

**Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
May 18, 2021  
9:00 AM**

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

Commissioner Matt Reedy 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 4, 2021 Regular Meeting.

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

Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Payroll of May 7, 2021 in the amount of \$436,925.84 along with Claims, in the amount of \$262,711.73. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Reports from other Committees:** None.

Jackson County Clerk, Melissa Hayes, then appeared before Commissioners to discuss the county moving to a Voting Center county. Hayes stated that they are in the '2<sup>nd</sup> phase' of planning, which would require a resolution from the Commissioners allowing them to continue with the process. Currently the county has 30 precincts, resulting in 20 polling sites. Changing to a Voting Center county, would allow 6-8 vote centers, allowing the residents to vote at any of the locations. Commissioner Reedy then read Resolution #4, Commissioner Bill #5. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Brenda Turner then discussed with Commissioners the 2021 Drug Free Grant allocations. After review, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the 2021 allocations with a total of \$60,888.31. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Conner Barnette then presented quotes for repairs needed in the basement of the historic courthouse to prevent additional flooding issues. Barnette discussed quotes from HFI, Ken Neely Restoration and Cornerstone Flooring. The drain work (HFI) would be performed immediately, and patch work on the walls (Ken Neely) would begin soon. The flooring replacement would wait until after the 2021 Fair. There is currently \$57,775.16 in the IT account of the 2019-2021 GOB, that after discussion with the IT Department, will not all be used. After discussion and review, Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve up to \$40,000 for the completion of this repair. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Morris Tippin then came before Commissioners to request use of the Medora Covered Bridge, for the Dinner on the Bridge Event, on August 7, 2021. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. The certificate of liability insurance has already been provided to the Auditor's office.

Sheriff Meyer then presented the April 2021 Sheriff/Jail Report for Commissioners to review.

Sheriff Meyer then discussed the possibility of Emergency Personnel Covid Relief Hazard Pay with Commissioners. With the latest distribution of COVID relief funds (ARPA) expected to be distributed soon to counties, Sheriff Meyer asked that Commissioners consider Hazard Pay for county employees that had to work normally during the COVID pandemic. Discussion was held on how other counties have handled this – who would be considered essential – and that the money has not officially been received by Jackson County. After discussion, Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve premium pay to eligible workers, up to \$13.00 an hour with a maximum of up to \$3,000 per worker, for the time period of March 14, 2020 – April 30, 2021, and defined an

Eligible worker as "those workers needed to maintain continuity of operations of essential critical infrastructure sectors and additional sectors as each chief executive officer of a metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county may designate as critical to protect the health and well-being of the residents of their metropolitan city, nonentitlement unit of local government, or county."

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

Highway Superintendent, Jerry Ault then presented the following to Commisioners:

- An unofficial detour route, for the closure of Highway 59 between Kurtz and Hwy 135. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
- A quote from N-I Tech to replace computers and printers at a cost of \$7,639 and a quote to purchase a power washer at the cost of \$6,644.00. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the purchase, with the possible use of remaining COVID funds. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
- A classification mileage chart report. Ault proposes seal coating roads for the next 1-2 years to save money, as the amount of funds available will be less. Ault stated that more miles will be able to be attended to using this process.

Commissioners then recessed until June 1, 2021 at 6 PM.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

Signed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2021.

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Matt Reedy

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Drew Markel

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Bob Gillaspy

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Roger Hurt - attest