

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
August 18, 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 silent Prayer observed.

Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2020 Regular Meeting.

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

After review, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Payroll of August 14, 2020 in the amount of \$429,128.23 along with Monthly Claims in the amount of \$589,809.87 . Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees: Commissioner Reedy stated that he has been contacted by the Secretary of State regarding a new firewall protection called Fire Eye. Commissioner Reedy stated that this may be a mandate in 2023.

End of Reports from other Committees.

Aaron Reid, with Toshiba, discussed with Commissioners the possibility of providing an assessment of the county offices current contracts/agreements. Toshiba has won the State Bid beginning Oct 1, 2020. Commissioner advised to proceed with assessment, as it is no cost to the county. Commissioners also advised Jeff Hubbard to send out an email to County Departments asking them to provide info that is requested by Toshiba in order to conduct the assessment.

Jim Shepard, Board President of the ARC of Jackson County then came before Commissioners to ask to be considered for funding in 2021. Shepard discussed the importance of the funding and what it has been used for in the past.

Melanie O'Neal, on behalf of the Suicide Prevention Awareness Coalition, appeared before Commissioners to ask for permission to use the Courthouse fence and lawn for signage September 11 – 17, 2020. Commissioner Markel made a motion to allow the use of the Courthouse fence during the requested time. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Ryan Secord, with USI Health Insurance, discussed with Commissioners the possibility of an insurance evaluation. The evaluation would look at current processes and identify where and if the county would have an opportunity to save money. The evaluation is at no cost to the county and does not require a change of insurance provider. After discussion, Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the Audit and to work with Jeff Hubbard. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Warren Martin then stated that he has a quote from Ken Neely for \$38,500 to clean the entire Historic Courthouse, including 2 coats of waterproofing and repairing any and all mortar joints. Martin would like to receive at least 1 additional quote for this repair work. Commissioner Markel then made a motion to approve the courthouse repair, not to exceed \$38,500. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. This will be taken to Council for directive on funds for the project.

Highway Superintendent, Jerry Ault stated that County Road 875 N should be completed and open tomorrow. Ault also informed Commissioners that the 100 W project can be done inhouse, and provided a drawing for the plan to fix the road. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the work. Commissioner Markel

seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Ault also stated that Commissioner Reedy signed the title for the truck trade in. This trade in had previously been approved.

Treasurer Roger Hurt informed Commissioners that they received the July 2020 Treasurer Report in their packets. Hurt also stated the tax sale is scheduled for Oct 22, 2020 at 10:00a.m.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard stated that the Insurance contract ends at the end of September. There is a meeting next week to start the process. Hubbard also stated that so far the County has applied for \$160,000 in CARES Reimbursement.

Sheriff Meyer stated that the department is in the deputy hiring process. This is to fill the positions available through the COPS Grant. Sheriff Meyer also presented Commissioners with the July 2020 Jail Report, Statistics, Cash Book and Dog Detention Reports.

Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter then asked Commissioners if the the Courthouse front entrance doors may now be unlocked and open to the public. Presently, the only entrance to the Courthouse is through the back entrance (Sugar Street). Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to allow the front entrance to be unlocked, and provide PPE at that entrance as well. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Markel made a motion to appoint Dr. Eric Fish to the Ambulance Board as the replacement for Warren Forgey –who has retired. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners then recessed until September 1, 2020.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

Signed this 1st day of September, 2020.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspy

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest