

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
June 18, 2019
9:00 AM

Present: Commissioner Matt Reedy, Commissioner Drew Markel & Commissioner Bob Gillaspay
Absent: All Present

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 4, 2019 Regular Meeting.

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

After review, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Payroll of June 7, 2019 in the amount of \$431,036.43, along with Claims for the amount of \$1,220,130.93. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees:

Commissioner Markel stated that the recently hired Technical Review Committee for the Work Release Center will bring back information to the first August meeting.

End of Reports from other Committees.

Sue Lamborn with Thrive Alliance then came before Commissioners to ask to be considered in the 2020 Commissioner Budget for \$15,000. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Lamborn was advised to present the request to Council as well, as they will set the budget.

Commissioner Gillaspay then performed the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2019-#17, Commissioner Bill 9. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve upon 1st reading, Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Gillaspay then performed the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2019-#17, Commissioner Bill 9. This ordinance sets the speed limit to 20mph on Dogwood Trail, Willow Drive South, Willow Drive North, Greenbriar Drive and Willow Drive in Redding Township. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve upon 2nd reading. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Kimberly Myers and Shawna Schnepf then presented the Public Health Nurse Contract for 2019 – 2020. The salary for the Public Health Nurse is paid through the Immunization Grant from the Indiana Department of Health. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jackson County Prosecutor Jeff Chalfant and Sheriff Rick Meyer then discussed with Commissioners the need for future data storage. With e-filing and the need to retain photos and body camera videos, the need for data storage is increasing. After discussion, Commissioners directed Chalfant and Meyer to make contact and find out the cost of this project. Commissioners also advised Jeff Hubbard to add a line in the proposed Commissioner 2020 budget for data storage in the amount of \$40,000.

Officer Rob Henley has retired from the county. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to allow Henley to keep his firearm. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Sheriff Meyer then asked that the handbook have clarification as to how officers are eligible to keep their firearm upon leaving employment. Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard will reach out to surrounding counties as to how this is addressed in their handbooks.

Sheriff Meyer then addressed the ceiling damage in the Jail from an attempted inmate escape that is still not fixed. Commissioner Markel stated that he will contact county maintenance today so that it can be fixed. Commissioner Markel also stated that it is possible a ticketing system will be put into place for maintenance.

Sheriff Meyer then presented the May 2019 Jail Report, Meal Expenditure Report, Statistics and Dog Detention Report.

Highway Superintendent, Jerry Ault then presented the Janssen & Spaans On Call Agreement. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Ault then presented an Unofficial Detour for the bridge replacement south of highway 250, on highway 31. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the detour. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Ault stated that 'watch for children' signs were placed by Borchers Church on CR 210 E, Hamilton Twp.

Jeff Hubbard then presented Commissioners with the new Employee Handbook which will take effect July 1, 2019.

Hubbard also presented the Commissioners 2020 budget for review. Commissioner Markel made a motion to have \$50,000 in the contract services line. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Gillaspay followed with a motion to accept the budget as presented. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter stated the the 2019 Spring Settlement will be distributed today, in the amount of \$27,953,602.94.

Hohenstreiter also stated that the \$2525.64 surplus on the Kloppenburg Property that was discussed at the last meeting will go back to Mr Kloppenburg instead of the Rainy Day Fund. Upon further review, after the June 4 meeting, it appears that this tax amount was a part of the closing in which Kloppenburgs were responsible.

Commissioner Markel then stated that the millwork in the courtrooms of the Judicial Center was not correct when installed. After working with the company, he stated they are close to reaching a fair resolution for the issue. Markel hopes to get this finalized and any monetary resolution will go to finishing the wood work as it should have been.

Commissioners recessed until the next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 2, 2019 at 9:00 AM.

Signed this 2nd day of July, 2019.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspay

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest

