

**Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
September 21, 2021
9:00 AM**

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 Silent Prayer observed.

Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the minutes of the September, 2021 Regular Meeting.

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

Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Payroll of September 10, 2021 in the amount of \$444,389.19 along with Claims, in the amount of \$371,482.09. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees: NONE

Amanda Lowery, on behalf of the Fort Vallonia Day Festival Committee, then asked Commissioners for approval to close the following roads from 3pm October 15- 6pm October 17, 2021:

Main Street from Church Street to Commerce Street,
Water Street from Main street to Saint Louis Street &
Commerce Street from Main Street to Highway 135.

Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the road closures as requested. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

JL Brewer, Community Corrections Director, then presented the Peer Recovery Coach Contract from Bernard Joseph Madden III. The contract is for \$3,400 per month to be paid with Federal grant monies. After review, Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Chief Public Defender, Alan Marshall, then asked Commissioners for approval to purchase replacement office equipment along with new equipment for the 2 new employees to be added in 2022. His request is for \$5,048 out of the CARES funds. After discussion, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the purchase from CARES funds not to exceed \$5,048. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried

Commissioner Gillaspay then performed the 1st reading of Ordinance #14, CB #10, 1983-1 Amendment. This ordinance is to reduce speed limit on CR 500 S from 1200 E to its terminus in Vernon Township. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Gillaspay then performed the 2nd reading of Ordinance #14, CB #10. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve upon 2nd reading, and to waive 3rd reading. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Markel stated that he received a call from Brian Disque, who has currently been mowing the Brownstown Soccer Field. Disque has been mowing without compensation and asks that the Commissioners address who should be performing the mowing. Commissioner advised Attorney Susan Bevers to review the contract the county holds with the Soccer Association.

Commissioner Reedy then presented the Driftwood Twp Income Justification Survey. The Driftwood Fire Dept. is applying for a grant and this is one of the documents needed to complete submittal. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Judge Any Travis then approached Commissioners to ask for 2 new computers from the CARES funds. The cost of these computers will not exceed \$6,436.00. Travis explained that the state is updating the current Odyssey system, and her older computers will not support the update. Travis stated she has been to Council, who did approve the funds. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the purchase of equipment from the CARES funds. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Sheriff Meyer then presented Commissioners with the Jail and Sheriff Dept August 2021 Reports.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard, then presented and update to Commissioners on the use of the CARES funds and the remaining balance. Hubbard then stated the Health Department has received approval from Council to pay to concrete a portion of the pole building behind the Health Dept from the CARES funds, not to exceed \$5,350. The plan is to use the garage as a vaccine drive thru and possibly for meetings in the future. Commissioners reviewed the 2 quotes provided and Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve, not to exceed \$5,350.00. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Auditor Roger Hurt informed Commissioners that the September 2021 payment to Red Sky has been processed and it is the Auditor's understanding that no future invoices are to be paid to Red Sky. Attorney Bevers stated that the individual who purchased the property where Red Sky operated has, as of last week, created a new Entity to operate a rescue. Commissioner Gillaspay then made a motion to engage with the new entity, a month to month contract, until the County shelter is complete. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Attorney Bevers will send contract to Sheriff Meyer for him to forward to the new owner. The new entity will also need a certificate of insurance. Commissioners asked for this to be on the next meeting's agenda, and for the new owner to be present for discussion.

Commissioners then recessed until Oct 5, 2021 at 6 PM.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

Signed this 5th day of October, 2021.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspay

Roger Hurt - attest