

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
August 4, 2020  
6:00 PM

Present: Commissioner Drew Markel & Commissioner 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 21, 2020 Regular Meeting.

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

After review, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Payroll of July 31, 2020 in the amount of \$417,046.28 along with Monthly Claims, including electronic checks, in the amount of \$3,132,220.67.

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

**Reports from other Committees:** Commissioner Gillaspay reported that the search for a new EMS Director is making headway.

**End of Reports from other Committees.**

Chrissy Riley, along with Bud Hunt and Tracy Lamb, with Digital AIM Media/Tribune then addressed the Commissioners to discuss the possibility of a PSA campaign on Social Media and in the Tribune. After discussion, Commissioner Markel asked that they speak with County Health Officer, Dr. Bunce, in regards to the PSA, stating that he is in full control during a Pandemic.

Commissioner Markel then performed the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance #9, Commissioner Bill #16, an ordinance amending Ordinance 1 (1983)-an ordinance amending Chapter 153 of the Jackson County Code of Ordinances. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve upon 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Commissioner Markel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Markel then performed the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance #9, Commissioner Bill #16. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve upon 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Commissioner Markel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Markel then performed the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance #10, Commissioner Bill #17, an ordinance amending Ordinance 6 (A) (1993)-an addition of a 4-way stop sign at the intersection of 50 South and 1125 East. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve upon 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Commissioner Markel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Markel then performed the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance #10, Commissioner Bill #17. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve upon 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Commissioner Markel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Markel then stated that Dennis Brasher has requested the release of a Title for the 2015 Ambulance with VIN ending in 4509. This is going for a remount. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. Two(2) yes votes, motion carried.

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

- Truck #19, a 2011 International with VIN ending in 5031, was traded toward a 2020 Dump Truck. Ault requested the title for the 2011 be released. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.
- The 875 N Project is nearly complete. All that remains is paving the road. The road has temporarily been opened back up to allow extra compaction of the stone road base. The road will close when ready to pave.

- In regards to the 100W project – after speaking with NRCS, the county will not be able to reapply for funding since this was applied as an emergency project. The cost to fix 100W is \$671,203.62 with a 75% reimbursement of \$503,403.72 and County 25% would be \$167,800.91. Other avenues are being pursued to see if a more cost effective option is available.
- All 3 mowing tractors are currently down with major issues on all. The cost to repair the mowers is more expensive then buying two new rear mounted flail mowers that mount to the 3-point hitch. The cost for the two is \$17,100.00. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the 2 new flail mowers. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.
- Ault presented two road agreements with Hoosier National Forest. For the first, they are wanting to replace a double culvert with a bridge at no cost to the county. For the second, they are wanting to bring a non maintained county road (625 N) up to county specifications so that logging can take place. Once logging is complete, they will repair any damage to road. Again at no cost to the county. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve the agreements and allowing Commissioner Reedy to sign both agreements. Commissioner Markel seconded. Two (2) yes votes, motion carried.

Sheriff Meyers reported that the security system at the Judicial Center went down yesterday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, and after a system reset it is back to normal.

Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter informed the Commissioners that included in their packets were the July 2020 Fund Report and the June 2020 Treasurer Report.

Commissioners then recessed until August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 9:00 AM.

Signed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

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Matt Reedy

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Drew Markel

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Bob Gillaspy

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Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest