

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
May 6, 2020
6:00 PM

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

Commissioner Matt Reedy called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Reedy then Prayed for the County and the Pledge of Allegance was recited.

Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2020 Regular Meeting.

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

After review, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Payroll of April 24, 2020 in the amount of \$424,648.97 and Monthly Claims, including Electronic checks, in the amount of \$2,392,364.46. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees: Commissioner Reedy stated that Purdue is scheduled to make a decision on the Jackson County Fair by May 15, 2020.

End of Reports from other Committees.

Jackson County Clerk, Melissa Hayes presented Commissioners with an updated list of polling sites for the 2020 Primary Election. Jackson 4 & 5 had a change of location since the previous approval. Jackson 4 & 5 polling site will now be the old Superior Court 1 Building in Seymour. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the sites as presented. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Hayes then stated that the State will be providing some sanitary supplies for the election, but asked Commissioners about the possibility of purchasing dividers for election day. Hayes stated that 84 dividers would be needed at a cost of approximately \$13,000. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve pending Council approval for the purchase. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Plan Commissioner, Conner Barnette then discussed Alley Vacates in Kurtz.

Commissioner Reedy then performed the 1st reading of Ordinance #4, Commisioner Bill #11. An Ordinance vacating an alley in Kurtz, Owen Township, Indiana. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy then performed the 2nd reading of Ordinance #4, Council Bill #11. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve upon 2nd reading and to waive 3rd. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy then performed the 1st reading of Ordinance #5 Commissioner Bill #12. An Ordinance vacating an alley in Kurtz, Owen Township, Indiana. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy then performed the 2nd reading of Ordinance #5, Commissioner Bill #12.

Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve upon 2nd reading and to waive 3rd. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Markel then stated that he has received 4 calls on 4 seperated incidents where the rocks from the county roads have punctured tires. Jerry Ault stated that he has already spoke with the Quarry and different size rocks are being used.

Commissioner Markel then made a motion to approve the Electronic Map Data Agreement presented.

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

Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve the Extended Warranty presented from AstroPhysics for the body scanner at the Judicial Center. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve a 3 year Contract for the Jail Kitchen services with Tiger Correctional Services. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy then performed the 1st reading of Ordinance #2, Commissioner Bill #6. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Reedy then performed the 2nd reading of Ordinance #2, Commissioner Bill #6. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve upon 2nd reading and to waive 3rd. Commissioner Markel seconded. This ordinance is restricting traffic on 1000 E in Jackson Twp. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy then performed the 1st reading of Ordinance #3, Commissioner Bill #7. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Reedy then performed the 2nd reading of Ordinance #3, Commissioner Bill #7. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve upon 2nd reading and to waive 3rd. Commissioner Markel seconded. This ordinance is placing a speed limit of 20 mph on Springmeadow Lane, Moonlight Court and Tanglewood Court in Redding Twp. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners then discussed the EMS Director Job Description. It was updated and reviewed by the Ambulance board. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve with the addition of 'and any other duties assigned by The Ambulance Board or the Jackson County Board of Commissioners'. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Markel made a motion to change the June 2nd, 2020 Commissioner Meeting to Wednesday June 3rd, 2020 due to the change in date of the Primary Election. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Discussion of County Offices Reopening from COVID-19 Pandemic:

Commissioner Reedy, Jeff Hubbard and Dr. Bunce did a walk through of the offices to prepare for reopening. Treasurer Roger Hurt stated that the Tax Collection is going smoothly and is at or above the amount collected this time last year and that by remaining closed to the public his office is able to have 5 workstations and answer phone calls. Discussion was then held regarding the court system. Judge MacTavish was present for the meeting and stated that precautions have been taken in setting up for social distancing in the court rooms. Commissioners then agreed to the following: Courts are open as scheduled only, limited people for cases. County offices remain closed to the public through the end of May 2020. Topic will be revisited at May 19th, 2020 Commissioner Meeting.

Commissioner Markel made a motion to lift the travel restrictions for Jackson County. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent, Jerry Ault discussed the following with Commissioners:

- Presented agreements with Hoosier National Forest for the placement of Water Crossings. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
- Presented the 2020 Contract Paving Program agreements and award letters for signature.
- All highway dept personnel are back to work, keeping social distancing procedures in place.
- All culverts needing replaced for the 2020 Contract Paving Program are completed. Work is still being done on the culvert replacement for the 2020 CCMG Paving Program.

- The 2020 CCMG Paving Program Bids will be opened at the May 19th, 2020 Commissioner Meeting at 9am. This year the lowest overall Contractor Bid gets all of the projects.
- Ault would like to implement, effective immediately, that all overtime be in Comp time only, with comp time approved by foreman before taken. This is due to the lack of gasoline sales, the MVH & LRS funding are taking a hard hit. All overtime will be limited to snow plowing, fallen trees, flood signs, stop signs and road washouts. Commissioner Markel agreed that the loss in road funding will be massive and hugely affect the 2021 budget.
- Ault stated that he has not heard back from the State Engineer regarding County Roads 875N & 100W.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard, discussed with Commissioners the extent that they would want him to apply for credits from the CARES Act. Commissioners advised Hubbard to apply for all that he can and to work with Duane Davis in this process if needed.

County Attorney Susan Bevers then discussed with Commissioners having Plan Commissioner, Conner Barnette, be the designated signee to the WTH/Data Agreements since they are typically all the same format. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

County Treasurer, Roger Hurt, stated that the credit card site that took property tax payments has crashed. Hurt is looking into a different company to go with for this service. He has forwarded the information on to Attorney Bevers and will bring back more information to the May 19th, 2020 meeting.

County Clerk, Melissa Hayes, then asked for permission to use the 'old' Superior Court II room for early voting. Early voting will only run from May 26, 2020 – June 1, 2020. The Sheriff stated that one of the Judicial Center Security officers should be able to cover that area since the building is still closed to the public. Commissioners agreed to this arrangement.

Commissioners then recessed until May 19th, 2020.

The next regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 19, 2020 at 9:00 AM.

Signed this 19th day of May, 2020.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspay

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest