

**Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
June 20, 2023
9:00 AM**

Present: Commissioner Drew Markel, Commissioner Matt Reedy & Commissioner Bob Gillaspy

Absent: All present.

Commissioner Drew Markel called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and Silent Prayer observed.

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2023 Regular Meeting.

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

Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve the Payroll of June 2, 2023 in the amount of \$531,872.54 along with claims, in the amount of \$1,266,423.94. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees: None

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to amend the agenda to include Jerry Jackson and Jeff Pershing.

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

Maggie Sullivan and Iris Bellisario with Friends of Lake Monroe came before Commissioners to inform/update them on the cost share program that is available to farmers and to ask for a proclamation for Lake Monroe Day, September 17th, 2023.

Lindsay Sarver then appeared before Commissioners to discuss the following:

- To provide an update on the Opioid Settlement grant, its use and programs
- To ask for the \$100,000 match which was approved previously
- To use part of the settlement funds as an RCO launch &
- To ask for Commissioners to sponsor a lunch for a day of the CIT training.

Commissioner Markel stated that the match money had been previously approved. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the RCO launch. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy stated that the READI grant 2.0 is out and another possibility for Sarver to investigate.

Commissioners agreed to personally sponsor the lunch for one day of CIT training.

Karla Hubbard with the Health Department then presented Commissioners with a proposed budget if they decide to opt in and take the additional state funds in regards to SEA 4. Commissioner Markel then read Resolution #12, Commissioner Bill #14, a resolution to accept State Public Health Funding. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Hubbard then presented a quote from Westwind Sign LTD. This quote is for \$7,798 and its purpose is to move the current Health Department sign to a new location, with a new structure made to hold the current sign. This expense is in the 2022 GO Bond. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Lin Montgomery, on behalf of the Jackson Co Drug Free Council, then presented the annual allocations for approval. After review, Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the grant allocations as presented. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Arann Banks and Dan Robinson came before Commissioners to discuss the 2024 solar eclipse. The eclipse will occur on April 8th between 1:30-3:30 pm. It is to be expected that the county will see 3 times the population within that 24 hour period. Banks and Robinson informed Commissioners that they will be a central contact for events that will be happening around the county. They are not organizing specific events, just helping to control/get word out for events that are taking place.

JL Brewer with JC Community Corrections presented 2 Peer Recovery Personnel contracts. One is for a current FT employee from July – December 2023 and the other is for a PT employee to help finish the year. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve both contracts. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to cancel the July 5th regular Commissioner meeting. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jerry Jackson then asked Commissioners for approval to have access to the Courthouse restrooms on July 29th, 2023 from 3-9pm for the Class of '72 Cruise In that will take place on E Walnut. The town has agreed to close the road for that timeframe. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve, stating that there may be a charge due to staffing an employee during the access time. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jeff Pershing then informed Commissioners that 'The Wall that Heals' will be coming to the Jackson County Fairgrounds from August 10-13. An opening ceremony will be held on August 10th and Pershing invited Commissioners to attend.

Conner Barnette then presented Commissioners with a design layout of the 2023 Watermelon Festival. The festival will be held on August 4th & 5th. The town will be closing all roads around the courthouse (except Main St) Thursday night, August 3rd. Barnette is asking permission to use the East, West and South entrances of the courthouse fence for ticketing purposes. The event is carrying liability insurance. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to allow this use. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Barnette then informed Commissioners that his department has two property maintenance violations that he will be pursuing further.

Sheriff Meyer presented the May 2023 Jail/Sheriff report to Commissioners.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard, stated that he email the proposed 2024 Commissioner budget for their review and feedback. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the submission of the 2024 budget as presented. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to certify 2 covered bridged for Jackson County for 2023. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Auditor Staci Eglen informed Commissioners that they were given the May 2023 Treasurer report for review.

Commissioners then recessed until July 18, 2023 at 9 AM.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 9:00 AM.

Signed this 18th day of July, 2023.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspy

Staci L Eglen - attest