

**Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
July 19, 2022  
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 Silent Prayer observed.

Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2022 Regular Meeting.

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

Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Payroll of June 1, 2022 in the amount of \$486,300.70 and July 15 in the amount of \$482,052.18 along with Claims, which includes electronic checks in the amount of \$35,063,038.05. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Reports from other Committees:**

Commissioner Reedy wanted to publicly express his appreciation to a Jackson County citizen who was on site at the Greenwood Park Mall shooting this past weekend. This resident of the county was expressing his right of constitutional carry and shot and killed an armed person who opened fire in the food court at the mall.

**End of Reports from other Committees.**

Mark Lindenlaub, Executive Director of Thrive Alliance, then appeared before Commissioners to ask for consideration in the 2023 budget for \$15,000. After discussion, Commissioner Markel made a motion to add \$15,000 to the proposed 2023 Commissioner budget. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Morris Tippen then discussed with Commissioners the possibility of holding a wedding on the Medora Covered Bridge on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022. A certificate of liability is on file in the county auditor's office. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

EMS Director, Nate Bryant then discussed the following with Commissioners:

- Training Officer, Annette Redelman, submitted her resignation and Valleri Curry has been promoted to that position.
  - The GPS units in the the ambulances were purchased for less than \$400 total from FirstNet and will be installed soon. The monthly cost for this will remain the same.
  - The phone system at EMS headquarters is unable to be fixed and needs upgraded.
- Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the change of phone system. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Public Defender, Alan Marshall then appeared before Commissioners to ask for approval to purchase a 2007 Honda Civic at the cost of \$5,115.00. This vehicle will be used by the departments investigator. Marshall has contacted the Public Defender Commission and been advised that this is an allowable expense along with title and insurance for the Supplemental Public Defender fund. After discussion, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Keith Boling with the Veterans office then discussed with Commissioners the remodel quote received for the new building on Woodside Ct. The quote received was higher than expected. After discussion, Commissioners advised Conner Barnette to work with Boling to try to receive further quotes on the renovation.

Nick Klinger, with EMA, then discussed with Commissioners a grant that was approved earlier in the year to purchase an enclosed trailer for the department. This will replace the existing EMA trailer. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the purchase and liquidate the old trailer along with advising to make sure to title correctly and switch insurance through Jeff Hubbard. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Conner Barnette then discussed the following with Commissioners:

- Two elevators in the Judicial Center had issues that have been repaired.
- A quote was presented from CMT Tree & Outdoor Service LLC to remove trees at the Jackson County Park. The quote was for \$8,100 and included tree removal, stump removal and hole fill in. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve this quote using funds from the General fund building maintenance account. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
- A renewal contract for a revised county website was presented. This contract includes a free redesign of the site. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Sheriff Meyer then presented to Commissioners the January 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 – June 30<sup>th</sup> 2022 Commissary Report for their review along with the June 2022 Jail report and statistics.

Commissioner Markel then addressed the shooting that took place in Greenwood this past weekend. Commissioner Markel wanted to publicly thank Sheriff Meyer, who personally spoke in Indianapolis in favor of constitutional carry - HB 1034. This bill died in the house but was resurrected in Senate by Indiana's Eric Koch. Due to the support and the persistence this law was passed and saved many lives this weekend in the Greenwood Park Mall shooting. Due to this law a Jackson County resident was exercising his right to carry and Commissioner Markel would recommend a Commissioner's Commendation for this individual. Commissioners agreed and advised Attorney Bevers to prepare.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard stated that the Brownstown Library Board has presented a replacement for current member Barry Cutter. The recommendation is Melanie Preston. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve this transition. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Hubbard then stated that the county liability insurance carrier has been made aware that discussions are taking place with the Jackson County Fair Board. Commissioner Reedy advised Hubbard to prepare information that could be presented to the Fair Board.

Hubbard also informed Commissioners that the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter SIHO meeting will take place in early August. Commissioner Gillaspay agreed to attend.

Auditor Roger Hurt then stated that the office has received an additional appropriation request for \$15,997 from the Circuit Court for the purchase of a new server. After discussion, Commissioners advised to present to Council at the next meeting.

Auditor Hurt then informed Commissioners that they were provided with the June 2022 Fund Balance report.

Attorney Bevers stated that a letter has been received regarding the unimproved road in Shieldstown. Commissioners stated that they have all visually viewed the property and that the ruling by Judge Travis is clear and they support the Judge.

Commissioners then recessed until August 2, 2022 at 9:00 AM.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at 9:00 AM.

Signed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2022.

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Matt Reedy

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Drew Markel

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Bob Gillaspy

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Roger Hurt - attest