

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
July 16, 2019
9:00 AM

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

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 July 2, 2019 Regular Meeting.
Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

After review, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Payroll of July 5, 2019 in the amount of \$419,231.49 along with Claims for the amount of \$673,480.00. Commissioner Markel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees: Commissioner Reedy stated that the Jackson County Fair will be held July 21 – 27, 2019.

Jail Reroof Bid Pack Result:

The following Sealed bids were received and opened at the July 2, 2019 meeting for the County Jail Reroof project with a quote for insulation if additional is needed:

Insulated Roofing Contractors	\$339,990	\$4 per square foot for insulation
Southern Roofing	\$529,500	\$4 per square foot for insulation
HRC Roofing:	\$473,500	No square foot price given for insulation
Royalty Roofing:	\$286,802.37	\$1.65 per square foot for insulation
Blackmorre & Buckner	\$473,450	\$4.90 per square foot for insulation

Warren Martin stated that the bid pack from Royalty Roofing was his recommendation with low bid and all paperwork in order.

Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to accept Royalty Roofing for the project with the low bid of \$286,802.37. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Gillaspay then made a motion allowing Commissioner Reedy to sign a Royalty contract outside of a regular meeting for the jail roof, if one was presented. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Warren Martin then stated that he has had no success with Duke energy to get a guidewire and pole moved so that a ADA ramp can be installed at Walnut and Sugar Street. His first attempt at contact was in September/October 2018. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion directing County Attorney Susan Bevers to send a legal letter to Duke in regards to this issue. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Russel Fritz then appeared before Commissioners to discuss a tree issue on CR 850 W. Fritz had a large tree taken down due to the danger it presented, however, he feels this tree was on County Right of Way and therefore would like reimbursed for the expense in the amount of \$350.00 Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to table this issue, allowing the Highway Superintendent to look at the tree and see for certain if in county Right of Way. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

A quote was presented to Commissioners from Naturalscape for the treatment of the Ash tree west of the Courthouse entrance. The quote was for the amount of \$357.35 for the 1st application for Ash Borer

control. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to accept the quote and to pay the invoice from Courthouse maintenance. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Melanie O'Neal, Executive Director of Mental Health America of Jackson County, came before Commissioners with a budget request for 2020. O'Neal discussed programs provided and current funding methods. Commissioners directed O'Neal to contact Terry Davidson with CenterStone to see if funding could be provided through them.

Commissioner Reedy then read Resolution #16, Commissioner Bill #10 – A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Jackson County, Indiana Approving the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds of the County. Kim Blanchet with Barnes and Thornburg was in attendance for questions. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Gillaspy followed with a motion to Amend the Agenda to include a Work Release Public Hearing. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy then opened the Work Release Public Hearing. Gary Smith with Reedy Financial discussed the Tax Neutral Financing Plan. The par amount of the Bond is \$5,825,000.00. With no other question or comments from the public, Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to close the Work Release Public Hearing. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Discussion was then held for former Sheriff Deputy Jeff Walters, who was injured on the job, and turned in his resignation as of June 1, 2019. IC code stated that retirees and the disability of Public Safety officers are eligible to remain on insurance until they become Medicare Eligible. Commissioner Gillaspy followed with a motion to reinstate Walters retro active to June 1, 2019 on the county insurance. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Sheriff Meyer then appeared before Commissioners with the following information:

- Two new merit deputies have been hired
- The IN Virtual Academy, whom the Sheriff started working with this year, has cancelled the program
- June 2019 Jail Report, Meal Expenditure Report, Statistics and Dog Detention Report
- The January 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019 Commissary Report was also presented.

Highway Superintendent, Jerry Ault, then discussed the following with Commissioners:

- Update on 2019 paving
- Bridge Crew Projects – the small structure on 340 N was replaced in 1 ½ days.
- Uniforms will be mandatory for all highway employees
- Paser Ratings – two townships need to be completed for the project to be complete
- NRCS –still waiting to hear back on funding for the projects
- Requested an additional for \$25,000 to truck repair and \$25,000 to Equipment repair. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion allowing to move forward with the additional appropriation request. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.
- Event Permit Form – Ault presented a form that would be filled out by individuals/associations/etc that would be holding large events. This would give the county a 'heads up' if roads needed closed, if EMS was needed or extra patrol/sheriff presence needed. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to accept the permit as presented. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard then discussed the county firearm policy with Commissioners. After discussion, Attorney Bevers was directed to bring a draft back of the policy stating that a Full Time

20 year Merit Deputy will be awarded his firearm at the end of service. Attorney Bevers will bring this draft to the next meeting.

Hubbard also informed Commissioners that insurance renegotiations will start in August.

Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter presented to Commissioners signature a Title for a 2012 Chevrolet Express Cutaway G450 Ambulance VIN 1GB6G5CL4C1173581. The Jackson County EMS is getting a remount of a current box onto a new chasis to replace this Ambulance. Commissioner Reedy signed off on the title.

Auditor Hohenstreiter then informed Commissioners about an issue the Veterans office is having with Riverlink for tolls on the bridge crossing into Kentucky. There have been billing issues which have resulted in violations and late fees for the county. Hohenstreiter has been attempting to find a resolution to this problem, possibly have a County Credit Card specific for this or a prepay scenario, whichever would be accepted by Riverlink. Commissioner advised Hohenstreiter to set it up as necessary to avoid fines and fees.

Attorney Bevers presented the Executive Session Memo of June 27, 2019 for approval. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners recessed until the next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

Signed this 6th day of August, 2019.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspay

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest