

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
January 15, 2019
9:00 AM – Meeting of the Board of Finance
Commissioner Meeting followed adjournment of the Board of Finance

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

Commissioner Matt Reedy called the meeting to order.

Sheriff Meyer performed the Swearing In of the Board of Commissioners for 2019.

Election of Officers:

Commissioner Markel made a motion for Commissioner Reedy as President. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion for Commissioner Markel as Vice President. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a silent prayer observed.

Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2018 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

After review, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Payroll of January 4, 2019 in the amount of \$417,309.40, along with Claims, including electronic checks, for the amount of \$30,149,891.60. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees: None

Commissioner Markel made a motion to amend the agenda to include Liberty Council Contract. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Trena Carter, Trish Speer and Jackie Hill appeared before Commissioners to give an update on the Workforce Development Grant. The grant, which served 122 residents of Jackson and Jennings County will end at the end of January 2019. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the 3 final invoices to be paid. Two invoices are for Ivy Tech and the other for ARA, for a total of \$38,850.00. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Debbie Hackman appeared to give an update on the Jackson County Canine Shelter. Hackman also requested that Commissioners rescind the Dog Breed ordinance/resolution that they previously passed. Commissioner Markel stated that it may be beneficial to have a commissioner attend the dog shelter committee meetings. Commissioner Gillaspay stated that he would attend. Commissioner Markel then made a motion to rescind the Dog Breed Ordinance/resolution, with the understanding that a new ordinance must be passed before the opening of the shelter. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

The Brownstown Town Board approved the Zoning Interlocal agreement between Jackson County and the Town of Brownstown that was prepared by Attorney Susan Bevers, agreeing to pay Jackson County \$12,900 to be placed back into the General Fund, for services provided by Plan Commissioner Conner

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

Judicial Center Cleaning Contract – No update, tabled.

Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter presented the 2018 100R for Commissioner Review.

Auditor Hohenstreiter presented the Year End 2018 Fund Report for Commissioner Review.

Auditor Hohenstreiter presented the 2018/2019 Carry Over List for Commissioner Review.

After Attorney Review of the Liberty Council Contract, Commissioner Markel made a motion to enter into the contract, which is at no cost to Jackson County, for pending litigation regarding the holiday display on the Courthouse lawn and ACLU. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Markel then made a motion to appoint Jack Hercamp to the Hamilton Township Fire Board. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy then performed the 1st reading of Ordinance 2019- #1, Commissioner Bill #2. This ordinance is amending Ordinance 1-2018, an ordinance restricting traffic on CR 1040 E in Jackson Township. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes.

Commissioner Markel then made a motion to waive the 3rd reading of All Ordinances for 2019.

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

Commissioner Reedy then performed the 2nd reading by Title only of Ordinance #1, Commissioner Bill #2. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Sheriff Carothers presented the December 2018 Jail Report, Meal Expenditure Report, Dog Detention Report and Jail Statistics. Sheriff Carothers also presented the Year to Date Meal Expenditure Report.

Sheriff Meyer then presented Commissioners with reports comparing our county to other counties on types of calls. Commissioner Markel asked Sheriff Meyer to bring a 2018 report on Expense of Juveniles.

Sheriff Meyer then discussed the following with Commissioners:

1. Will be getting bids regarding work needed to fix Water leaks on the Jail roof above the pods and administration offices.
2. Asked to hold the next Commissioner Meeting at the Sheriff Administration office.
3. Has received bids from John Jones and Bob Poynter for vehicle purchases.
4. Sheriff Meyer stated that he is working on a list of Bond Requests to be added for the new bond.
5. Sheriff Meyer then thanked the County Highway department for their work on the roads.
6. He then introduced the New Matron- Linda Jo Brown, Chief Deputy- Dustin Steward & Lieutenant-Adam Nicholson

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

1. Presented a quote from Sullivan Roof and Exterior for cleaning the Medora Covered Bridge. The quote is for \$3,850.00. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
2. Commissioner Markel stated that during the snow storm, the highway crew plowed/treated 3,000 miles in 12 hours. Ault stated that he believes the posts he and Commissioners put on

Facebook helped notify Jackson County residents on the road progress and resulted in zero calls being received at the highway garage during the snow storm.

