

**Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
September 6, 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 August 16, 2022 Regular Meeting.

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

Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Payroll of August 26, 2022 in the amount of \$479,079.22 along with Claims, which includes electronic checks in the amount of \$2,745,766.67.

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

Reports from other Committees: None

Heather Blaker, who was listed on the agenda was unable to attend and will be placed on the next regular meeting agenda for review of the 2023 911 budget.

Commissioners discussed the quotes received for the new a/c unit(s) at the Jackson County Health Department. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the repair/replacement of the a/c units and for the cost to be paid from the Commissioners Contract Services account line. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

EMS Director, Nate Bryant, then discussed with Commissioners the need for a new Medi Stat vehicle. The purchase amount of \$74,520.00 was reviewed which included the vehicle cost, a trailer to haul it and the graphics. After discussion, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to allow Bryant to continue with the project of obtaining funding for this project and advised Bryant to discuss funding with Schneck Foundation. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Ben Beatty and Sherri Jewett, with the Jackson County Substance Abuse Public Funding Board, then appeared before Commissioners to provide information about the Community Collaboration Grant that was received and how that money is being used. The grant is funding two individuals to perform an assessment of needs and the provide recommendations on how the Opioid Settlement money could be used.

Representatives from HWC then presented Commissioners a draft report of the Uniontown Sewer Project. The overview included maps, phases and estimated costs.

Travis McElfresh and Cody Hercamp, with the Jackson County Fire Chief Association then came before Commissioners to request funding be placed within the 2023 Commissioner budget for Volunteer Fire Department training. Discussion was held regarding training costs, equipment costs and fire district rates.

Commissioner Markel then performed the 1st reading Ordinance #14, Commissioner Bill #8, An ordinance for Tax Bill Clarification. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Markel then

performed the 2nd reading of Ordinance #14, Commissioner Bill #8. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve upon 2nd reading and to waive 3rd reading. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Auditor Roger Hurt informed Commissioners that they were provided the August 2022 Fund report and the September 2022 Meeting room schedule.

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

- An update on Greendale Drive in Jackson Township
- Roadwork on CR 100W in Hamilton Township can begin as soon as paperwork is signed
- Bridge 202 has been replaced
- Construction on Bridge 154 is likely to begin early next year
- Bridge 197 will be available if the fairgrounds or another entity would show interest
- Stone shoulders have been placed on approximately ½ the roads on the 2022 paving program
- The highway department radios and repeater are obsolete. Commissioners advised Ault to get quotes for the equipment needed.

Sheriff Meyer then informed Commissioners that he would like to send the 1997 Ford VIN 1FDKE30F8VHB95494 to county auction and transfer the 1999 EMA trailer VIN 48B500G22X1036554 to the Sheriff's department. Commissioners supported Sheriff Meyers requests.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard then stated that he would like to implement an Employee Assistance Program (EAP). This program would help serve employees with issues such as depression, substance abuse or deaths. The cost of this program would be approximately \$5,700 for the 1st year. Hubbard stated that with Commissioners support, he would like to introduce the program at this year's open enrollment meetings. Commissioners supported this program and the idea of introducing it at open enrollment meetings.

Jeff Hubbard then stated that Insurance renewal with the current carrier will be effective October 1, 2022. The fixed cost increase is scheduled to be 1.7% with no increase on group insurance. Commissioner Markel made a motion to allow the renewal with the current reinsurance provider and the 2023 employee premium rates. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners then recessed until September 20, 2022, at 9:00 AM.
The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at 9:00 AM.
Signed this 20th day of September 2022.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspay

Roger Hurt - attest