

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
March 3, 2020  
6:00 PM

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 February 18, 2020 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

After review, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Payroll of February 28, 2020 in the amount of \$438,856.75 and Monthly Claims, including electronic checks, in the amount of \$2,285,161.99. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Reports from other Committees:**

Commissioner Gillaspay stated that EMS Director, Dennis Brasher, has given his notice of retirement to the EMS board.

**End of Reports for other Committees.**

Emergency Management Director, Duane Davis and Officer Keith Williams came before Commissioners to discuss the grant received for a new Operational Communications Trailer. The company that is producing the trailer has sent an invoice for an upfront payment of approximately \$21,000 or 1/3 the cost of the trailer. Davis has checked with Grants and this step is acceptable with them. Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter added that this grant was brought before Commissioners in November 2019, paperwork has been completed and the grant has been approved. The grant is a reimbursable grant.

Commissioner Markel made a motion to accept and pay the invoice as presented. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Davis then informed Commissioners that a Cyber Security Meeting was held in February. Davis would like to see a group get together, including one of the Commissioners, to put together a game plan for the County, should a Cyber Security attack occur. Commissioner Markel agreed to be the representative for the Commissioners.

Debbie Hackman, who was on the agenda for the Canine Shelter, asked if that could be postponed to a later meeting.

Commissioners then discussed with Debbie Hackman the appointment to the Solid Waste Board of Dave Willey. An error occurred when Willey was appointed. This position needs to be a Town Council member of Brownstown, Medora or Crothersville, and Willey does not fit that criteria. Commissioner Markel followed with a motion to appoint Jerry Ault, with Medora Town Council, to the Solid Waste Board. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Keith Bowling with Jackson County Veterans Services then discussed with Commissioners changes that are needed for his office facility. The office is required by State regulation to have an area that is separate from others so that personal information can be discussed and forms can be completed. Currently the office is all open. Discussion was held and it was decided that the Veteran's office would remain at its current location, the Soil and Water Building. The Soil and Water District is looking into construction to the building, which would give the office what is required. Commissioners asked that a site plan be completed.

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

- presented an INDOT official detour route for bridge replacement on State Road 135. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
- Paving Bids will be opened at the April 7<sup>th</sup> Commissioner meeting.
- The RFP Process for 2025 Bridge Projects has been started.
- Commissioner Markel stated that he has received calls from residents with concerns for children riding school bus on county roads 100W and 875N, which are affected by the road slides. Ault stated that he will be meeting with NRCS to discuss options for these roads.

Warren Martin informed Commissioners that discussions/meetings are transpiring with Royalty Companies to try to get the cost of the Work Release Center down.

Auditor Hohenstreiter discussed the following with Commissioners:

- A title was presented for EMS (VIN 1GB6G5CL6E1119122) for signature. This will be for an ambulance remount. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
- An invoice for the Joe Jackson Hotel Restoration Project. Priority Project Resources, Inc has made Auditor Hohenstreiter the signer for these documents, however, Hohenstreiter will present to Commissioners to keep them informed. This invoice was for \$102,700.00, and has been signed and submitted for reimbursement.
- A request from the Office of Community & Rural Affairs requesting an extension to the completion date of the Joe Jackson Hotel Restoration Project to June 30, 2020. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
- The January 2020 and February 2020 Fund Report was presented for Commissioner Review.
- The February 2020 Treasurer Report was presented for Commissioner Review.
- Auditor Hohenstreiter then asked Commissioners for the approval to pay the Jackson County Sheriff's Premier Invoice in the weekly claims. This request is due to the tax reimbursement that is received from this expense. The more timely payment will allow the reports to coincide. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Attorney Bevers informed Commissioners that Jackson County is being sued by an Individual Property Owner on Residential Property, and the suit includes Jackson County Assessor as well as Attorney Bevers. Therefore, outside council will be needed to represent the county if the Attorney General cannot provide the requested assistance. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve Smith Amundsen for outside council. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Attorney Bevers then presented a Resolution regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment for Commissioner review.

The next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 9:00 AM.  
Signed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 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