

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
August 6, 2019  
6:00 PM

Present: Commissioner Matt Reedy, Commissioner Drew Markel & Commissioner Bob Gillaspay  
Absent: All Present

Commissioner President Matt Reedy called the meeting to order.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a silent prayer observed.

Commissioner Reedy then opened the Public Hearing for the Work Release Center.  
Gary Smith with Reedy Financial and Kim Blanchett with Barnes and Thornburg were present for any questions or comments.  
Smith then reported to Commissioners that the Work Release Center Bond would be a \$5,900,000 bond, for a 20 year term and that the goal is to keep this tax neutral.  
Commissioner Reedy then asked for any questions, or comments from the public.  
With none being heard, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to close the public hearing.  
Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy then read Resolution 2019 -#17, Commisisoner Bill 11. This resolution is for the acknowledgement of the parameters of the debt for the Work Release Center. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy then read Resolution 2019 -#19, Commissioner Bill 13. This resoltution is authorizing the use of the design-build method for the Work Release Center. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2019 Regular Meeting.  
Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

After review, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Payroll of July 19, 2019 in the amount of \$419,328.01 and August 2, 2019 in the amount of \$421,929.26 along with Claims, including electronic checks for the amount of \$2,783,405.33. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Reports from other Committees:** Commissioner Gillaspay stated that he was able to spend some time with the EMS this past Saturday and asked for discussion on how to improve operations. Commissioner Gillaspay stated the main topic was the idea of central dispatch.

**End of Reports from other Committees.**

Morris Tippin on behalf of The Friends of the Medora Covered Bridge then came before Commissioners to ask for approval to place a security system on the bridge. At the April 6, 2010 Commissioner Meeting, this project was approved, however, he wanted to make sure this was still desire of the current board. Brad Nolan, who will be installing the cameras, was also present to answer questions on the cameras and design. Nolan presented a handout to Commissioners and stated that 5-6 night vision, date stamped cameras along with 4 historical light fixtures will be installed. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve for the light fixtures and security system to be installed. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioners also advised Human Resource director,

Jeff Hubbard to check into the insurance on the bridge, verifying the insurance covers electric on the bridge.

Commissioner Gillaspay then made a motion that the monthly maintenance fee for Medora Covered Bridge to be paid from the Covered Bridge Maintenance Fund. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Carrie Tormoehlen, Chief Probation Officer and Aaron Loudon, Probation Officer then came before Commissioners to request a change in the Probation Office Space. Tormoehlen stated that the office will be fully staffed and therefore is in need of two more secure office spaces. There is possible room to make the offices within the current space. After discussion, Commissioners advised Warren Martin to obtain quotes for this project.

Jesse Vogel with Liberty National was listed on the agenda but was not in attendance for the meeting, due to the county already participating in the plan.

Sheriff Meyer then appeared before Commissioners with the following:

- The department purchased a Dodge Van out of Commissary money, with two trade in's. Sheriff Meyer presented the titles for the trade in to Commissioners for their signature. The trade in's are: 2009 Dodge VIN 1D8HN44E79B502766 and a 2001 Ford VIN 2FAFP71WX1X139871. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
- A fencing company came and looked at the fencing at the Sheriff Department. Quotes are being gathered on getting razor wire instead of barbedwire and for cage fencing on needed doors. This expense could be paid from Commissary funds. Commissioner Markel made a motion allowing Sheriff Meyer to modify the exterior fence and add cages to necessary doors. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
- The male REC program was held this past weekend with 39 inmates participating. The female program will take place this coming weekend.
- Cortland School contacted the Sheriff to discuss the possibility of Mill St being a one way street during Drop off and Pick up times.
- Ordinance 19, Commissioner Bill 12-Retirement Fire Arms Ordinance was presented for review. After discussion, it was decided to bring this back with changes to the next commissioner meeting.
- Sheriff asked if there will be a County Auction in 2019. Commissioners advised Jerry Ault to contact Max Klosterman, Auctioneer, to see a possible date and to proceed from there.
- Sheriff then discussed an issue with a current inmate – Sheriff sent an email to the County Prosecutor and Public Defender on March 22, 2019 in regards to the inmate. The inmate is in a wheelchair and in poor health. Currently the inmate is in an Indy Hospital, which require 2 officers and causing overtime to accrue. Sheriff Meyer is worried that with hospital expense and other expenses, that one inmate could cost the county \$1,000,000. Attorney Bevers was directed by Commissioners to make contact with the County Prosecutor and County Public Defender to see why there is a delay in this inmates case.

Nancy Sterling and Paula Ortman then came before Commissioners to discuss the possibility of using the Jackson County Park for Pickleball. This would require repairs be made to the park and a court/courts to be constructed. This funding would be through grants, corporate donors and private donors. After discussion, Commissioners advised Sterling and Ortman to get more solid numbers on this project.

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

- All Star and Milestone have finished the 2019 Paving
- O'Mara should be finished this week with 2019 Paving

- Ault would like to change from having 3 crew leaders to 4. The position of Assistant Superintendent will not be filled and the account balance transferred to help with the additional crew leader. Commissioner Markel made a motion allowing Ault to add one crew leader. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Jeff Hubbard was advised to make change to Salary Ordinance and present to Council at August meeting.
- The Handrail company will be at Shieldstown Covered Bridge tomorrow.
- Ault will meet with Atlas on Thursday over the road issues caused by the Seymour sewer project.

Commissioner Markel stated that the owner of Sims Bark has made contact and asked of the possibility of Frontage Road being widened. Commissioners agreed that in general the road needs repaired. After discussion, Commissioner Markel and Ault agreed to set a time to meet with Sims bark and figure out a plan and report back to Commissioners.

Warren Martin then presented to Commissioners 2 change orders for RL Turner for the Jackson County Judicial Center. Change Order #3 is for the Amount of (\$7,321.83) for cleaning costs. Change Order #4 is for the \$3,660.83 due to resolution for cleaning cost. This is for the millwork in the courtrooms. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Martin then stated that he has color samples for the casework. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion allowing Commissioner Markel to make the decision. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Martin also informed Commissioners that rock removal on the roof of the Jail will begin Thursday, with the replacement scheduled to begin Monday. Also, Ken Neely will begin work on the windows of the Courthouse Wednesday, August 7, 2019.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard stated that an insurance meeting is scheduled for Wednesday morning, if any Commissioners are interested in attending.

County Attorney Susan Bevers then presented the Mutual Release and Settlement Agreement for review. There are changes that are going to be made to the document, but it needs to be signed by Friday, August 9. Commissioners advised Commissioner Markel to sign the document once complete.

Attorney Bevers presented the Executive Session Memo of July 30, 2019 for approval. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners recessed until the next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 9:00 PM.

Signed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

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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