

**Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
June 21, 2022
9:00 AM**

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

Absent: All Present

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 7, 2022 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve the Payroll of June 17, 2022 in the amount of \$484,583.93 and Claims, in the amount of \$2,541,358.84. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees: None

Ryan Secord, with USI Insurance then appeared before Commissioners to discuss Medical Insurance benefits that could be available to the county and county employees through this company. After discussion of the benefits program and possible savings, Commissioners agreed that they would like time to look into this possibility and communicate with Secord at a later date.

Rick Anderson with Veregy (formerly Johnson Mello Solutions) provided an energy savings program update. Commissioners thanked him for the information.

Karla Hubbard with the Jackson Co Health department then presented the annual contracts for the Public Health Nurse, Coordinator and the Educator. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve all contracts once reviewed by the county attorney. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Hubbard then stated that the department has 3 vaccine refrigerators to dispose of or put on county auction. After discussion, Commissioner Markel made a motion to deem these as surplus and donate to a non profit or government agency. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Hubbard then informed Commissioners that there will be discussion this week with Schneck Medical to determine the status of the covid test site.

EMS Director, Nate Bryant presented a quote from N-I-tech for an upgrade to the EMS phone system. The amount was approved by Council in the June 2022 meeting. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve the upgrade. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners then discussed the Koorsen Fire & Security Contract for the JC Community Corrections/Work Release Center. The contract is for 1 year for \$990 to allow inspections of the sprinklers and fire extinguishers. County Attorney Susan Bevers has reviewed the contract. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners were then presented with the 2022 Covered Bridge Certification. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to certify that Jackson County has two (2) covered bridges. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Sheriff Meyer presented Commissioners with the May 2022 Jail/Sheriff reports for their review.

It was stated that the county dog shelter is very near completion.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard then appeared before Commissioners. Hubbard was advised by Commissioners to look into the USI Insurance proposal in depth to evaluate if this would be beneficial to county employees. Hubbard then presented the 2023 proposed Commissioner budget for their review. After discussion of changes from 2022, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to accept the proposed budget as presented. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Hubbard stated that a meeting was held with the current casualty liability representatives. Upon review of the county, the representatives were impressed with the Jail and brought back recommendations mostly focusing on the Jackson County Fairgrounds. Commissioners agreed that conversations need to be held with the Fair Board and others.

Auditor Roger Hurt informed Commissioners that the May 2022 Treasurer report was given to them for their review.

Auditor Hurt then discussed a 'staff study' that he has done within the Auditor's office. To provide transparency, Hurt informed Commissioners of ways he found to increase efficiency and possibly decrease the needs for additional staff. One such possibility is to shift work hours as needed for auditor's office staff. Hurt stated that no auditor's office staff would work over 40 hrs per week, no labor laws would be violated and that the office will remain open the normal business hours of Mon-Fri 8am – 4:30 pm. Commissioners advised Auditor Hurt that he has their support to run his office as he deems necessary.

Auditor Hurt then addressed the claim run that is affected due to the cancellation of the July 5th, 2022 Commissioner meeting. Hurt asked for permission to process a claim run on July 5th to be approved at the July 19th meeting. Commissioner Markel made a motion to allow this process. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Attorney Bevers then stated that the July 5th, 2022 regular meeting of the Jackson County Board of Commissioners has been cancelled and that no press release is needed.

Commissioner Gillaspay then asked EMA director, Duane Davis about the county highway using the digital board signs that are housed by Seymour city. After discussion, it was determined that Jerry Ault will deal with Chad at Seymour directly to set up usage times.

Commissioners then recessed until July 19, 2022 at 9:00 AM.
The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 9:00 AM.
Signed this 19th day of July, 2022.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspay

Roger Hurt - attest