

**Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
June 7, 2022
9:00 AM**

Present: Commissioner Drew Markel & Commissioner Bob Gillaspay

Absent: Commissioner Matt Reedy,

Commissioner Drew Markel called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Silent Prayer observed.

Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2022 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Markel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Payroll of May 20, 2022 in the amount of \$486,984.27, June 3, 2022 in the amount of \$483,792.84 and Claims, including electronic checks, in the amount of \$7,770,173.70.

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

Reports from other Committees: None

Prosecutor Jeff Chalfant then addressed Commissioners on the need for a new server in his department. Chalfant stated that he did include this item to be considered in the possible 2022 GO Bond, however since the date of this new bond is uncertain, he feels he needs to address this issue now. Chalfant presented an estimate of \$17,895.00. Commissioner Markel made a motion to the request pending Council approval and advise on how to pay. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

EMS Director, Nate Bryant was listed on the agenda but not in attendance.

Commissioner Markel stated that the Grassy Fork VFD would like to have road closures for this years Tractor Pulls on June 16 to June 18. The closures would be the same as in years past. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Conner Barnette stated that the elevator in the historic courthouse needs some lighting repair. The recent inspection noted the need. Barnette has received a quote for bulb replacement only for \$6,622 and a second quote which would replace the bulbs and change the ceiling out making future maintenance easier for \$15,466. Barnette stated there is funds available in Custodial maintenance/repairs to cover this expense. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the repair for \$15,466 to get the elevator back into compliance. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent, Jerry Ault, then discussed the following:

- The low bid on Community Crossings paving project was Dave O'Mara, for a total of \$1,393,126.13. Ault presented the contract, notice to proceed and notice of award documents. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve Dave O'Mara for this project and to sign the contract as presented. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.
- Ault would like to see a county auction held on October 1, 2022. Commissioners advised him to move forward.
- Ault asked Attorney Bevers if work is done for movement of right of way on CR 100W. Attorney Bevers will look into the current status.
- Ault asked if tools that are held in the Sheriff's dept evidence room can be transferred to the highway department once it is time to destroy. Attorney Bevers will research this option.
- Ault stated that he would like to purchase a skidsteer and road widener with the funds received from the totalled dump truck. Ault states that the drop off's on the edge of the roads need attention. Quotes were presented for a Kubota skidsteer for \$75,687.00 and a widener for \$59,500.00. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve pending Council approval. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners then discussed evaluating the possibility of expanding the sheriff's department storage building. This expansion would be useful to the department but would also provide a place to store the county voting machines.

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard informed Commissioners that he will email them information on the 2023 Commissioner budget for their review.

Auditor Roger Hurt informed Commissioners that they were provided with the May 2022 funds balance report. The June 2022 meeting room calendar and the April 2022 Treasurer's report.

Commissioner Markel then stated that there was a special presentation that needed to be made and asked Sheriff Meyer to step forward.

Several officers presented Sheriff Meyer with an item to be displayed. The item, in a specially designed, locally built, Indiana select white oak display case was then unveiled. The case contained the 1921 Colt brand Thompson Sub Machine Gun which has been in possession of the Jackson County Sheriff Department since the 1930's when it was presented to then Sheriff Marilyn Stewart. This gun was given to the department by the Federal government to combat area gangsters. The gun has since been stored in the department armory. Sheriff Meyer had commented when he took office, that this piece of history should be out for public viewing. Now, through the efforts of members of the Sheriff's department and the outside public, this can happen.

Commissioners then recessed until June 21, 2022 at 9:00 AM.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 9:00 AM.

Signed this 21st day of June, 2022.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspay

Roger Hurt - attest