

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
June 16, 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 Gillaspay made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2020 Regular Meeting.

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

After review, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Payroll of June 5, 2020 in the amount of \$437,723.10 and Monthly Claims, in the amount of \$253,882.89. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Reports from other Committees:** None

Teresa Taylor appeared before Commissioners to request a road extension on 425W in Freetown, Pershing Twp. This road extension would be necessary for her to be able to split her property into multiple parcels. After discussion with Commissioners, Conner Barnette and Jerry Ault, Barnette asked Taylor to come to his office for them to discuss what all would be needed in order to complete this process. Taylor was also advised to speak with Jerry Ault in order to understand how to get the road to county spec, which would have to take place in order for the county to take over the road, since currently this section is not a county road.

Kelly Bridges, Associate Director of Children's Advocacy Center, then came before Commissioners to request that the agency be considered for the Commissioners 2021 budget. Bridges requested \$2,500 for the 2021 budget year. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve placing the \$2,500 in the 2021 Commissioners budget, noting that it was at Council discretion for final approval. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Mark Lindenlaub, Executive Director and David Clay of Thrive Alliance, then appeared before Commissioners to request that the agency be considered for the Commissioners 2021 budget. Lindenlaub requested \$15,000 for the 2021 budget year. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve placing the \$15,000 in the 2021 Commissioners budget, noting that it was at Council discretion for final approval. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Karla Hubbard with the Jackson County Health Department presented the Public Health Nurse Contract for July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Upon review, Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Hubbard also presented the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Debbie Hackman then appeared before Commissioners to discuss the Jackson County Dog Shelter. Hackman explained that she had been to a Council meeting to ask for funding to complete the Dog Shelter. Council did not, at that time, feel they should provide funds to the project, as it was not accepted by Commissioners as complete. After discussion, Commissioners advised Hackman to have the Dog Shelter committee come up with an accurate, tightened budget for completion and look into possible grants for this project.

County Attorney Susan Bevers then presented Resolution 17, Commissioner Bill 13 – A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Jackson County, Receiving and Approving the Petition of Taxpayers Requesting the Leasing

of Certain County Facilities and Taking other Actions Regarding the Proposed Lease. Commissioner Reedy read Res #17, CB #13. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners then reviewed a quote from Naturalscape Services, Inc for the treatment of the remaining Ash tree(s) on the Courthouse lawn. The quote is for \$357.35. Upon review, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners then discussed the reopening of County Buildings following the COVID-19 pandemic. Commissioner Markel made a motion to reopen county buildings to the public on July 6, 2020. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Sheriff Meyers then presented the Sheriff/Jail May 2020 Monthly Reports for Commissioner review.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard informed Commissioners that the county has received COVID reimbursements of \$52,384.21 for 3 approved applications. Hubbard has filed more applications for which the county may still receive reimbursement funds.

Jeff Hubbard then presented the Commissioners with a preliminary 2021 Budget for their review. Hubbard stated that in 2021 there will be 27 pay periods, which will cause an almost \$170,000 increase to the budget. The mental health line is estimated at \$371,380.00.

The interview process for EMS Director will begin Thursday June 18, 2020.

Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter presented the Memorandum of Executive Session for June 3, 2020. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Hohenstreiter then presented the yearly Covered Bridge Certification. The Commissioners confirmed the county has 2 covered bridges. Commissioners signed the certification.

Hohenstreiter then informed Commissioners that they have, in their packets, the April and May 2020 Treasurer Reports.

Hohenstreiter then asked for direction for payment of a BIS Invoice. The invoice received is for the 4<sup>th</sup> courtroom in the Judicial Center. This expense was not budgeted for in any court 2020 budget. Commissioner Markel made a motion to pay the invoice amount of \$1,247.26 from the Commissioner Contract line. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners then recessed until July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

The next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

Signed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.

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Matt Reedy

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Drew Markel

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Bob Gillaspay

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Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest