

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
March 17, 2020  
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 a silent prayer observed.

Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2020 Regular Meeting.

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

After review, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Payroll of March 13, 2020 in the amount of \$435,168.77 and Monthly Claims, in the amount of \$341,900.27. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Reports from other Committees:**

Commissioner Markel stated that an updated Bid has been received from Royalty Companies for the Work Release Center. The new bid is in the amount of \$5,088,089.84

Commissioner Reedy stated that due to the current health restrictions concerning COVID-19, that all non essential items for the agenda should be postponed until ,at least, a May 2020 meeting.

**End of Reports for other Committees.**

Karla Hubbard, with the Jackson County Health Department, presented Commissioners with the Public Health Nurse Contract for Carrie Schryer. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve.

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

Jackson County Visitor Center Director, Arann Banks, informed Commissioners that the Visitor Center Board has voted in favor to temporarily close the Visitor Center based on the COVID-19 pandemic. The Visitor Center gets lots of visitors from other counties, states and countries. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the closure until May 15, 2020 or as deemed necessary. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jackson County Clerk, Melissa Hayes, presented the 2020 Primary Election Polling sites for approval. Hayes noted that 2 changes had been made since previous election. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the sites as presented. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Barb Stout, with Jackson County Alcohol and Drug, appeared before Commissioner to request permission to use the 'old Superior Court II' room for Alcohol and Drug Classes. Commissioner Reedy stated that this will be tabled at this time, based on the possible need for that room in the future.

Debbie Hackman, who was on the agenda, will attend a later meeting.

Chief Deputy, Dustin Steward, presented the February Jail Report, Meal Expenditure Report, Monthly Statistics, Dog Detention Report and Cash Book Report.

Highway Superintendent, Jerry Ault, presented Commissioners with a Township work report for the months of January and February 2020. Ault then asked if the lease payments for 2 graters can be paid out of this weeks Utility check run, due to the due date of the invoice received. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy, stating that 2020 Paving Bids will be opened at the April 7 Commissioner Meeting, advised Ault to reach out to vendors stating that attendance is not necessary, that information will be provided to them after the opening.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard stated that Schneck Hospital is having a teleconference call 2 times a week. Hubbard also stated that SIHO is willing to waive the fee for the COVID-19 test to county employees. Commissioners advised to wait on agreeing to this until more information is received.

Commissioner Markel stated that he wanted to make known that the Commissioners will do what needs to be done to make sure county employees will not have a loss in income due to COVID-19 precautions.

Treasurer, Roger Hurt addressed Commissioners with concerns of collecting tax payments. Tax statements will go out April 8<sup>th</sup>. Hurt is addressing placing a temporary partition between taxpayers and the county employees. Hurt stated that the Treasurers Association is asking if county treasurers can refuse taking cash as a form of payment. Hurt also stated that a notice can be placed in with tax statements that encourages taxpayers to utilize the drop box, mail in payments or use the remote payment options.

Commissioner Markel made a motion to accept the estimates from Chris' Lawn Care, Inc for chemical application on the Judicial Center lawn in the amount of \$825.00 and for the outdoor planter boxes at the Judicial Center in the amount of \$875.00. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter informed Commissioners that 2 checks have been received totally the amount of \$235,879.93 for the tower that was damaged at the Sheriff's Department. Commissioners advised that this should be placed into the general fund.

County Attorney, Susan Bevers, presented a Memo of Executive Session for the March 3, 2020 session. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

The next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

Signed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

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Matt Reedy

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Drew Markel

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Bob Gillaspy

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Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest