Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
October 21, 2025
9:00 AM

Present: Commissioner Drew Markel and Commissioner Andrew Stauffer

Commissioner Markel called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silent prayer observed.

Motion to approve October 10, 2025, regular meeting minutes made by Stauffer, seconded by Markel. Motion carried (2 yes votes).

Motion to approve payroll claims for October 17, 2025, in the amount of $594,565.59 made by Stauffer, seconded by Markel. Motion carried (2 yes votes).

Motion to approve claims for October 21, 2025, in the amount of $608,146.93 made by Stauffer, seconded by Markel. Motion carried (2 yes votes).

Commissioner Markel moved to amend the agenda to include the Resolution approving issuance of a General Obligation Bond approved by Council on October 15, 2025. Commissioner Markel read the Resolution, later assigned Resolution No. 10, Council Bill No. 8 by County Attorney Susan Bevers. Motion to approve by Stauffer, seconded by Markel. Motion carried (2 yes votes).

Reports from other committees: none

New Business

Karla Hubbard, Health Department, presented the Seymour Community School contract for a trained professional (provided by Centerstone) to work with Seymour High School students referred to by guidance counselors for substance abuse, vaping, nicotine, and related issues. The professional may refer students to services outside the school setting. This is the second grant for the position; the Health Department hopes the school will continue funding after Health First Indiana funds are depleted. County Attorney Susan Bevers reviewed the contract and confirmed the title was changed from social worker to trained professional. Motion to approve and sign the contract made by Stauffer, seconded by Markel. Motion carried (2 yes votes).

Health First Indiana funding updates (provided by Karla Hubbard):

- Partnered with Schneck to support non-traditional needs of emergency department patients.
- Provided sleep safety education and sleep sacks for newborns.
- Partnered with Sweet Cheeks Diaper Pantry.
- Placed health educators in schools for vaping and substance abuse prevention.
- Supported schools with hearing and vision screenings and hygiene education.
- Advertised the 5-2-1-&O campaign.
- Sponsored free swimming nights at Seymour and Brownstown public pools.
- Sponsored Nine13 Sports bike programs in county public schools.
- Partnered with Seymour Main Street for a bicycle rodeo.
- Launched a hydroponic garden pilot at Margaret Brown School.

Bernie Hauersperger presented the trail proposal connecting Muscatatuck Refuge with US 50 via Co. Rd. 400N discussed on October 7, 2025. There will be no alternates; a rapid reflective flashing beacon will be installed where the trail crosses US 31. Motion to approve the project and issue a letter of approval from the Jackson County Commissioners made by Stauffer, seconded by Markel. Motion carried (2 yes votes).

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Old Business

Commissioner Markel completed the final reading of the dog ordinance and moved to approve Ordinance No. 38, amending Ordinance 210-14 of the Jackson County Code. Motion to approve by Stauffer, seconded by Markel. Motion carried (2 yes votes).

Miscellaneous Business

Jerry Ault, Highway Superintendent, presented the CCMG funding contract. Commissioner Markel read Resolution No. 9, Council Bill No. 40. Motion to approve by Stauffer, seconded by Markel. Motion carried (2 yes votes).

Rick Meyer, Sheriff, presented the September 2025 jail report.

Melissa Gray, Auditor, presented:

- September 2025 Treasurer's report
- Invitation to the Grand Reopening of the Seymour Centerstone office on November 5
- Tax sale update: Of 26 properties offered for sale on October 17, 3 properties did not sale. After review with Treasurer Kathy Hohenstreiter, no commissioner's sale is recommended for the unsold properties.
- Longevity pay will be included on payroll to be paid November 7, 2025.
- Auditor will attend the Fall State Called Auditors Conference October 22–24.

County Attorney Susan Bevers explained options for the three unsold tax-sale properties, including county claim or transfer to another municipality, and answered general tax sale questions.

Commissioner Markel made a motion to adjourn.

Commissioners then recessed until November 4, 2025, at 9 AM.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at 9:00 AM.

Signed this 4th day of November 2025.

Andrew Stauffer

Drew Markel

Drew Storey

Melissa Gray-attest