

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
July 17, 2018
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 19, 2018 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

After review, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the payroll of June 22, 2018 in the amount of \$414,242.92, the Payroll of July 6, 2018 in the amount of \$414,910.00, along with Claims, including electronic checks, for the amount of \$33,785,254.04. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees:

Commissioner Gillaspay reported that the Shieldstown Covered Bridge Project is showing progress and that painting is complete.

Commissioner Reedy stated that the Jackson County Fair will be held July 22 – 27, 2018.

End of Reports from other Committees.

Adam Disque, with the Brownstown Soccer Association then came before Commissioners to ask for permission to add a Restroom/Concession Stand and Water meter base at the Soccer Field. Commissioners advised Disque to contact the FSA office, Soil & Water and IDEM to see if removing trees, adding a septic or ground work is allowed in the area they are wanting to place the building. Commissioner Markel made a motion to allow the Soccer Association to begin finding a location for RestRoom/Concession Stand and to place the Water meter base. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Shannon McLeod, with the Joe Jackson Hotel Restoration Grant, then came before Commissioners providing information/update on the grant process and requesting the approval of Resolution 2018-7. Commissioner Reedy then performed the reading of Resolution 2018-7. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Commissioner Markel stated that wording was changed in the resolution, clearly stating that the Fort Vallonia Association is in charge of the Project, not Jackson County, Jackson County's role is to make sure that it is used as a Community Center for 5 years after completion. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Although not necessary, a Second reading of Resolution 2018-7 was performed by Title Only by Commissioner Reedy. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve and waive a 3rd reading. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Melvin Beeker and Joseph Mrak with Securitecture then came before Commissioners to provide an overview of the company. Securitecture specializes in Justice, Corrections and Public Safety Projects. Mrak asked that he would appreciate to be considered when the time came for renovations/additions were needed at the Jackson County Jail.

Monica Kelsey, who was listed on the agenda, was unable to attend and has asked to be placed on the August 7, 2018 agenda.

Jana Wessel, custodian, then asked Commissioners for guidance on the use of portable electric heaters in the Courthouse and new Judicial Center. After discussion, Commissioner Markel made a motion that Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard, send out an email stating that effective July 17, 2018, electric heaters are NOT to be used within the County Buildings and that employees have 30 days from July 17, 2018 to remove them, or Jana will remove them. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Wessel then stated there is a dead tree outside the annex. Commissioners asked the highway department to remove the tree and advised not to replace at this time.

Wessel also presented the Commissioners with the Annual Monitoring Contract with Simplex Grinnell. After discussion, Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Debbie Hackman and Gill Hoene with the Jackson County Dog Shelter Committee then appeared before Commissioners. Hackman stated that a quote has been received and approved from Mortan Construction for the Dog Shelter. The funds are held at the Jackson County Community Foundation. The Foundation cannot release the funds to the Committee, since they are not an 'entity'. Discussion was held on the best option to get the funds released from the Foundation. Commissioners felt that releasing funds to the Auditor would make the County seem more in charge of the building process, which the County is not. Commissioners advised Attorney Susan Bevers to talk more specifically with Dan Davis, President of the Community Foundation, as to options that are available.

Attorney Bevers then discussed with Commissioners the Kloppenburg property, next to the new Judicial Center. Bevers stated that she has received no further corespondance from Kloppenburg's attorney and as of the last conversation, Kloppenburg was not interest in entering into a purchase agreement. Discussion was then held as to the importance of the County owning this property. It would be mostly for land grade issues. After discussion, Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to proceed with condemnation of the Kloppenburg property. Commissioner Markel voted No. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Vote 2-1, Motion carried.

Jeff Hubbard stated that a reappointment/appointment is needed for the Brownstown Library Board. Barry Cutter would like to be reappointed for the position. Commissioner Markel made a motion to reappoint Barry Cutter. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Hubbard stated that the Vernon Township Fire District needs to replace Terry Gray on the board. However, Hubbard has not received a letter of resignation. No action taken.

Commissioner Markel made a motion to accept an agreement with Orion Renewable Energy Group and WTH for data sharing. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Attorney Bevers stated that this is the typical agreement that is sent for data sharing. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Markel then asked about appointing Holly Gray to the Driftwood Township Fire Board. The previous appointee, John McCrary has passed away. Commisisoner Markel then made a motion to appoint Holly Gray. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Mitch Patrick appeared before Commissioners to present two (2) quotes for a new chiller for the Courthouse. Quotes came in as follows: Circle R \$110,535.00 and HFI \$74,756.00. Patrick stated that the funds for this are available with Bond funds. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to accept the HFI quote of \$74,756.00. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Visitor Center Director, Arann Banks reminded Commissioners of the County Seals she presented in April. After discussion, Commissioners advised Banks to resend the images to all Commissioners for their review. Banks and Warren Martin then asked if the seals behind the Judges in the new Judicial Center were to be State seals or County seals. It was stated that those are State seals.

Warren Martin then appeared before Commissioners with the following:

- The County Clerk, Amanda Lowery, needs a new place to store voting machines. It was decided that the Superior Court Building in Seymour can serve as a storage location once the offices have moved to Browntown. Lowery also stated that since the Superior Court Building was used in the Primary Election as a Satellite Voting Center and Polling Site, it must also be used in the General Election in November.
- Two (2) landscape quotes were presented for review. Naturalscape and Premier turned in quotes for the new landscaping around the Judicial Center. Martin would like to go back and have sod quoted as well as drawings from each business for the project. Commissioner Markel made a motion allowing Martin to receive new quotes and permission to not exceed \$30,000 for the project. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
- Martin presented the revised construction schedule. Still on track for September 14, 2018. This date is very important as BIS will only give 1 week adjustment to come in and get Court equipment set up.
- Brick work should be complete by end of July.
- Other Subcontractor work is coming along as scheduled.
- Cleanliness of Building – Garmong brought in a crew to clean. This cost will get split between all subcontractors. The Cleanliness of the building was not being kept up by the subcontractors themselves.
- The goal is to turn on A/C units in mid August.
- A letter was received from IDEM for our file, stating no violations at time of inspection.
- Paul Bordens Project Manager will be back for more indepth meeting.

Sheriff Carothers then presented the June 2018 Jail Report, Meal Expenditure Report, Judicial Statistics Report and Dog Detention Report.

Highway Superintendent, Jerry Ault, then came before Commissioners with the following:

- Unofficial Detour presented for State Road 235 closure. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve as presented. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
- Community Crossings Grant – Two (2) applications will be submitted. Bridge 183 will be complete, allowing these to be turned in.
- When Bridge 183 is complete, the Highway department will begin work on the Vallonia Erosion Problem.

Plan Commissioner, Conner Barnette, then asked about the Interlocal agreement with Town of Brownstown, allowing him to work with the zoning of the town. Attorney Bevers stated that she contacted the Town of Brownstown's attorney who stated he has not received instruction to start. Clarification was given for this agreement as follows: The Town of Brownstown would keep their own Zoning, County would provide labor. The County does not want to overstep the Town of Brownstown or their BZA. Attorney Bevers stated she will contact the Town of Brownstown's attorney again, relaying this information.

Jeff Hubbard then stated that he had been approached by Anytime Fitness in Seymour with an option for a discount for County Employees for monthly cost @ \$29.00, if done by payroll deduction. Commissioner Markel made a motion allowing Hubbard to proceed. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Arann Banks then stated that the Fair Board approved placing the Round Barn at the County Fairgrounds. This move must be complete by July 1, 2019.

Steve Meyer with CivilCon then addressed Commissioners, stating that he has looked at Bridge 183, and wanted to say that the Highway Department has done a tremendous job on the construction of this bridge.

Commissioners recessed until the next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at 6:00 PM.

Signed this 7th day of August, 2018.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspay

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest