

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
July 21, 2020  
9:00 AM

Present: Commissioner Matt Reedy, Commissioner Drew Markel & Commissioner Bob Gillaspay.

Commissioner Matt Reedy called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Prayer was given by Commissioner Reedy.

Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2020 Regular Meeting.

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

After review, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Payroll of July 17, 2020 in the amount of \$426,856.10 along with Monthly Claims in the amount of \$ 524,109.58. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Reports from other Committees: None**

Commissioner Reedy then opened the Work Release Center Public Hearing.

Commissioner Reedy asked if anyone was in attendance to speak in favor or opposition of the Work Release Center. JL Brewer, Mike Weir and Debbie Hackman all voiced their support for the Work Release Center. Hearing no other comments, Commissioner Markel made a motion to close the Work Release Center Public Hearing. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy then read Resolution # 19 Commissioner Bill #15. A resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Jackson County, Indiana Approving Execution of Lease and Related Matters.

This Resolution is the Lease between Jackson County and the Jackson County Building Corp. The Building Corp owns the building and Jackson County will lease the building. Gary Smith, with Reedy Financial, provided a funding overview for Commissioners. Payments will begin July 2022, for a 20 year term. Jennings County will pay up to \$150,000 per year. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve Resolution #19 CB #15 . Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy asked EMS Director Dennis Brasher to come forward for a plaque presentation for his 30 years of service to the county. Brasher will be retiring in August 2020.

Commissioner Reedy recognized Dan Robinson, the new President of the Seymour Chamber of Commerce, who was present for the meeting.

Commissioner Reedy then read Resolution #9, Commissioner Bill #5. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Resolution to preserve rights under the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Mark Matthews, who was in attendance for the meeting, thanked the Commissioners for their support.

Debbie Hackman then appeared before Commissioners to speak in regards to the Jackson County Dog Shelter. She presented an updated budget estimate for the completion of the shelter which was prepared by Gill Hoene. Hackman asked Commissioners for their help in finishing the project so that the building can be turned over to the county. After discussion, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to move to Council. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Sara Guth, with BLN – an Engineering Firm, introduced herself as their representative for SouthEastern Indiana, working with Federal Funding, Roads, Bridges and Water Projects.

Debbie Hackman then asked Commissioners for permission to set up a table to sell 2020 Jackson County Fair T-shirts on the Courthouse lawn for two evenings this week and this Saturday. Commissioners agreed that this was fine.

Sheriff Meyer then informed Commissioners that the department has been approved for the COPS Grant. It's a \$250,000, 3 year, 75/25 grant. This will allow the department to hire two additional employees.

Sheriff Meyer then presented the June 2020 Jail Report, Monthly Statistics, Dog Detention and Cash Book Report.

Commissioner Reedy then performed the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance #8, Commissioner Bill #4. This ordinance is for Zoning ordinance amendments. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve upon 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Reedy then performed the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance #8, Commissioner Bill #4. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve upon 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Plan Commissioner, Conner Barnette, presented the updated Zoning Map to Commissioners. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the updated map as presented. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

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

- An update on the Community Crossings Paving Project and Contract Paving was presented.
- The 875 N Project is on track to reopen the road on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
- 32 bridges in the county have now been moved to a 48 month inspection timeline.
- A quote from John Jones was presented for the trade in of a ¾ T truck for a 1T truck at the cost of \$27,642.00. The ¾T truck is having a lot of issues and repair costs are going up for this truck. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the purchase with trade in. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter informed Commissioners that there is an amendment to the Drug Free Grant. The \$3,850.69 that was awarded to Christopher & Associates will not be awarded, due to the current COVID situation, they are unable to hold the program that these funds were granted for. The money will be redistributed to New Beginnings for \$3,350.00 and Waymaker Ministries for \$500.69.

Commissioners then recessed until August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

Signed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

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Matt Reedy

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Drew Markel

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Bob Gillaspay

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Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest