

**Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
June 15, 2021  
9:00 AM**

Present: Commissioner Matt Reedy & Commission Bob Gillaspy

Absent: Commissioner Drew Markel

Commissioner Matt Reedy called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Silent Prayer observed.

Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve the Payroll of May 21, 2021 in the amount of \$447,781.69 along with Claims, in the amount of \$503,461.89. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

**Reports from other Committees:** Commissioner Reedy stated that the Juvenile Home is close to reaching the completion of the new required accreditation.

**End of Reports from other Committees.**

Commissioner Reedy performed the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance #8, Commissioner Bill #6. This ordinance is to vacate an alley in Mount Sydney, Grassy Fork Township. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve upon 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Reedy then performed the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance #8, Commissioner Bill #6. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve upon 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and to waive 3<sup>rd</sup> reading. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy then performed the reading of Resolution #7, Commissioner Bill #7. This resolution is for the Opt Out of the Opiod Settlement. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy stated that he had been contacted by the Rose Acres CEO about getting possible placements of work release center residents. Commissioner Reedy stated that he will follow up with JL Brewer about placements as occupancy increases at the center.

Larry McIntosh with Jackson County Water and Lori Young with Curry & Associates then discussed with Commissioners the proposal that has been created for a water line replacement project in Brownstown, that will retire the lead surface lines. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$3.5 million, and they are requesting \$300,000 from the county through ARPA funding. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to express intent to approve the project and to move the funding portion to Council. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Eric Frey then appeared before Commissioners to discuss the READI Grant. This is an opportunity for the region to receive up to \$50 million dollars. At this point, the need is for Jackson County to make a decision to Opt In or Out by July 1, 2021. The region consists of Bartholomew, Jennings, Brown and Jackson Counties. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to join the coalition. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Karla Hubbard with the Jackson County Health Department then presented contract renewals for PHN and Preparedness Coordinator. Two contracts are for Lin Montgomery and one was for Carrie Schryer. There is no change from previous contracts. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve all contracts as presented. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried. Hubbard informed Commissioners that the

county has been in COVID level Blue for 3 weeks, and approximately 40% of the county is vaccinated. The Health Department is starting to get back to their normal before COVID.

Highway Superintendent, Jerry Ault stated that the CCMG Bid Openings from last meeting have been reviewed and his recommendation is to accept the low bidder, Dave O'Mara. The total bid for O'Mara is \$1,082,313.81. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve Dave O'Mara for CCMG Paving. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried. Ault then presented the contract and notice to proceed for Commissioner review. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the contract and notice to proceed. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Ault then discussed a possible solution to the closure of road 100W, Hamilton Twp. The road has been closed since the hill 'slid' and was unsafe for travel. The highway department has come up with a plan to move the road over for approximately \$90,000. Ault will discuss this with Council, as this is not in the current highway department budget.

Sheriff Meyer then presented the title of the 2019 Dodge Caravan for signature so it can be traded in toward a different vehicle. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the trade in of the 2019 Dodge Caravan with VIN ending in #4262. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Sheriff Meyer provided Commissioners with the May 2021 Jail Report for their review. Sheriff Meyer stated that 10 inmates have moved from the jail to the new work release center. JL Brewer stated that the work release center has 15 residents and only 1 does not have a work placement due to being received last evening.

Custodian Jana Wessel then approached Commissioners along with Sheriff Meyer to discuss the Culligan invoices that have been received and paid from the Custodian budget. The salt for the Jail has always been paid from the Custodian budget, but now a repair was requested to be paid and Wessel is not sure if that is a custodial or jail budgeted item. After discussion, Commissioners advised to pay current bill from the custodial budget, but to please advise Council as to the confusion that is resulting in some outside departments paying all the expenses and others submitting to custodian for payment.

Jana Wessel then informed Commissioners that Junior Edwards, a long time- part time worker is retiring, with this Friday being his last day. At 2pm on Friday there will be a small party for him at the courthouse for anyone who wants to attend.

Commissioner Reedy stated that the closing for the sale of the old Superior Court building in Seymour is scheduled for June 21, 2021. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to allow himself to represent the Commissioners at the closing and to sign all documents needed. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Jeff Hubbard discussed the preliminary 2022 Commissioners budget. He stated that workmans comp, casualty/liability insurance and mental health will all increase. After review, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve as presented. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Matt Lorenzo, representing County Attorney Susan Bevers, presented a letter of request to the Community Foundation for \$23,000 out of the Dog Shelter funds to be moved to the Jackson County Canine Fund. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners then recessed until July 6, 2021 at 6 PM.

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

Signed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

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Matt Reedy

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Drew Markel

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Bob Gillaspay

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Roger Hurt - attest