

**Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
September 19, 2023
9:00 AM**

Present: Commissioner Drew Markel, Commissioner Matt Reedy & Commissioner Bob Gillaspay

Absent: All present.

Commissioner Drew Markel called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and Silent Prayer observed.

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2023, Regular Meeting. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Payroll of September 8, 2023, in the amount of \$540,929.39 along with claims, in the amount of \$402,117.15. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees: None.

New Business:

Karla Hubbard with the Health Department then appeared before Commissioners to give them an update on the new funding amounts that have been approved by the state for next year. Hubbard had reported the initial amount but wanted to update with the finalized amounts. Hubbard then discussed trading in the 2008 F150 (VIN 0516) and the 2004 Dodge (VIN 5944) vehicles toward the new vehicle purchase. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve looking into trading these vehicles toward the new vehicle purchase. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jackson County Clerk, Piper Acton, then appeared before Commissioners to get approval for the 5 polling locations for Nov 7, 2023, and the vote center contract. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the 5 locations. Commissioner Reedy seconded the motion. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. The 5 locations are as follows:

Jackson Co Public Library, Calvary Seymour Baptist Church, Jackson Co Learning Center, Medora Christian Church and the Historic Jackson Co Courthouse.

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the contract pending County Attorney review.

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

Lindsay Sarver then came before Commissioners to discuss the following:

- Sarver first thanked the Commissioners for sponsoring the lunch today for the Crisis training that is taking place. Commissioners confirmed with Auditor that this expense is to be paid from the commissioners' budget.
- Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the \$100,000 match from the County opioid settlement funds for Healthy Jackson County.
- RCO/IRACS update – Articles of Incorporation and bi-laws have been drafted with approval of Commissioners and with their plans of support.

Commissioner Markel stated that it is the intent of this support to be 'startup funding' – this will not be on-going support for operating funds. Ben Beatty also addressed Commissioners stating the intent of the program is to be self-sustaining. Beatty also discussed timelines, plans for funding and location. Beatty then extended an invitation for a seat on the RCO board to

Commissioners or Council. Commissioner Reedy made a motion for support in the creation of the Jackson County RCO. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Several representatives of CenterStone then addressed Commissioners to provide an update and overview of programs and services available.

Commissioner Markel then performed the 2nd reading of Zoning Ordinance #13, Commissioner Bill #15. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve upon 2nd reading and to waive third reading. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy stated that he was approached by Judge MacTavish about the Security Committee needing a representative from the Commissioners to sit on the board. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to appoint himself to the committee. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

JL Brewer presented the TRECS agreement for commissioner approval. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve pending Attorney Bevers review. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes vote, motion carried.

Miscellaneous Business:

Jerry Ault provided an unofficial detour for Commissioner review. Ault also informed Commissioners that work on 100 W has begun.

Sheriff Meyer presented the August 2023 Jail/Sheriff report for Commissioner review. Sheriff Meyer then discussed the LED lighting invoice with Commissioners. The project was approved in a previous meeting; however, Meyer had meant to present this project with funding from the county/commissioners. Commissioners advised Sheriff Meyer to seek funding from the Commissary or Sheriff/Jail budget for this invoice.

Auditor Staci Eglen informed Commissioners that they were given the August 2023 Treasurer Report and the 2024 County Holiday schedule. Commissioners tabled the Holiday schedule allowing for review.

Attorney Susan Bevers then stated that our council for the opioid litigation will be reducing their contingency fees from 33 1/3% to 8.7%. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve this change. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners then recessed until October 3, 2023, at 9 AM.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 9:00 AM.

Signed this 3rd day of October 2023.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspay

Staci L Eglen - attest