

**Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
July 20, 2021
9:00 AM**

Present: Commissioner Drew Markel & Commission 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 July 6, 2021 Regular Meeting.

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

Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Payroll of July 16, 2021 in the amount of \$455,013.31 along with Claims, in the amount of \$177,413.86. Commissioner Markel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees:

Commissioner Markel stated he attended the Hospital Board yesterday. At this meeting, it was stated that the hospital will be required by OSHA to return to pandemic procedures starting August 21, 2021. This includes check in stations, screenings etc. This is for hospital staff safety.

End of Reports from other Committees.

EMS Director, Nate Bryant, along with the newly hired Education and Quality Assurance Coordinator, Neti Redelman, then appeared before Commissioners with the updated JCEMS specific handbook. The handbook had previously been emailed to Commissioners for a more extensive review. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the updated handbook as presented. Commissioner Markel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried. Bryant also presented the EMS Jan – June 2021 Financial Report and Run Volume for Commissioner review.

Custodian Jana Wessel then came before Commissioners to discuss the following:

- Snow Removal – Wessel was advised by Commissioner Markel that Conner Barnette has sent out bid packets for Snow removal, mowing and power washing of the courthouse. These bids will be opened at the next Commissioner meeting.
- The county park – there are tree limbs and one large tree that needs removed. Commissioners advised Jerry Ault and the highway dept to see if they can take care of this issue.
- Restrooms at the county park – after discussion on cleanliness, Commissioners advised Wessel to check on the restrooms regularly, as they do not feel it is the park boards responsibility since it is county owned.
- The lamp posts globes that were removed by Ken Neely restoration in March have not been finished or returned. Multiple calls and emails have been sent to him with no response. Commissioners advised Wessel to send an email informing Neely that he needs to make contact with the county to provide an update on this project or legal action could be taken.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard, stated that the Commissioner have an appointment on the Brownstown Library Board that will expire at the end of August. Jackie Gibson would like to be reappointed to this board. Commissioner Markel then made a motion to reappoint Jackie Gibson to the Brownstown Library Board. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Hubbard then informed Commissioners that there is approximately \$153,000 left in the CARES money that was received by the county. Of that, approximately \$80,000 is for the Sheriff's department for data storage. Hubbard was not sure if this needed to be used by the end of the year or if it could carry over to 2022.

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

- The county auction is set for August 14, 2021 @ 8am.
- The highway department would like to place the 2008 Ford F250 and CAT bulldozer on this auction.
- Work will start tomorrow on the bridge on CR 550 S in Hamilton Twp.
- There was a wreck yesterday that caused damage to one of the county owned small structures.
- Ault is thinking of eliminating the districts and changing to an East ½ and West ½ county split to allow more work to get done by fewer employees.
- The highway department is currently short 5 employees, Ault would like to hire 1 FT and start with the County ½ & ½ split.
- CCMG Paving – This project has not started and the deadline is August 31st, 2021.

Sheriff Rick Meyer presented Commissioners with the 2020 Jail Division Annual Report, the January 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021 Commissary Report as well as the June 2021 Monthly Reports for their review.

Plan Commissioner Conner Barnette then provided an update on several items to Commissioners:

- The Snow Removal, Mowing and Power Washing bids will be opened at the August 3, 2021 meeting.
- The drain in the extension office has been replaced and seems to be working, given all the recent heavy rains we have been receiving.
- On August 2nd, work will begin on moving furniture and tearing out the flooring in the extension office which will allow new flooring and wall work to be completed by August 13, 2021.
- The Work Release Center is almost ready to be closed out – they are working on resolving a couple smaller items and then the process can begin.

JL Brewer, Community Corrections Director, stated that the Work Release Center is currently at 48 residents and the commissary is up to \$5,400.00.

Commissioners then recessed until August 3, 2021 at 6 PM.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

Signed this 3rd day of August, 2021.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspay

Roger Hurt - attest