover a \$200,000 shortfall due to price increases in materials needed. There are currently 738 mile of road in Jackson County. Only 5 mile will be paved in 2021. The highway department stated \$287,000 short in funds before 2021 started.
- 1,000 Ton of salt has been ordered for next winter.
- The 2021 contract pave bids will be opened at the April 20th Commissioner Meeting. Only 5 mile of road will be able to be paved in 2021.
- Currently the bridge foreman is obtaining bids for box beams for bridge 184.

Sheriff Meyer presented the February 2021 Jail Report, Statistics, Cash Book and Dog Detention Reports. A 'shout out' was given to Sheriff Meyer over the departments participation in Operation March Sadness which let to 8 arrests in Seymour regarding the solicitation of underage teens.

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbards asked Commissioners if they wished to pay for the IACC registration for the year. The cost is \$950.00. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Auditor Roger Hurt informed Commissioners that the February 2021 Treasurer Report is included in their packet for review.

Jerry Ault informed Commissioners that Larry McIntosh with Jackson County Water will be in contact with the Dog Shelter Committee. Jackson County Water will donate the material and time to get water to the shelter.

Commissioner Markel stated for the record that the County of Jackson is slated to receive approximately \$8.58 million in the Coronavirus Relief Package signed into law on Thursday March 11, 2021. Commissioner Markel stated that this money, even though it is brought to us by Federal funding, is Taxpayer Money and a lot of this relief is going to areas that do not need these extra funds. The funds will have stipulations on how it can be used, and he believes that the Jackson County Council will do with the money what is in the best interest of Jackson County.

Commissioners then recessed until April 6, 2021.

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

Signed this 6th day of April, 2021.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspay

Roger Hurt - attest