

**Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
September 5, 2023
9:00 AM**

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

Absent: All present.

Commissioner Drew Markel 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 15, 2023, Regular Meeting.

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

Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve the Payroll of August 25, 2023, in the amount of \$530,493.18 along with claims, including electronic checks, in the amount of \$4,489,681.16.

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

Reports from other Committees: None.

New Business:

Judge Travis discussed with Commissioners a couple issues she is having within her courtroom.

- The key fob system is not working in a couple places. Stanley security has come to look at the problem, but the issue is not resolved.
- The internet provider her office is using 'stalls' which causes a huge problem since she is an entire E-court. She would like to see the process of switching to REMC completed.

Judge Travis requested that Commissioners see if there was something they could do to assist with getting these problems fixed. Commissioners agreed that this needs to be resolved. Conner Barnette will investigate these issues per Commissioner request.

Clerk Piper Acton then addressed Commissioners requesting approval for use of the lobby in the historic courthouse for early voting and general election day for the 2023 General election. The times are as follows:

Saturday - Oct 28 9:30-4:30

Monday - Oct 30 thru Friday Nov 3 9:30-5:30

Saturday - Nov 4 9:30-4:30 &

Tuesday - Nov 7 6:00am – 6:00pm

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

JL Brewer presented Commissioners with the TRECS agreement. This is a memorandum between the county and the IN Assoc of Counties which would allow the department to receive funds from the State of IN for people who haven't paid their fees. Commissioners requested to have time to review this agreement before taking a vote. This will be on old business at the Sept 19th meeting.

Nate Bryant informed Commissioners that the technology insurance cannot be renewed unless EMS updates their server. After discussion with Paul at N-I-Tech and the county auditor, there appears to be money in the 2022 bond to cover this expense (5280.00). Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve the upgrade. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Karly Hubbard then presented 2 vehicle quotes to Commissioners. This will be a 2022 GO bond expense. The quote from Bob Poynter Ford is for a 2023 F-150 for \$47,757.00. The quote from Bob Poynter Chrysler is for \$50,245 for a 2024 Tradesman 1500. After discussion, Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the quote for the F150 from Bob Poynter Ford for 47,757.00. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Markel then performed the 1st reading of Zoning Ordinance #12, Commissioner Bill #15. This ordinance is for the Uniontown area, in preparation for the sewer district. The public hearing for this was held by the county Plan Commission. A copy of the map was provided. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. The 2nd reading of this ordinance will be held at the September 19th Commissioner Meeting. Mr. Chris Spall then addressed Commissioners asking them to consider redrawing the line on 200S.

Conner Barnette then addressed Commissioners with the following:

- quote for chiller compressor (historic courthouse) – HFI quote for chiller compressor replacement \$26,775.00. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the quote. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. This will be a 2022 GO Bond expense.
- Air Handler (Judicial Center) – HFI quote for air handler replacement \$4,621.38. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the quote. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. This will be a 2022 GO Bond expense.
- Sidewalk removal and replacement (historic courthouse) – Cooper Concrete Inc quote - \$75,500 for 5900 sq ft around courthouse and \$7500 for area around WW1 & 2 Monument. After discussion, Commissioners advised Barnette to obtain more quotes for this project.
- Elevator Phone system (2 Judicial Center, 1 historic courthouse) – TK Elevator Corp quote – up to \$6500. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the quote. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. This will be a 2022 GO Bond expense.
- Tree Removal (Park) – Barry’s Tree Service – Tree removal and stump grinding \$1,750.00. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve the quote and to pay from the General ‘park and rec’ fund. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Gillaspay then discussed the issue with the Brownstown Sewer Dept and the Jackson County Jail. The town is wanting the county to pay to replace a lift station that is used. Gillaspay stated that it appears the county currently pays approx. \$97,000/yr in sewer bills to the town and as far as he can tell we would be the only entity that would be forced to replace a lift station. Commissioner advised Attorney Bevers to draft a letter to the Brownstown Sewer Dept that the Commissioners will be taking no action on the request.

Old Business: None

Miscellaneous Business:

Sheriff Meyer stated he wanted to inform Commissioners that he did have a meeting scheduled on August 25 regarding IRACS, however, it had been cancelled.

Jeff Hubbard stated the insurance quotes are in. He recommends staying with our current reinsurance carrier (Zurich). The increase is 2.41% from 2023. After reviewing the information, Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Auditor Staci Eglen informed Commissioners that they were given the August 2023 Fund Report and the September 2023 meeting room calendar.

Attorney Susan Bevers then discussed the following:

- Approval to look at coverage on insurance policy for the use of co-council/conflict attorney. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
- Asking for a Commissioner Representative to sign on the settlement forms of a small claim. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to allow Commissioner Markel to be the authorized signee. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
- IRACS/RCO discussion. The county has previously approved a portion of opioid settlement to go toward the RCO contingent on IRACS. However, the State now says the county is not ready for IRACS at the beginning of 2024. Commissioner Markel also stated that it is important to make sure the RCO is self-sustaining and not an annual budget item. All agreed that more clarification is needed on the status.

Commissioners then recessed until September 19, 2023, at 9 AM.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 9:00 AM.

Signed this 19th day of September 2023.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspay

Staci L Eglen - attest