

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
March 24, 2020
8:30 AM
Special Meeting
In response to Coronavirus Pandemic

Present: Commissioner Matt Reedy, Commissioner Drew Markel & Commissioner Bob Gillaspy
Absent: All Present – Commissioner Markel and Commissioner Gillaspy by phone.

Commissioner Matt Reedy called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Reedy stated that currently, Special Meetings are scheduled for each Tuesday and Thursday from now until April 23, 2020 at 9am. These meetings will be held in response to the Coronavirus Pandemic. If it is found there is no business to discuss, the meeting will be cancelled.

County Attorney Susan Bevers presented information on two Resolutions being brought before the Commissioners. The Resolutions allow for Commissioner President Reedy to approve Claims, Utilities and Payroll as needed in the event of a shutdown due to the Coronavirus. Once a normal schedule would resume, all claims, utilities and payroll that were approved during that time, will be presented to all Commissioners.

Commissioner Reedy read Resolution #11, Commissioner Bill #8. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy read Resolution #12, Commissioner Bill #9. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Discussion was then held between Commissioners and those present as to the daily operations of the County offices. Governor Holcomb has issued a Stay-in-Place Executive Order for the State of Indiana beginning March 25, 2020 through April 7, 2020 allowing for essential errands, work or business. Commissioners advised that the decision of how to run the individual county offices will, at this time, lie with the office holders. Part Time workers can be sent home until called back to work, Full Time workers can be sent home to help keep the number of employees gathered down. PTO time will not need to be taken when the Employee has been sent home. Whatever is deemed necessary by the office holder.

Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter stated the the State Board of Accounts has already stated that they will not take exception to decisions that are made during this time.

Commissioner Reedy commented that we should try to eliminate panic and it will be ‘Business as Unusual’ for Jackson County.

The next Special Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 9 AM.

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

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspy

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest