

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
August 7, 2018
6:00 PM

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

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

Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2018 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

After review, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the payroll of July 20, 2018 in the amount of \$415,465.57, the Payroll of August 3, 2018 in the amount of \$421,367.39, along with Claims, including electronic checks, for the amount of \$2,950,825.05. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees:

Commissioner Gillaspay stated that he attended the annual Dinner on the Medora Covered Bridge.

End of Reports from other Committees.

Matt Nicholson and Jim Schroeder appeared before Commissioners to discuss USBR 235. This bike route would include 19 miles within Jackson County. Commissioners would need to adopt a resolution allowing the bike route in the county. There would be no cost to Jackson County for this route. Commissioners decided to table further discussion until the August 21st meeting, allowing the county Attorney to prepare a Resolution to review.

Terri Ault and Tyler Shaw with Jackson County Soil & Water came before Commissioners to discuss the Lake & River Enhancement Grant that was awarded to the District for the removal of log jams. Shaw reported that the work would be done on the Vernon Fork of the Muscatatuck River and that bids are due back August 17. Commissioners asked Ault and Shaw to look into the possibility of dredging the river.

Commissioner Markel presented 5 quotes for a Vehicle purchase for the Jackson County Plan Commission. Quotes were received from the following on a 2018 Ford F150 Pickup:

Garlich	\$28,700
Renner	\$31,422
Poynter	\$42,031
Bedford Ford	\$29,513 w/Bed Cover and after Trade In = \$27,011.11
Gilstrap	\$37,000

Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the purchase from Bedford Ford in the amount of \$27,011.11 with Trade In of the Current Ford Escape. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Debbie Hackman and Gilbert Hoene came before Commissioners in regards to the Jackson County Dog Shelter. A quote was presented from Morton Buildings, Inc in the amount of \$137,658.00. A down payment is needed soon of \$13,766.00 to guarantee price of materials. At the last Commissioner meeting, the question was "Who should the Community Foundation release the funds to?". After

review, Attorney Bevers stated that this is not a Public/Private Partnership due to the fact that all funds raised and involved for this project are private funds. Thus the funds must be released to the County Auditor and invoices paid through the Auditor's office.

Commissioners noted that the quote received from Mortons is not for a complete shelter, but just a shell of a building.

Commissioner Markel stated his concern of not knowing an 'all in' budget for a complete shelter.

Commissioner Markel also expressed concern that the current amount of funds available at the Community Foundation to build the shelter is \$185,000, which will not be sufficient for the entire building. Commissioner Markel clarified with Hackman and Hoene that additional fundraising would be needed if the costs were above \$185,000, and that the county would not be putting tax dollars/county funds toward this project. All Commissioners were in agreement with this statement.

Commissioners stated they would like Mortons to provide a quote for a complete shelter as a reference. It was stated that every subcontractor and quote would need to be approved by Commissioners.

Commissioners also asked Jeff Hubbard to look into the builders risk insurance that would be needed.

Following discussion, the following motions were made:

- Commissioner Markel made a motion allowing Commissioner Gillaspy to be the Owners representative for communications with Morton Buildings, Inc. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
- Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to release \$40,000 from the Community Foundation Dog Shelter fund to the Jackson County Auditor's Office, to be placed in the Jackson County Dog Shelter Fund. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Attorney Bevers will prepare a letter from the Commissioners to the Community Foundation for the release of \$40,000.
- Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve the Morton Buildings, Inc proposal of \$137,658.00 Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard stated that he did receive a resignation letter from Terry Gray from the Vernon Township Fire District Board. The recommendation was to appoint BJ McClain to the board. Commissioner Markel made a motion to appoint BJ McClain to the Vernon Twp Fire District Board. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to close/vacate the remainder of the Virgil Steinker Road (975N). The landowner that this would cause a landlock for has received an easement from another landowner. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy stated that he would like to place RL Turner on the agenda for the August 21st, 2018 meeting.

Morris Thomas with Garmong then gave an update on the Judicial Center. Much progress is being made, the exterior is coming along and the interior is currently being conditioned. The projected date of September 14th, 2018 is in review of the entire team.

Warren Martin then discussed the following in regards to the Judicial Center building progress:

1. An IDEM invoice was received for \$50 for the Middendorf house asbestos abatement. Invoice was given to Jeff Hubbard for payment.
2. Landscape – have only received 1 of the 2 quotes back at this time.
3. The State seals for each courtroom are 42' in diameter, lightweight and come in with a total cost of \$566.00
4. The box for Water/fire protection is getting ready to be set.
5. The 6 in tap in for water into the bulding will cost approximately \$600.
6. Mailboxes will be ordered soon.

Commissioner asked for an update on the Kloppenburg property. Attorney Susan Bevers stated that the paperwork has been filed. She spoke with Kloppenburgs attorney prior to filing to inform him of the decision and a copy was sent to him once filed.

Highway Supervisor, Jerry Ault, came before Commissioners with the following:

1. Bridge 183 is complete and is in the process of inspection.
2. The online application process has begun for the Community Crossing Grant.
3. The Vallonia River Project is complete.
4. The crew has been sent out to begin work on Aluminum arch replacement on CR 450 N.
5. The lettering for the Shieldstown Bridge was asked to be a credit to the contract. This has been cleared through INDOT.
6. With the completion of Bridge 183, the Intersection of 600E & 500S has been realigned and appears to need a 3 way stop. After discussion, Commissioners advised Attorney Bevers to draft a resolution for the next meeting.
7. The insurance funds have been received for the 'burnt' backhoe. Ault asked Commissioners for direction on buying or leasing a backhoe. After discussion, Commissioner Markel made a motion to lease a 2018 backhoe from WestSide Tractor Sales. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
8. Ault has been approached by the Lake Leslie HOA for the county to take over the roads. Discussion followed as to the previous attempt. Commissioners advised Attorney Bevers to look for the previous letter that was sent as to stipulations that need to be done before the County would take over the roads.

Sheriff Carothers then presented the July 2018 Jail Report, Meal Expenditure Report, Judicial Statistics Report and Dog Dentention Report. The Sheriff also reported that the cost of Juvenile Holdings for June was \$5191.00 and July \$7280.00

Jeff Hubbard then asked if one of the Commissioners would like to be involved in the process of reviewing quotes from Health Insurance companies. Commissioner Markel agreed to be the contact for the Commissioners.

Brad Isaacs then addressed Commissioners, stating that the Jackson County Highway crew did an outstanding job on the Bridge #183 project, and also on the Vallonia Erosion Project.

Commissioners recessed until the next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 9:00AM.

Signed this 21st day of August, 2018.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspy

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest