

**Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
May 4, 2021
6:00 PM**

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 April 20, 2021 Regular Meeting.

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

Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Payroll of April 23, 2021 in the amount of \$436,124.36 along with Claims, including electronic checks, in the amount of \$3,238,528.49. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees: Commissioner Reedy asked Dan Davis, with the Community Foundation, to provide an update on the Dog Shelter Fund held at the Foundation. Davis stated that the current balance is \$25,530.01. A \$10,000 donation was received by the Sheriff's Dept from Aisin Chemical in Crothersville this month. Davis provided a detailed report on the collection and disbursement of funds held at the foundation.

End of Reports from other Committees.

Dan Davis, on behalf of the Jackson County Education Coalition, thanked Commissioners for including \$30,000 for the Coalition in their 2021 budget and requested that same consideration in the 2022 budget. Commissioner Markel made a motion to include the \$30,000 in the Commissioner 2022 budget to be send to Council. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Suzanne Mittenthal then appeared before Commissioners to discuss concerns with the Sparksville Park. Discussion was held regarding drug usage and used paraphernalia left at the park. Mittenthal would like to see more police patrols in the area. Charlotte Brewer, local resident, also spoke regarding the use of the park. Brewer would also like to see more police presence in order to keep the park safe. Sheriff Meyer advised that the area is patrolled, but that anyone can call 812-358-2141 anytime to report suspicious activity. Charles Andrew, President of the Knobstone Hiking Trail also spoke to the importance of the Sparksville Park in regards to the trail.

Heather VonDielingen, Purdue Extension Director, along with Custodian Jana Wessel appeared before Commissioners to discuss the flooding issue in the Extension Office. The recent rain caused flooding in the office and the employees are currently working from home. VonDielingen stated that there is visible mold when the carpet is pulled back, and that due to employee asthma/allergy issues, she believes the first step is an air quality test. Quotes were presented for this service. After review, Commissioner Markel made a motion to allow CIH to perform the test at the cost of \$450.00, with the cost to be paid from the Commissioners Professional Services line. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Gillaspay also motioned to allow Plan Commissioner, Conner Barnette, to oversee the project. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Barnette has already been looking into the drainage issue. Commissioner Reedy advised Conner to possible reach out to Mr. Warren Martin for his guidance in design.

Conner Barnette addressed Commissioners regarding a property tax bill for the work release center property. The amount due for 20pay21 is \$187.60. Commissioner Markel made a motion to pay from the contract services account. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Community Corrections Director, JL Brewer then asked Commissioners for IDOC Grant Approval for July – December 2021. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to allow Commissioner Markel to sign the IDOC July –

December 2021 Grant for the total amount of \$624,647.00. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy then performed the 1st reading of Ordinance #7, Commissioner Bill #14. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. This ordinance is “An ordinance establishing the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund and Matters Related Thereto”. This will be known as Fund 8950 and is to be administered by the Jackson County Auditor. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Reedy then performed the 2nd reading of Ordinance #7, Commissioner Bill #14. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve upon second reading and to waive 3rd reading. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jackson County Canine Shelter – A donation of \$10,000 has been received from Aisin Chemical. There has also been donations of food. The Sheriff’s Department has found used desks, furniture and mats to use for the shelter. The proposed cost to finish the building is \$98,500 with an estimated annual operating budget of \$71,057. Attorney Susan Bevers informed Commissioners that bids are not required to finish the building, quotes will be necessary. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to allow the project to continue to process toward completion with the cost estimates provided. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Nico Panciocco then appeared before Commissioners asking for permission to place Cat feeding stations on County property located in Rockford at the 7400 E Block Co Rd 725 N Seymour ,IN 47274, this is between the river and the ‘old roksey skating rink’. Panciocco stated that he has placed food bowls there in the past to catch ferel cats, but the owner of the adjoining property gets rid of them. He stated that he is on the Humane Society of Jackson County board, and any cats captured are spayed/neutered and rehomed. After discussion, Commissioners stated that if he is to do this, a Certificate of Liability is needed since he is on county property and at the current time, the Commissioners are not telling him that he cannot set up the feeding stations.

Highway Superintendent, Jerry Ault, performed the opening of the 2021 Contract Paving bids at the April 23rd Commissioner meeting with the following results:

Project	Dave O’Mara	Milestone	All Star	Wingham
1-1	34,505.26	52,167.20	38,731.95	42,212.00
1-2	84,904.42	120,270.15	103,941.09	113,280.00
1-3	54,415.16	80,982.00	61,997.76	67,936.00
1-4	19,286.25	32,707.50	22,336.20	23,044.00
1-5	46,523.58	65,902.35	56,954.79	62,072.00
1-6	41,494.38	58,990.20	45,334.98	51,550.00
1-7	100,375.08	153,512.40	117,337.86	127,880.00
1-8	44,924.16	67,573.45	53,652.15	58,472.00
1-9	50,735.49	72,127.50	55,431.36	63,031.00

It is Aults recommendation to award all projects to Dave O’Mara, with the total of all projects coming in at \$477,160.78. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve Ault’s recommendation. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Ault then discussed the following:

- 2016-2021 Paser ratings. The county is ‘losing’ 40 mile of road per year. He would like to start repairing using seal coating.
- Jackson County was awarded the full \$1,000,000 CCMG Grant
- The CCMG INDOT Contract was then provided for signature. Commissioner Markel made a motion to accept the contract as presented and to allow Commissioner Reedy to sign the contract on behalf of all Commissioners. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

- The CCMG Bid opening will be advertised for the June 1st Commissioner meeting.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard, discussed the following with Commissioners:

- An update was provided on the CARES Act funding. Currently there is approximately \$184,000 remaining, with \$120,000 having Council approval for spending. Leaving a balance of approximately \$64,000.
- The current EMS Training Officer is planning to retire in August, and the Director would like to start interviews. An updated job description was written and accepted for the position.
- The SIHO quarterly meeting will be held on May 7th at 10am, if any Commissioners would like to attend.

Auditor Roger Hurt stated that the Commissioners were provided with the April 2021 Fund report and the May 2021 meeting room schedule.

Commissioners then recessed until May 18, 2021 at 9AM.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 9:00 AM.

Signed this 18th day of May, 2021.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspy

Roger Hurt - attest