

**Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
April 18, 2023
9:00 AM**

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

Absent: All present.

Commissioner Drew Markel called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Silent Prayer observed.

Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2023 Regular Meeting.

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

Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve the Payroll of April 7, 2023 in the amount of \$525,183.17 along with claims in the amount of \$651,625.80. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees: None

EMS Director, Nate Bryant, appeared before Commissioners to ask for approval to purchase two (2) 2023 Dodge Durangos. These will replace the current Director and Supervisors vehicles. The funds used to purchase this is within the 2022 GO Bond. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve as presented. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jim Gutting and Jason Puckett with SRI along with County Treasurer Kathy Hohenstreiter then presented a new program available through SRI, called the Lien Assist Program. This program will help the county in collecting sewer liens. A meeting has been held with Seymour City, Crothersville, Brownstown and Regional sewers regarding this program. The program would place a \$5 per parcel fee on each effected parcel. After discussion, Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the contract as presented. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Conner Barnette then discussed the following with Commissioners:

- Madison Iron works has been contacted in regards to the courthouse fence. Barnette is currently waiting on a quote for this project.
- The county maintenance position has been filled.
- A ticket system will be put in place for maintenance issues.
- HFI contract has been eliminated since the maintenance position has been filled.

Julie Wehmiller with the Highway Department discussed the following:

- The county has been awarded the 2023 Community Crossings grant.
- The annual report of Local Roads and Streets and Bridges was presented for approval. The report has been reviewed by the county auditor. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve as presented. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
- Wehmiller then asked if there was an update on County Road 100W. Attorney Bevers stated that one of the property owners is hesitant. Commissioner Markel stated that he would contact Jerry Ault and look into the issue.

Commissioner Markel then read Resolution #9, Commissioner Bill #12, a resolution allowing the President of the Board of Commissioners to sign INDOT agreements outside of the regular meetings. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried

Sheriff Meyer presented the March 2023 Jail/Sheriff Reports.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard, stated that the county held the 10 hour OSHA training last week and that the County Highway staff is now property trained.

Commissioner Markel asked Hubbard to look into the possibility of alternative PTO, stating that Schneck has a program that is interesting in regards to this topic.

County Auditor, Staci Eglen then presented the 2023 Tax Sale Calendar and the 2023 Tax Rate addendum. SRI will be conducting the 2023 tax sale with a change in rates beginning this year. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Markel also wanted to recognize a student from North Harrison who was present in the crowd, in attendance for a school assignment.

Commissioners then recessed until May 2, 2023 at 9 AM.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 9:00 AM.

Signed this 2nd day of May, 2023.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspy

Staci L Eglen - attest