

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
September 1, 2020  
6:00 PM

Present: Commissioner Matt Reedy, Commissioner Drew Markel & Commissioner Bob Gillaspy.

Commissioner Matt Reedy called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and silent Prayer observed.

Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2020 Regular Meeting.

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

After review, Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve the Payroll of August 28, 2020 in the amount of \$417,831.66 along with Monthly Claims, including electronic checks, in the amount of \$4,396,035.54.

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

**Reports from other Committees:**

Commissioners commented on Warren Forgey's retirement and wished him well.

**End of Reports from other Committees.**

Commissioner Markel made a motion to allow the Extention Office use of the meeting room on the following dates:

Sept 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm, Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7pm, Sept 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm, Sept 29<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm, Oct 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm and Nov 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm.

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

Karla Hubbard with the Jackson County Health Department, appeared before Commissioners regarding the entrance railing at the Health Dept. Two (2) quotes have been received, however, they were far apart and the department is waiting on another. The two (2) quotes came in at \$2,500 & \$4,500 respectfully. Commissioner Gillaspy suggested having Crane Hill Machine look at the project. Commissioner Markel made a motion to allow the project, not to exceed \$3,500. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Karla Hubbard also discussed with Commissioners the change in COVID testing sites in the county. Currently the testing site is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor at Schneck Medical Center and is ran by Optum. There is work being completed at the 'old state police post' in Seymour, to turn it into a COVID testing site, ran as a partnership between Schneck and the Jackson County Health Department. Hubbard presented the partnership contract, that has been reviewed by County Attorney Susan Bevers, for approval. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to authorize Dr. Bunce, County Health Officer, to sign the contract. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. This site is expected to open September 15, 2020 and run until the end of the year. There is also work being done looking for a site in Brownstown.

Sheriff Meyer then asked Commissioners to allow him to start obtaining bids for the 2021 car allowance.

Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter stated that a new quote has been received from Ken Neely Building Restoration LLC for work needing to be completed on the Historical Courthouse. This quote is for immediate necessary work that needs to be completed at the cost of \$12,500. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Auditor Hohenstreiter will take to Council in September for funding decisions.

Auditor Hohenstreiter then discussed with Commissioners the following:

**Deferring certain Employee Social Security Tax Withholding**

**On August 8, 2020**, President Trump issued a Presidential Memorandum directing the Secretary of the Treasury, using his authority, to defer the withholding, deposit, and payment of certain payroll tax obligations.

**On August 28, 2020** – The Department of Treasury and the IRS issued guidance stating that Employers **MAY** defer withholding and payment of the employee’s portion of the Social Security tax IF the employee’s wages are below a certain amount.

*\*any amount deferred from Sept 1 – Dec 31, 2020 would be due back to the government by April 30, 2021.*  
After discussion, Commissioner Markel made a motion for Jackson County NOT to participate in the deferral program. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Auditor Hohenstreiter informed Commissioners that they received an August 2020 Fund Report in their packet.

Commissioner Markel stated that the Work Release Center groundbreaking will be held on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at noon.

Commissioners then recessed until September 15, 2020.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 9:00 AM.

Signed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

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Matt Reedy

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Drew Markel

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Bob Gillaspay

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Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest