

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
May 19, 2020
9:00 AM

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

Commissioner Matt Reedy called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a silent Prayer observed.

Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2020 Regular Meeting.

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

After review, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Payroll of May 8, 2020 in the amount of \$419,561.33 and Monthly Claims, in the amount of \$310,334.53. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees: Commissioner Reedy stated that the Fair Board met last night and the 4H Council meets tomorrow night. Fair Board member, Tom Ritz, who was present at the Commissioner Meeting stated that all aspects of the fair, for example – Food Service, the Midway, Grandstands and 4H are being considered as they determine how to handle the 2020 Jackson County Fair.

End of Reports from other Committees.

CCMG Bid Opening –

Commissioner Markel then performed the opening of the CCMG Paving Bids. The following were received, opened and read:

AllStar Paving	Total for 17.4 mile	\$1,382,654.20
Milestone Paving	Total for 17.4 mile	\$1,443,907.65
Dave O’Mara Paving	Total for 17.4 mile	\$1,393,054.80

Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to take the bids under advisement, allowing time to review.

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

Alan Killey, owner of the Hair Force Beauty School in Seymour then appeared before Commissioners and apologized to Commissioners and County Health dept that he did not know he was not in compliance with the County that he always followed the State guidelines. On May 14th, 2020, The Jackson County Health Department had performed an inspection on his facility and found him to be out of compliance with the reopening guidelines due to COVID-19. Killey admitted to not having the Stylist and Instructors wear masks, however, he was unaware that this was needed. State guidelines only said recommended. He stated he has them available for anyone, along with sanitizer, spray and disinfectant. Also, the work stations are 6 feet apart. The part of the County Health Dept. guidelines he said they cannot comply with –is keeping to only 2 people per work station, as sometimes the student stylist needs assistance from an instructor – causing 3 people at one work station. Commissioners clarified with Mr. Ramsey with the Jackson County Health Department that it will not be an issue to have the client, student stylist and instructor at a single station if masks are being worn by stylist and instructor. Ramsey agreed that this would not be an issue going forward.

Karla Hubbard, with the Jackson County Health Department then presented an Interpreter Contract to Commissioners. After review, Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter then presented the 2020 Drug Free Grant allocations for review. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners then discussed the possible lighting upgrade in the Historic Courthouse. This would change the lights out to LED. Auditor Hohenstreiter stated that there is money available in the 2019 GO Bond if this would fit the criteria. The Estimate from Bode Electric Inc is \$27,346.00. After discussion, Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve pending Attorney Bevers review to see if it can be paid from the Bond and after Council Review. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Discussion of County Offices Opening to Public following COVID 19 Pandemic – Commissioners received feedback from Office Holders in attendance that currently we are operating at full staff and performing business as usual to the greatest extent possible. It was stated that the State employees are not returning to work until June 14th, with the first possible open to public date after July 4th. Treasurer Hurt stated the extended tax due date is July 10th. Commissioners decided to table the discussion until the June 16, 2020 Commissioner Meeting, leaving offices closed to the public at this time.

Treasurer Hurt then presented the Forte Contract to Commissioners. Attorney Bevers has reviewed the contract and stated it is for a 3 year term, at no cost to the county. This company offers E-Check and CC options for payment. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Sheriff Meyer presented the April 2020 Jail Report for Commissioners review.

Anthony Branaman, with the Jackson Co Highway Department presented Commissioners with contracts from GSI for road work on County Roads 100W & 875N. After discussion and concerns expressed about funding, the Commissioners decided to not sign the Contracts at this meeting, allowing the Council to review the information and see if this is feasible due to the changes in highway funding.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard stated that he has currently approximately \$80,000 to turn in on initial application for possible reimbursement through the CARES Act. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Hubbard also presented the amended Job Qualification for EMS Director. The ambulance board felt the changes would allow for more applicants. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve as presented. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

JL Brewer asked if there was any update on the work release center. Attorney Bevers stated that as of this morning she had not received any new information. The building corp has approved the lease and Attorney Bevers would like to see a Public Hearing set before the next Commissioner Meeting on June 3rd.

Warren Martin stated that the sound system for the new meeting room is set to be installed next Tuesday, May 26th.

Commissioners then recessed until June 3rd, 2020.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday (due to Elections) , June 3rd, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

Signed this 3rd day of June, 2020.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspay

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest