

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
April 2, 2019
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 March 19, 2019 Regular Meeting.

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

After review, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Payroll of March 29, 2019 in the amount of \$414,315.67, along with Claims, included electronic checks for the amount of \$2,512,251.48. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees: None

Lieutenant Adam Nicholson then came before Commissioners to discuss a Sex Offender Fee Ordinance. As part of his duties, Nicholson is in charge of the Sex Offender Registry in Jackson County. Currently there are approximately 75 active offenders, with no current fee in Jackson County. Nicholson provided fee information from Bartholmew, Greene and Johnson counties. If the county were to approve a fee ordinance and set up a fund, 90% of the money collected would stay in the County Sex Offender Fee fund, with 10% being sent semi-annually to the State.

Arann Banks, with the Jackson County Visitor Center then came before Commissioners to discuss the Acoustic Music Festival, to be held April 26-27 in Seymour. The Southern IN Center for the Arts is asking that the Visitors Center, as one of the Venues, have a beer/wine truck available in the parking lot. Rails and The Eagles are the other two venues for the event. After discussion, Commissioner Markel made a motion to allow a beer/wine truck to operate on the Visitor Center Property. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

JL Brewer then presented the Community Corrections Lease Agreement for the office space in Seymour. The lease signed in 2016 has expired as of March 31, 2019. Commissioners advised Attorney Susan Bevers to review the agreement and bring back to the next meeting. Commissioners also advised Brewer to pay any rent if needed before the next meeting.

JL Brewer then discussed the Work Release Center with Commissioners. The Interlocal Agreement with Jennings County was presented. Jennings County has agreed to the terms. Commissioner Markel made a motion to proceed with the Work Release Center. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners then discussed a Letter of Support for Jackson County REMC. REMC is applying for a Broadband grant, and this letter of support is needed for the application. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy, Conner Barnette and Brad McPike attended a Census Bureau Meeting for the 2020 census. After discussion, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to form a complete count committee for the 2020 census. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor, Jerry Ault, presented the INDOT and Jackson County LPA Agreement for Preliminary Engineering of Bridge 154. This will be an 80/20 match. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the agreement (EDS A249-19-L190033). Commissioner Gillaspys seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Ault then presented two (2) Community Crossings Grant Agreements. After review, Commissioner Gillaspys made a motion to approve agreement EDS A249-19-LG190122 for \$435,632.67. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Markel then made a motion to approve agreement EDS A249-19-LG190033 for \$563,618.68. Commissioner Gillaspys seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Ault then presented an INDOT and Jackson County LPA Agreement for Bridge 197 Preliminary Engineering. This will be an 80/20 match. Commissioner Gillaspys made a motion to approve agreement EDS A249-19-L190031. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Ault then informed Commissioners that \$70,000 was left out of the 2019 Cum Bridge budget in error. Commissioner Gillaspys made a motion to approve the additional appropriation that will be needed for this funding. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Ault then presented the following:

- report on all small structures in county
- 2019 contract paving program
- 2019 CCMG paving program
- Dept is still working on pip replacement for 2019 paving program
- Eight trucks will be going out tomorrow to work on potholes throughout the county
- Crackseal will resume when all bad pipes are replaced
- Dept is getting ready for mowing season

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard, stated that the County Employee Handbook is being reviewed with updates to be brought to the next meeting. The biggest change to expect is in the clarification of paid time off.

Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter presented to Commissioners a contract with SBS Portal Scanning. This contract is for the scanning of old Commissioner minute books, which are currently held in the Auditors vault to be paid from GO Bond Series A. The contract also includes scanning of approximately 150 Transfer books -the cost of this project will be paid from the Auditor's plat book fund. Commissioner Gillaspys made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Auditor Hohenstreiter then presented to Commissioners a contract with Data Pit Stop. This contract is for a program that will assist in Capital Assets, Inventory, Property Exemptions, Top Ten Taxpayer List, Calculations of Tax Bills, along with multiple other functions. The fee for this is \$4,000 per year. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspys seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Attorney Susan Bevers commented that she is still waiting to receive information from Comcast in regards to the Video Franchise Ordinance.

Auditor Hohenstreiter stated that the Weights and Measures Certificate for Steven Brewer was received by the Auditor's Office.

Commissioner Markel made a motion allowing Brownstown Christian Church to place a banner on the Courthouse fence for two weeks before Easter. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Attorney Bevers stated that Bell Ford Bridge Agreement has been approved by Hamilton County. Hamilton County is paying \$25,000 for the bridge. After discussion, Commissioner Markel made a motion to create a Home Rule Fund for this money, called the Preservation Fund. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Attorney Bevers will bring a Resolution to the next meeting in regards to creating this fund.

Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to proceed with the liquidating of the previous Superior Court Building in Seymour at 1420 Corporate Way, and to list it with Jackson County Realtors- Rob Millman. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Markel then motioned that Commissioner Gillaspay take point on dealing with the listing of the building with the Realtor. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

The voting machines being stored in Seymour will be moved to the 4th, unfinished, courtroom in the Judicial Center.

Commissioners confirmed with Jerry Ault that the county auction will be held in June.

Commissioners recessed until the next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 9:00 AM.

Signed this 16th day of April, 2019.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspay

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest