

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
September 18, 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 September 4 , 2018 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

After review, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Payroll of September 14, 2018 in the amount of \$415,713.19, along with Claims, for the amount of \$572,274.51. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Reports from other Committees:** None

County Clerk, Amanda Lowery, then presented the Election Polling Sites for approval. Lowery stated that no changes had been made from the Primary Election Polling sites. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve as presented. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Amanda Lowery, on behalf of the Fort Vallonia Day Committee, then asked for the following road closures for the Fort Vallonia Day Festival from 3pm Oct 19, 2018 – 6pm Oct 21, 2018:

- Main St from Church St to Commerce St,
- Water St from Main to St Louis St
- Commerce St from Main to Hwy 135

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

Michael Fitzpatrick with Enterprise Fleet Management presented vehicle lease program information to Commissioners including information on how their program could be a possible cost savings for the county. After discussion, Commissioners asked Fitzpatrick to pick a couple departments with vehicles and present a more detailed presentation on those departments.

Charlotte Moss, Turning Point – Jackson County Community Service Director, discussed the Teens for Change program with Commissioners. Moss also discussed the Clothesline Project and asked if this line could be displayed at the Courthouse. Commissioner Markel made a motion allowing the use of the Courthouse fence October 26<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> 2018 for this project. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jason Enrique, on behalf of the Martha's Vineyard HOA, then came before Commissioners for the following:

1. To Thanks Commissioners for the roads in the Subdivision. He stated they are much better and the residents are pleased.
2. Speed Limit – Currently posted at 30mph. Enrique asked Commissioners to consider a lower speed limit for the subdivision. After discussion, Attorney Bevers was advised to look into the accuracy of the current posted limit.

3. Stop Sign – An ornamental post that supported a stop sign has come down. After discussion, Commissioners advised that the county will replace with a normal stop sign.
4. Sidewalks – Who is responsible? Commissioner informed Enrique that the HOA is responsible for sidewalks within the subdivision.

Richard Dahl, President of the Mutton Creek HOA, then came before Commissioners for the following:

1. To request a 4 way stop at Big Horn Lane and Chase Court,
2. To request a No Outlet sign at Whitney Way,
3. To acquire a projected time for paving,
4. And to inform Commissioners of a water issue between 507 & 455 Mutton Creek Dr.

Dahl was informed that the Subdivision is included on the Community Crossings project for 2019 if the Grant is awarded to the County. Commissioners stated that the other requests will need to be reviewed.

Tonja Couch, with Jackson County United Way, then came before Commissioners to inform them that Red Ribbon Week is October 23-31 2018. Couch also provided 'Small Town's Big Hope' signs for the Courthouse and Commissioners to display. Couch then asked to display a Banner on the courthouse fence from October 23 – 26 for Red Ribbon Week. Commissioners advised Couch to contact Jana Wessel for the banner.

Gil Hoene informed Commissioners that the Community Foundation released \$40,000 to the Jackson County Auditor, per Commissioners request. Hoene then presented the Contract with Morton Buildings, Inc for signature. Commissioner Reedy signed the Contract as presented. Commissioner Gillaspay then made a motion allowing Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter to sign the claim vouchers for the Dog Shelter Project as invoices come in, allowing for timely payment. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners then discussed some repairs that need to be done to the Courthouse. After discussion, Warren Martin was advised to contact Mitch Patrick to verify the extent of the repairs needed.

Highway Supervisor, Jerry Ault, presented the IPEP Grant paperwork for signature. The County has been awarded the Grant. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners then reviewed and discussed the 2011 Leslie Lake Letter and Report from patriot Engineering regarding road core samples. Commissioner Gillaspay stated that he and Jerry Ault have met with representatives from Leslie Lake and Ault has recommended areas that need built up. It was decided to table this discussion until the October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018 meeting, when representative from Leslie Lake can attend the meeting.

Ault stated that he has been contacted by Al Patterson, from the Parks Department in Hamilton County. They are expressing interest in one section of the Bells Ford Covered Bridge. Patterson stated that Hamilton County would include Jackson County in all aspects of the bridge, it would remain known that the bridge originated in Jackson County and would keep the Bells Ford name. Commissioners agreed that Patterson and Hamilton County Commissioners should come to a Jackson County Commissioner meeting for further discussion.

Jerry Ault then discussed the following with Commissioners:

- 3 unofficial detours for State Road 258. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

- Close out paperwork is ready for Bridge #183. Once complete, the Community Crossings grant application is ready to submit.
- CR 450 N has been reopened to traffic.
- CR 200 N – removal of the double pipe structure will begin on September 24, 2018. It will be replaced with an Aluminum Arch.
- Bridge #61 & Bridge #4 will be patched and resurfaced this year.
- What is the possibility of an ordinance stating that if a property owner has a fence on a county right of way, that the fence must be maintained and cleared out? So far, in 2018, the highway dept has spend \$7,500 on tire repair due to this issue.

Conner Barnette then asked Commissioners for the use of the Courthouse lobby, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 from 5:30-8:30 for the Brownstown Chamber Christmas. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Warren Martin then provided a Judicial Center Update:

- BIS was here yesterday
- Trimwork will be completed this week, until Panels can be placed
- REMC – Fiber will be going in this week
- Paul Borden will be here this week
- Furniture – arrived last Friday
- Mark Simmons requested area to place the new computers
- Signage is done
- State seals are done and ready for pick up
- Keys/cores are ready – current temporary ones are in place for restriction
- OMara will be paving on Friday

Commissioners stated that the Brick Road Brawl Event that was discussed Last meeting, is too much liability for the county.

Commissioner Gillaspay stated that he would like to invite the Contractor and INDOT to the October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting to discuss the Shieldstown Covered Bridge.

Commissioner Markel then discussed the Unicell property (previously Kieffer Paper Mill). IDEM has not closed out the case, but a plan is in place to close the case.

Attorney Bevers presented the Executive Session Memorandums for August 16, 2018 & August 28, 2018 for signature. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Emergency Management Director, Duane Davis informed Commissioners that 3 grants have been applied for by the department. Davis stated that they will be at the Seymour Oktoberfest. Davis also stated that the Department of Homeland Security at the Federal level now requires States to do more with the Local departments. Davis stated that he will be attending training for detail planning for events such as Oktoberfest, Jackson County Fair and others.

Commissioners recessed until the next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 6:00 PM.

Signed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2018.

---

Matt Reedy

---

Bob Gillaspay

---

Drew Markel

---

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest