

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
March 6, 2018
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 20, 2018 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

After review, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the payroll of March 2nd in the amount of \$431,627.85 along with Claims, including electronic checks, for the amount of \$2,180,800.10. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees: None

Arann Banks with the Jackson County Visitor Center presented to Commissioners three drawings/examples of a County Seal for Jackson County. After review of the examples, Commissioners advised Banks to give the artist making the drawings of the seal all the Commissioners emails so that they can view and make changes and bring back to a future meeting for a decision.

Jackson County Clerk, Amanda Lowery came before Commissioners for approval of the 2018 Polling Sites. Lowery stated that no changes have been made since the last election. After review, Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve as presented. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jackson County Assessor, Katie Kaufman then presented the 2018 Form 11 contract with Midwest Presort for approval. Kaufman stated the only price change was due to postage expense. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the contract as presented. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

JUDICIAL CENTER UPDATE:

Morris Thomas with Garmong and Warren Martin presented Commissioners with the Monthly Judicial Center Update. Currently the process is on schedule, with several items hitting 100% completion. The focus in the next month is getting the building shelled in. There have been no significant changes in budget. The A/C units will be delivered in the next week.

Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter informed Thomas and Martin that the County will soon be sending in the claim for the \$325,000 that was to be sent to the County for Furniture, Fixture & Equipment expense. County Attorney Susan Bevers stated that the owners of the Kloppenburg and Middendorf properties have requested an additional appraisal to be completed on their properties. It appears the appraisal has been done, but the paperwork is not completed.

Martin stated that the power pole going to the Middendorf building will be getting braced, as it is starting to lean.

Martin and Thomas stated that REMC has committed to providing fiber optic internet for the Judicial Center and this will include the annex and Courthouse.

Martin stated that when the annex parking lot is stripped of pavement, Foster Bros will assist in filling in the tunnel that is under the parking lot.

Sheriff Carothers presented the February 2018 Jail Report, Meal Expenditure Report, Dog Detention Report and Monthly Statistics.

Treasurer, Roger Hurt informed Commissioners that the 2018 tax statements will be mailed between April 3 & April 9 with due dates of May 10 & November 13, 2018. Hurt stated that his is working with GovTech which could assist in providing more options in payments. Auditor Hohenstreiter informed that the advertisement of taxing unit rates will be on April 18, April 25 & May 2.

Highway Supervisor, Jerry Ault discussed the following with Commissioners:

1. 2018 Truck Bids – After review of the bids received and opened at the last meeting, Ault recommends purchasing an International Truck from Uhl Truck Sales for the amount – after trade in – of \$117,030.76. Commissioner Markel made a motion to accept Aults recommendation. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
2. The signs for Sandy Creek Dr and County Road 1040 came in today.
3. Questioning the placement of political signs in county right of way – after discussion, the Commissioners advised Ault to have his department use their best judgement but that signs can be removed from county right of way and kept at the county highway garage for pick up.

Councilman Brian Thompson then came before Commissioners with the following:

1. Centerstone presented the RSAT program at a Council meeting and has had meetings at the jail to see how the program could be implemented.
2. Would like Commissioners to consider/look into the option of using the 4th Courtroom for a catering service location for local restaurants, since it will not be used immediately.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard stated that of the Employees of the Detention Center, 1 has moved to the Highway, 2 to the Jail, 1 quit and 2 more to the Highway at the end of the month.

Auditor Hohenstreiter presented an appraisal bill for \$2,000 for 121 S Sugar Street, Brownstown. Hohenstreiter asked for guidance as to where to pay this expense from. After discussion, Commissioners advised to pay from the appropriated \$5,000 from the Rainy Day fund.

Commissioners recessed until the next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 9:00AM.

Signed this 20th day of March, 2018.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspay

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest