

**Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
May 16, 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 May 2, 2023 Regular Meeting.

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

Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Payroll of May 5, 2023 in the amount of \$525,246.69 along with claims in the amount of \$861,005.88. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Reports from other Committees:** None

**CCMG Bid Opening**

Highway Superintendent, Jerry Ault, opened the following bids:

- All Star Paving	Total Bid	\$1,160,297.00
- Dave O'Mara	Total Bid	\$1,245,171.00
- Flinn & Sons	Total Bid	\$1,548,257.43
- Milestone Paving	Total Bid	\$1,466,336.00

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to take all bids under advisement. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Health Department Administrator, Karla Hubbard presented information to Commissioners regarding SB4. The State of IN has announced that a new budget will be available in 2024 if County Commissioners opt in. The possible amount to receive in 2024 is \$1,485,000.00. The county would not be required to spend it all this first year and 10% could be used for capital improvement. Hubbard will provide more information as its received. Commissioners made no decision on this at this time.

Dan Davis on behalf of the Education Coalition, came before Commissioners to ask to be placed in the Commissioners 2024 budget. The Commissioners granted \$30,000 in 2023. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to place this in the 2024 budget. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Scott Hunsucker with Brownstown Sewage Works came before Commissioners to discuss issues that have arisen from the Jackson County Jail sewer. Problems have been occurring at the lift station which have resulted in costly repairs. Debris such as inmate uniforms, towels and item packaging have been found to cause the failures. A notice of violation was sent to the jail on November 29, 2022. Hunsucker asked who his point of contact for this issue should be. After discussion, Commissioner Gillaspay agreed to be the point of contact to try to assist in resolving the issue.

Sheriff Meyer presented the April 2023 Jail/Sheriff report for review.

Auditor Staci Eglen informed Commissioners that they were given the April 2023 Treasurer report for review.

Commissioner Markel performed the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance #7, Commissioner Bill #13. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve upon 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. This ordinance is to create a three way stop at 800N and 100W. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Markel then performed

the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance #7, Commissioner Bill #13. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve upon 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Attorney Bevers stated that she is waiting on one signature, which should be received today, for the exchange of right of way regarding CR 100W. Once this is received the project can move forward.

Commissioners then recessed until June 6, 2023 at 9 AM.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 9:00 AM.

Signed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

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Matt Reedy

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Drew Markel

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Bob Gillaspay

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Staci L Eglen - attest