3. Presented an INDOT contract for county wide bridge inspection. After review, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
4. Ault has typed up a new County Highway handbook that fits the department better than the county wide handbook. Ault is to review the handbook with Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard. Commissioner Gillaspay would like a memo sent to the Ambulance and Sheriff Departments to review the current handbook.

Lisa Ridge, Monroe County Public Works Director, came before Commissioners to request a letter of support in the reclassification of 1000N to Hwy 135. This road needs to be reclassified as a major collector road. After discussion, Commissioner Markel made a motion allowing Jerry Ault to write the letter of support from the Jackson County Highway Department to Monroe County. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Warren Martin then provided a Judicial Center Update and discussed the following:

1. All offices are moved out of Seymour – Auditor Hohenstreiter is cancelling Metronet and Jeff Hubbard is canceling the phone service.
2. All extra furniture has been moved to the old Superior Court Building for storage.
3. There are extra file cabinets in the basement of the Courthouse.
4. All Comcast and REMC bills/information should be turned in to the Auditor for payment.
5. The new phone/internet contact person is Paul Borden/N-I Tech. – Paul is to review claims the Auditor has to verify charges.
6. The server room will need cooling.
7. The security planters are in, when the weather breaks they will be set by Chris' Lawn Care.
8. The old/extra panic buttons can be installed throughout the Courthouse, allowing offices to have more than one. Paul Borden is the contact to install these.
9. Demolition documents for the Kloppenburg Property are due tomorrow at noon. Surplus dirt that has been stored at the Highway Garage may be used to fill in at the Kloppenburg property.
10. The FF&E fund has a balance of approximately \$40,000
11. The close out documents from RQAW have been received.
12. The Duke Energy contracts – should the county schedule times for the upgrades or wait for new bond. Commissioner advised Martin to schedule the upgrades as there may be available funds from the GO 2016 Series A Bond.
13. Presented agreement for Comcast in regards to the Highway Department, allowing entrance to property and work to be done. The agreement is also for 3 lines at the cost of @ \$206 per month, with no installation cost. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve and allowing Martin to sign the contract. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
14. Garmong and RQAW is coming to photograph the building on January 21st and January 25th.
15. The Judicial Center Open House is scheduled for February 15, 2019 at 1:30pm.

Commissioner Reedy stated that the City of Seymour may want to use Superior Court 1 for a short time during the remodeling of City Hall.

Commissioner Reedy stated that the house West of the Post office is going on Sheriff Sale.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard, stated that currently there are separate PRI's for the Judicial Center and Courthouse. Commissioner asked Paul Borden to look into this. Also, Hubbard stated that the phone lines are being disconnected at Superior 1, but that the Fire lines must stay active.

Auditor Hohenstreiter then stated that the bill to shut off Metronet in Seymour was \$755.53

Auditor Hohenstreiter then asked Commissioners if they wished to continue paying, with Friday Utilities, the following: Insurance claims, Gordan and Prairie Farms and the County Visa credit card payment. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Gillaspay then made a motion allowing the payment of Ethan Bartanen to be paid in Utilities. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Markel then made a motion to approve Resolution #4, Commissioner Bill #1. This resolution is for the 2019 Meeting Dates and times. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners discussed an invoice from N-I Tech. The previous 2019 IT budget can be moved around and pay for this invoice.


Attorney Bevers stated that she is working with Paul Borden on a contract.

Commissioners recessed until the next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 6:00 PM, to be held at the Sheriff department administrative offices.

Signed this 5th day of February, 2019.



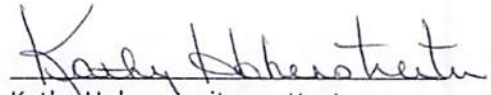
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