

**Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
August 3, 2021
6:00 PM**

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

Absent: All Present

Commissioner Matt Reedy called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Silent Prayer observed.

Commissioner Gillasp made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2021 Regular Meeting.

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

Commissioner Gillasp made a motion to approve the Payroll of July 31, 2021 in the amount of \$448,157.90 along with Claims, including electronic checks, in the amount of \$2,545,502.66. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees:

Commissioner Reedy stated that the Jackson County Fair is complete for 2021. The fair was not held in 2020 due to COVID.

End of Reports from other Committees.

County Assessor, Katie Kaufman, then appeared before Commissioners with bid information on the 4 year assessment contract. Two bids were received and were opened on June 15, 2021. The bids were received from Lexur and Tyler Technology. After consideration of both bids, it is Kaufman recommendation to continue with Tyler Technologies. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the contract and allow Assessor Kaufman to sign. Commissioner Gillasp seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jackson Co Visitor Center Director, Arann Banks, then asked Commissioners for consideration of the Visitor's Center obtaining a Credit Card, with a low credit limit. This would allow the annual/monthly subscription costs to be removed from the current county credit card. Commissioner Gillasp made a motion to allow a credit card up to a \$1,000 limit. Discussion followed, which included reviewing the current credit card ordinance. Upon review and discussion, Commissioner Gillasp withdrew his motion and this issue was tabled, allowing for further review and a possible revision of the credit card ordinance.

Rick Anderson with Johnson Mello Solutions then discussed with Commissioners the possible lighting, water and solar project that could be implemented in the county. Anderson stated that with Commissioners 'ok' his next step would be to approach Council to introduce them to the project and discuss cost/cost savings for the county. Commissioners advised Anderson to proceed to Council for discussion.

Debbie Hackman then addressed Commissioners with regards to sponsorship opportunities for the FurBall. Hackman stated that one of the sponsorship opportunities would be providing a winner with a Night of Fright at the Medora Covered Bridge, on Oct 30th, for approximately 3 hrs and up to 15 people. Since this is county property, she is asking for permission. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the usage of the bridge for the stated time, pending a Certificate of Liability is presented to the Auditor's office before the use of the bridge. Commissioner Gillasp seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Plan Commissioner, Conner Barnette, then proceeded with the Bid Opening for Snow Removal, Lawn Care and Powerwashing. The results were as follows:

Snow Removal:

Company Name:	Location:	Inches	Cost per event
A+	Courthouse/Judicial	0-4	390.00
		4-8	590.00
		8-12	740.00
		12-16	900.00
		ICEMELT APPLICATION	350.00 per application
	JAIL	0-4	325.00
		4-8	500.00
		8-12	675.00
		12-16	825.00
		ICEMELT APPLICATION	275.00 per application

Lawn Care:

Company Name:	Location:	Amount
A+	Courthouse/Judicial	\$3,750.00
	Jail	\$5,625.00
Chris's Lawn Care	Courthouse/Judicial	\$10,400.00
	Jail	\$12,700.00
Smalltown Lawn Care	Courthouse/Judicial	\$150.00 per mow
	Jail	\$225.00 per mow

PowerWashing Project:

Company Name:	Amount
Stuckwisch Powerwashing	\$14,000.00
Hoosier Hosers	\$11,400.00
D & T Powerwashing	\$9,800.00

Upon completion of the bid opening, Commissioner's decided to take all bids under advisement, allowing Barnette to review and bring recommendations back to the August 17th meeting.

Commissioner Reedy then performed the 1st reading of Ordinance #12, Commissioner Bill #9. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. This ordinance is an 'Ordinance establishing procedures to become broadband ready as defined by IC 5-28-28.5'. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Reedy then performed the 2nd reading of Ordinance #12, Commissioner Bill #9. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve upon 2nd reading and to waive 3rd reading. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Conner Barnette then provided the following updates to Commissioners:

- Basement project – the tile carpet should be fully removed tomorrow, with new flooring being laid next Monday – Wednesday. Plaster work will be completed the following Thurs – Friday. Commissioner advised Barnette to obtain quotes for painting the Extension office and bring to next meeting.
- Commissioner Markel expressed concerns about the moisture in the basement. Discussion was held stating that if the epoxy on the floors was put down correctly, it will stop the moisture from below. Barnette was also advised to obtain quotes for the access doors that were previously made from plywood, to be replaced with metal door with handle.
- The work release center project is closed out. Approximately \$111,000 left, which will be used for a generator and outdoor signage.
- The Planning & Zoning office report.

Commissioners then discussed the READI Grant Project Proposal Submission. Three projects have been submitted to try to obtain funds from this grant. 1) A Housing Addition in Brownstown 2) Sewer project in Uniontown & 3) REMC Fiber in towns of Jackson County.

Emergency Management Director, Duane Davis, then asked Commissioners for a Title Release on the 1993 Cutaway, which will be up for sale at the 2021 County Auction. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve the title release of the 1993 Ford VIN 1FDKE30G9PHB45974. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Community Corrections Director, JL Brewer, then asked Commissioners for a Title Release on the 2008 Crown Vic, which will be up for sale at the 2021 County Auction. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the title release of the 2008 Ford Crown Victoria VIN 2FAHP71V48X132229. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Brewer also commented that currently there are 61 residents at the Work Release Center.

Tyler Henkle then appeared before Commissioners to ask questions and discuss the Commissioners decision to Opt Out of the Opioid Settlement. Henkle stated that Commissioners made this decision on June 15, 2021 and have until August 14, 2021 to Opt In. Henkle stated that if the county receives funds from the settlement, he would like to see the funds be used for prevention, intervention and recovery. Commissioners stated that there are many 'unknowns' in this entire process with no actual amounts given. Commissioners and Attorney Bevers asked Henkle to please share his ideas for how to reach people through prevention, intervention and recovery so that if funds are received into Jackson County, those options can be looked at as well.

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

- asked Commissioners for a Title Release on the 2008 F250, which will be up for sale at the 2021 County Auction. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve the title release of the 2008 Ford VIN 1FTNF21528EE30055. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
- Ault stated the County Auction will be held on August 14, 2021 at 9am.
- Currently the highway department is short on mowers, so if complaints on road mowing come in, that is why.

Ault then asked Commissioners to consider the following: If the county received ARPA money, to consider the Veterans and the possibility of a new office.

Sheriff Rick Meyer stated that his office received the Title for the 2020 Dodge Caravan and he presented it to the Auditor for proper holding.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard then informed Commissioners that the current contract for insurance end at the end of September. Reinsurance quotes are coming in low so approving a contract soon will be in the best interest of the county. Commissioner Markel stated that he will attend the upcoming insurance meeting.

Hubbard then stated that there is currently an increase in COVID cases in the county. Hubbard has contacted Dr. Bunce for guidance. Dr. Bunce stated that if employees are fully vaccinated and exposed, they can continue to work as long as they do not show symptoms. However, if an employee is exposed to COVID and is not vaccinated, they will need to quarantine. Employees must use PTO for time off from work.

Auditor Roger Hurt informed Commissioners that they were provided with July 2021 Fund Report, the August 2021 Meeting Room Calendar and the June 2021 Treasurer report.

Hurt also informed Commissioners that Ken Neely has contacted Custodian Jana Wessel and stated that they will be back on August 18th or 19th to complete work.

Attorney Susan Bevers presented the Memo of Executive Session for Commissioners approval. The sessions were held on July 24th, 2021 and June 15th, 2021. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners then recessed until August 17, 2021 at 9 AM.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 9:00 AM.

Signed this 17th day of August, 2021.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspy

Roger Hurt - attest