

**Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
September 20, 2022
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 6, 2022 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Payroll of September 9, 2022 in the amount of \$482,143.37 along with Claims in the amount of \$2,030,153.97. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees: None

Heather Blaker then presented the 911 department budget for 2023 to Commissioners for their review. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Amanda Lowery then appeared before Commissioners to ask for road closures for the 2023 Fort Vallonia Days. The road closures are to be the same as in prior years. The festival will be held on October 14-16 2023. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Mr. & Mrs. Gordan Pfifer then addressed Commissioners concerning the placement of a stop sign at the corner of county road 900N & 1300E. After review of the area and the concerns presented, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the stop sign placement. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Attorney Bevers was advised to prepare an ordinance for the next regular meeting.

Maggie Sullivan with the Friends of lake Monroe then presented Commissioners with information regarding the quality of water in the lake and the upcoming watershed summit.

Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve a letter to the Community Foundation requesting the available funds from the dog shelter fund held there and to officially name the dog shelter the 'K-9 Control Center'. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioners agreed to keep the fund open at the foundation allowing for donations.

Highway Superintendent, Jerry Ault, then discussed the following with Commissioners:

- All roads in the 2022 paving program are complete.
- Placement of stone shoulders on these new roads is over ½ complete
- Purchasing of Right of way is underway for bridge 154
- Has not received confirmation if the fairgrounds would like bridge 197
- Greendale drive is waiting on an easement

- 100W also waiting on paperwork to be completed before the project can begin
- Due to Hwy 258 being closed before Cortland and Seymour, drone footage has been taken of CR 550N from Vehslage Rd to 400 E, 400E from 550N to SR 258 and from SR 258 to 800N back to SR11. These are the commonly used roads that will most likely see damage from the closure of SR 258
- The hwy dept has gone back to having a crew foreman for each district
- Discussion was held on funding for the purchase of new radios for the department. Ault was advised to bring quotes to the next meeting and to address council for this purchase out of the 2023 bond.

Sheriff Meyer presented the August 2022 Jail report for Commissioner review. Commissioners also expressed their concern on controlling the dog count at the new K-9 Control Center. It was determined that the previous k-9 control ordinance is out of date and needs to be addressed.

Auditor Hurt then provided Commissioners with the title for Community Corrections 2015 Dodge Charger that they previously approved to send to county auction. The commissioners signed off on this title.

Auditor Hurt then stated that Commissioners were provided with the August 2022 Treasurers report.

Councilman Dave Hall stated that the Finance Committee and Council have been working diligently on the 2023 county budget and that county employees should be receiving an 8% raise in 2023.

Arann Banks, Visitor Center Director, presented a quote from Royalty for replacement deck/steps/ramp at the visitor center. The visitor center has funds available to pay for the \$37,800 quote. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners then recessed until October 4, 2022, at 9:00 AM.
 The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at 9:00 AM.
 Signed this 4th day of October 2022.

 Matt Reedy

 Drew Markel

 Bob Gillaspy

 Roger Hurt - attest