

**Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
July 6, 2021
6:00 PM**

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

Absent: All present.

Commissioner Matt Reedy 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 June 15, 2021 Regular Meeting.

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

Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Payroll of June 18, 2021 in the amount of \$448,537.07 and July 2, 201 in the amount of \$461,626.85 along with Claims, including electronic checks and Spring Settlement, in the amount of \$37,087,773.02. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees:

Commissioner Reedy stated that he attended a Zoom meeting today for the READI Grant.

Commissioners then discussed the Dog Shelter Committee and the confusion of who is actually 'spearheading' the project. Commissioner Reedy stated he would like to see Commissioner Gillaspay be the representative again in order to get contractors started and the project going.

End of Reports from other Committees.

Mark Lindenlaub with Thrive Alliance then discussed with Commissioners their request of support for 2022 funding in the amount of \$16,100.00 to support services for aging Jackson County residents. Lindenlaub provided an overview of programs and services provided. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve including the \$16,100 in the 2022 Commissioner budget and sending on to Council. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Community Corrections Director, JL Brewer, then asked Commissioners to sign a letter of support for the IDOC 2022 Grant that will be submitted by Friday July 9th, 2021. The total grant request is slightly over \$1,000,000. Brewer also discussed the work release center with Commissioners. Currently 46 people in the facility as of today, with a max of 150. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the 2022 IDOC letter of support. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Tyler Henkle then asked if construction of the Work Release Center was completed to specifications. Brewer addressed his concerns and assured that all building specs were met and that inside temperatures are maintained at a standard level within the center.

Heather VonDielingen with the Extension office then came before Commissioners to discuss the purchase of a new copier for the Extension office in the amount of \$6,330.21. The machine would be purchased from the Computers IT account for purchase and the maintenance agreement is a current budgeted line item. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the purchase and maintenance agreement. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Markel then discussed power washing of the Courthouse. The limestone is getting to the point that it needs attention. Commissioner Markel made a motion to put the power washing of the courthouse out to bid. Conner Barnette has put together the bid packet. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor, Jerry Ault, the appeared before Commissioners to discuss the fact that the fair board has requested that the bridge to the overflow parking be opened for mowing purposes. The bridge is currently open to foot traffic only. County Attorney stated that Federal Highway requirements would be that the county replace the bridge even to open it up to the board for mowing. Commissioners will not entertain the option at this time.

Ault stated that the highway dept has began putting in the speed bumps for the east side parking at the fairgrounds. Also, the Friday before the fair, the highway dept will put up the electronic signs on that road.

Auditor Roger Hurt presented the Covered Bridge Certification for Commissioner approval. Commissioners certified that Jackson County has 2 Covered Bridges. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Auditor Hurt stated he was approached by the Prosecutor's office, who states they have a need for vehicle repair. The Prosecutor's office has \$1939.00 left in the 2019 Bond copier line. They requested this amount be moved to the Commissioners line to pay the \$1939.00, with the remained to be paid from the Diversion/Deferal Fund. Commissioners stated that the vehicle repair should not be paid from the Bond, and that the repair should all possibly be made from the Diversion/Deferal Fund.

Auditor Hurt then stated that the Commissioners have received the May 2021 Treasurer's Report, the July 2021 Meeting Room calendar and the June 2021 Fund Report.

Attorney Bevers stated that the Brownstown Public Library has a Trustee with a term expiring August 2021. This appointment will be addressed at the next meeting.

Commissioners then recessed until July 20, 2021 at 9 AM.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 9:00 AM.

Signed this 20th day of July, 2021.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspy

Roger Hurt - attest