

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
June 3, 2020  
6:00 PM

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 Gillaspay made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2020 Regular Meeting.

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

After review, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Payroll of May 22, 2020 in the amount of \$434,120.94 and Monthly Claims, including electronic checks, in the amount of \$2,822,904.68. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Reports from other Committees:** Commissioner Reedy stated that the Fair Board's final decision was to cancel the 2020 Jackson County Fair.

**End of Reports from other Committees.**

**CCMG Bid Results –**

The following were received, opened and read at the May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Commissioner's Meeting:

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| 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 |

Highway Superintendent, Jerry Ault, reviewed the bids and recommends approving AllStar Paving, who did give the overall lowest bid, to receive the contract for CCMG Paving. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve AllStar Paving. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Ault presented the CCMG Notice of Award, Contract and Notice to Proceed for AllStar Paving to Commissioners for their signatures.

Ault then discussed the following with Commissioners:

- The 2020 CCMG Paving Program will pave 17.402 miles of road
- The 2020 Contract Paving Program will pave 11.328 miles of road
- The County Council did approve the funds needed to proceed with repairs on 875N, putting 100W repairs on hold for now. Commissioners already approved the project, pending Council approval of funds. Work will begin on June 8<sup>th</sup>, and take approximately 30 days to complete
- Resurfacing of Bridge #88, The Honeytown River Bridge, will begin around the third week in June.
- Ault spoke with John Secor about a Railroad Crossing Grant, which would allow for remarking some of the County Railroad Crossings at no cost to the county
- O'Mara plans to begin next week on contract paving
- All highway employees are back to work and practicing social distancing

Plan Commissioner, Conner Barnette, then discussed with Commissioners the possible demolition of a house at 3419 W Water Street in Vallonia. Barnette stated that this has been an ongoing problem, with multiple notices sent. The last notice was to have everything off the property by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Commissioner Markel stated that he has been with Barnette on at least 6 occasions, where they have gone to the property and spoke with the owner and/or her sons on this issue. Commissioner Markel made a motion to begin the process of demolition and clean up of the property at 3419 W Water Street in Vallonia. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

County Attorney Susan Bevers provided an update on the Work Release Center. Bevers stated that the Building Corp has approved the lease agreement, which was necessary due to the Building Corp owning the building and leasing it to the County. Bevers has been in contact with Kim Blanchett, asking her to have things in place, allowing for a public hearing to be held on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Reedy Financial is ready to help with the bond process once the public hearing is complete. JL Brewer added that Jennings County has called inquiring on the progress.

Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter presented a IV-D Contract with Dossett Consulting. The contract is for 3 years at \$4,500 per year. Attorney Bevers has reviewed the contract. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy then asked Auditor Hohenstreiter to contact Warren Martin regarding areas in the Judicial Center where there needs to be some ability to speak through the glass partitions. This issue originated in the Voter Registration area, but there is a total of 4 around the building that need attention.

Commissioner Reedy then stated that an Email was received stating that the Seymour Chamber of Commerce will be holding a Ribbon Cutting on June 17<sup>th</sup> @ 10am on the Jackson County Courthouse steps. This ribbon cutting will be declaring that following COVID-19 'Jackson County' is open for business. After discussion, Commissioners advised Hohenstreiter to speak with Sasha Norman at the Chamber to discuss wording, as Jackson County Buildings are still closed to the public. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Sheriff Meyer informed Commissioners that he is getting quotes for the Security System at the Jail. The current system is a 20 year old analog system.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard, stated that approximately \$77,000 have been submitted in Claims for possible reimbursement through the CARES ACT.

Auditor Hohenstreiter informed Commissioners that they were given a year to date, as of May 31, 2020, Fund report for their review.

Auditor Hohenstreiter informed Commissioners that Spring Settlement will be June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 with distribution of checks to units on June 22 or 23, 2020.

Commissioners wanted to acknowledge the work that the Jackson County Clerk and crew put into the 2020 Primary Election. The Election had been moved from May 5, 2020 to June 2, 2020 due to the COVID 19 Pandemic. New protocols were needed to keep the election workers safe- safety shields were purchased and sanitization supplies were received. Then, starting the week before Election, protests and riots broke out around the Country, including Indiana, in regards to 'Black Lives Matter'. With all the changes and difficulties along the way, Jackson County was able to have a safe and successful Primary Election Day.

Commissioners then recessed until June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

The next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 9:00 AM.

Signed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

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Matt Reedy

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Drew Markel

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Bob Gillaspay

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