

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
September 17, 2019
9:00 AM

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

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

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

After review, Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve the Payroll of September 13, 2019 in the amount of \$416,914.34 along with Claims, for the amount of \$1,976,240.98. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees: None

Amanda Lowery appeared before Commissioners for Fort Vallonia Days Association to request road closures for 3pm October 18 – 6pm October 20, 2019. The road closures are for the following:

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

Barb Collins then came before Commissioners to request signage or lower speed limit on Curry road. After discussion, Commissioner advised the Sheriff to survey the area and bring back a recommendation to the next Commissioner meeting.

Commissioner Markel then spoke on behalf of Marcia Monroe who had contacted him in regards to the current speed on 250E. Commissioners advised the Sheriff to survey this area as well and bring back a recommendation of signage or lower speed to next meeting. Highway Superintendant Jerry Ault was advised to look into the current speed associated with the road.

Charlotte Moss with Turning Point then came before Commissioners to request the use of the Courthouse fence in October for the Clothesline Project that the Brownstown students will be conducting. Commissioner Markel made a motion allowing the use of the Courthouse fence for the week of October 14th-18th, 2019. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Markel then led discussion regarding the establishment of a Jackson County Redevelopment Commission. Commissioner Markel has been involved, along with Councilmen Brian Thompson and Dave Hall, Rodney Farrow, Jim Plump, Jeff Lorenzo, Conner Barnette, Mayor Luedeman, and Curt Kovener in meetings to come to a loose agreement on a development plan for the future. Seymour, Crothersville and Brownstown were fully involved with the discussions. The Town of Medora does not currently have, nor intending to establish a RDC, so they were not represented. Councilman Reedy then read Ordinance 24, Commissioner Bill 14 – *An Ordinance Establishing the Jackson County Department of Redevelopment and the Jackson County Redevelopment Commission.*

Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Reedy then performed the 2nd reading of Ordinance 24, Commissioner Bill 14. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve upon 2nd reading and waive 3rd reading. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

The Commissioners will be responsible for the appointment of three members of the RDC, each holding a 1 year term. Commissioner Markel made a motion to appoint Jerry Hounshel, Mark McKinney and Drew Markel to the committee. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Markel then made a motion to appoint Tim Taylor to serve as a non – voting advisor to the Jackson County Redevelopment Commission. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Barnes & Thornburg LLP Engagement Agreement for Legal Services regarding TIF Matters. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners were presented with a Letter of Notification from the 95th Civil Affairs Brigade (Special Operations-Airborne). This agreement requests support from Jackson County of Training to take place in Jackson County. The brigade may work with Law Enforcement, Emergency Management and/or Administrative Personnel. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the Notification as presented. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Plan Commissioner Conner Barnette presented the Pictometry Aerial Photography Contract for review. The last aerial views of Jackson County were done in 2016. The contract is for \$62,039 to be split between the Surveyor, Auditor, Assessor and 911. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners advised Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard to post the availability of the Maintenance Position for the county.

Highway Superintendent, Jerry Ault discussed the following with Commissioners:

- Shieldstown Bridge is in the close out stage.
- Currently waiting to receive a Notice to Proceed from NRCS for the projects.
- Community Crossing paving is complete.
- Risers have been installed for the manhole covers at Mutton Creek.
- County is almost complete with the mowing of Right of Ways.
- The new dumptruck should be delivered within the next month.
- The County Auction will be held at the Highway Garage on Oct 26th @ 8:30am. With a second auction to be held on Oct 26th @ 12:30 pm at Superior Court in Seymour.

Tim Norman then came before Commissioners to address the 1980's ordinance regarding the restriction of ATV's on county road 1290 N. Commissioner Markel made a motion to repeal Ordinance 2001-7. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioners advised Jerry Ault to pull the current posted sign and the Sheriff to inform the Conservation Officer. Commissioners also noted damage reported by Norman regarding County Road 1250 W.

Sheriff Meyer then presented Commissioners with the August 2019 Jail Report, Meal Expenditure Report, Jail Statistics, Dog Detention and Cash Book reports. Sheriff Meyer also reported that through the REC program, 39 inmates were recently baptized.

Jeff Hubbard then asked for directive on the remaining retainage money, being held with StockYard Bank for RL Turner from the BOND. County Attorney Susan Bevers stated that she is waiting on clarification on this, but that it will have to be used for projects within the scope of the Judicial Center project.

RL Turner will also be sending a check to Jackson County for approximately \$115,000. This is for the cost of cleaning and for the woodwork in the courtroom.

All money received may be placed in the same fund for projects within the scope of the Judicial Center.

Hubbard also stated that there is still a vacant spot on the Plan Commission Board.

Commissioners recessed until the next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

Signed this 1st day of October, 2019.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspay

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest