

**Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
March 7, 2023
9:00 AM**

Present: Commissioner Drew Markel, Commissioner Matt Reedy & Commissioner Bob Gillaspay

Absent: All Present

Commissioner Drew Markel called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Silent Prayer observed.

Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2023 Regular Meeting.

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

Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Payroll of February 24, 2023 in the amount of \$518,695.55 along with claims, including electronic checks, in the amount of \$2,791,308.66. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees: Commissioner Markel stated that he has been in communication with Brownstown Wastewater Utility, the Sheriff and the Jail Commander in regards to finding a solution for foreign materials that are making their way into the system from the Jail.

Commissioner Markel then stated that the EMS would like Commissioner support to pay a \$200 rate per event to EMS employees that are providing safety services at the racetrack. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve a letter of support for this change. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

End of Reports from other Committees.

Highway Superintendent, Jerry Ault, then performed the 2023 Resurfacing Bid Opening. The following are the district totals for those that submitted bids:

| Company | District 1 Total | District 2 Total | District 3 Total |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Flynn & Sons | No Bid | No Bid | 833,151.00 |
| All Star Paving | 503,137.95 | 550,905.20 | 524,851.25 |
| Dave O'Mara | 560,441.70 | 593,107.15 | 574,932.30 |
| Milestone | 639,968.10 | 602,589.70 | 586,768.55 |

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to take the bids under advisement. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. The bid packets were available for those in attendance who requested project details/totals.

Morris Tippin then asked permission to use the Medora Covered Bridge on August 5th at 6:30pm for the annual Dinner on the Bridge. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Tippin was advised to turn in Certificate of Liability to the Auditor's office prior to the event.

County Clerk, Piper Acton, then asked Commissioners for approval of the 2023 Primary Election polling locations. The locations will be The Jackson County Library (also open for early voting), Seymour Calvary Baptist Church and the Jackson County Learning Center. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the locations as presented. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Judge MacTavish then appeared before Commissioners to ask permission to place a legal assistant kiosk in the lobby of the Judicial Center. This was explained to be a free standing kiosk that would be placed in proximity to the stairs in the lobby. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Community Corrections Director, JL Brewer, presented the Commissary report for 2022 to Commissioners for review. Brewer then presented a contract with Tiger Correctional Facility. Brewer stated that this contract is for Tiger to be responsible for providing commissary items to work release residents. The facility will still stock necessary/emergency items but Tiger will provide the rest. The contract is for a 3 year term with 1 year renewals after. The contract was reviewed by the county attorney. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

County Assessor, Katie Kaufman, presented an engagement letter with Haller Colvin for ongoing litigation involving IBTR cases. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Emergency Management Director, Duane Davis then appeared before Commissioners to discuss the following:

- On April 8, 2024 a total solar eclipse will be in our area. Planning has already begun for this unique event as the influx of people will cause congestion in our county.
 - The following 3 grants have been submitted:
 1. EMPG Salary Reimbursement
 2. EMPG Grant for 2nd full dispatch console in the Command Trailer
 3. SHSP Grant for \$65,000 for the purchase of a vehicle to pull the command trailer. Davis stated that currently a dealership is holding a 2023 Chevy Silverado at the purchase price of \$53,311.92. The rest of the grant will go for lighting/graphics or other accessories for the vehicle.
- Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the purchase of the vehicle. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING and Resolution approval for re-establishment of Cum Rate for Fire Protection Districts:

| Open Public Hearing | Close Public Hearing 1 st | Close 2 nd | Vote | Res/CB # | Approve Resolution 1 st | Approve 2 nd | Vote |
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| Driftwood FPD | Commissioner Reedy | Commissioner Gillaspy | 3-0 | 2,3 | Commissioner Reedy | Commissioner Gillaspy | 3-0 |
| Grassy Fork FPD | Commissioner Reedy | Commissioner Gillaspy | 3-0 | 3,4 | Commissioner Reedy | Commissioner Gillaspy | 3-0 |
| Jack/Wash FPD | Commissioner Reedy | Commissioner Gillaspy | 3-0 | 4,5 | Commissioner Reedy | Commissioner Gillaspy | 3-0 |
| Owen/Salt Creek FPD | Commissioner Reedy | Commissioner Gillaspy | 3-0 | 5,6 | Commissioner Gillaspy | Commissioner Reedy | 3-0 |
| Redding FPD | Commissioner Reedy | Commissioner Gillaspy | 3-0 | 6,7 | Commissioner Gillaspy | Commissioner Reedy | 3-0 |
| Brownstown FPD | Commissioner Reedy | Commissioner Gillaspy | 3-0 | 7,8 | Commissioner Reedy | Commissioner Gillaspy | 3-0 |

Sherri Jewett then discussed with Commissioners the possibility of Recovery Housing in Jackson County as a result of receiving Grant funds and why the County has been asked to provide Opioid settlement funds for this project. Jewett provided general information about recovery residence programs, program partners and funding. After discussion, Commissioner Markel thanked Jewett for the information and stated that he supports property ran recovery housing. Commissioner Markel also stated that he wants to make sure that current facilities are not left out.

Plan Commissioner, Conner Barnette, then asked Commissioners for approval to establish the County Maintenance position as discussed previously. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Barnette then presented 3 service contracts with REMC for internet of the Juvenile Home, Highway Department and the Judicial Center/Courthouse. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the 3 service contracts as presented. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried .

Auditor, Roger Hurt, then presented the Dossett Consulting IV-D contract to Commissioners. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Auditor Hurt stated that the Commissioners were presented with the March 2023 meeting room schedule and the February 2023 fund report for their review.

Commissioners then recessed until March 21, 2023 at 9 AM.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 9:00 AM.

Signed this 21st day of March, 2023.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspay

Staci L Eglan - attest