

**Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
March 5, 2024
9:00 AM**

Present: Commissioner Drew Markel, Commissioner Bob Gillaspay and Commissioner Matt Reedy

Commissioner Markel 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 February 20, 2024, Regular Meeting.

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

Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the Payroll of February 23, 2024, in the amount of \$545,480.09, and for claims, including electronic checks, in the amount of \$2,529,650.90 for March 5, 2024. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees:

Commissioner Gillaspay and Highway Superintendent Jerry Ault will attend a Burkhart Boulevard Bridge meeting March 6, 2024.

New Business:

Hamilton Township Fire Protection District public hearing was held for reestablishment of Cumulative Special Fire Fund. With no attendance from Hamilton Township representative, Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve to close public hearing. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Resolution Three (3) to reestablish Cumulative Special Fire Fund, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent, Jerry Ault, performed the Highway Paving Bid and Quote Opening. Sealed bids were received from the following:

1. All Star Paving
 - District 1 \$461,964.95
 - District 2 \$431,346.90
 - District 3 \$594,602.15
2. Dave O'Mara
 - District 1 \$423,787.50
 - District 2 \$404,924.20
 - District 3 \$545,008.69
3. Milestone
 - District 1 \$538,044.85
 - District 2 \$485,092.45
 - District 3 \$649,221.40
4. Flynn & Sons
 - District 1 \$582,657.35
 - District 2 \$553,164.35
 - District 3 \$812,318.85

Commissioner Reedy made a motion to take all bids under advisement to allow time to review. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Piper Shoemaker, Clerk, was in attendance for signatures and finalization of voting centers and hours. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Conner Barnette, Building Commissioner (not in attendance), provided documentation for Repeal of Zoning Ordinance, Ord #12, CB #15 (2023). Commissioner Markel then performed the 1st reading of Ordinance 1, CB 2 (2024). Discussion was made, Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Reedy seconded to allow discussion, but voted no. Two (2) yes votes, One (1) no vote. There was also documentation provided to Commissioners regarding Jackson County Redevelopment Commission Resolution. This resolution states "A resolution of the board of commissioners of Jackson County, Indiana, approving a resolution adopted by the Jackson County Redevelopment Commission and a written order issued by the Jackson County Plan Commission" named Resolution 2024-#2. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

An open discussion of County operations for the April 8, 2024, Solar Eclipse Day took place. Commissioners concluded that Commissioners will not close county offices, but that individual office decisions are to be made by the office holder. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Old Business:

Brady Riley, County Council President, was in attendance to discussion an action plan for a Central Dispatch Program for the county. His suggestion is to have a study performed by Ritter Strategic Services conducted by Ed Rider, who is a past Statewide 911 Director and has already consolidated Bartholomew County, Indiana. The benefit of the study, Riley says, is to see upfront and long-term costs, equipment longevity, how many employees will be needed, etc. Some of the benefits to consolidating county and city dispatches will be responder safety and current delay issues. County council members have already reached out and spoken with the Mayor, Sheriff and EMS Director who all are on board and supportive of making a change. The study's estimated cost is \$18,000.00 which includes 120 hours of service and a six (6) month duration. If the study is completed in less time, the cost will reflect that and the cost will go down. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve to move forward with the study. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Miscellaneous Business:

Jeff Hubbard, Human Resources, touched on the deferred comp meeting last week stating it went well and the county had seven new members sign up and take advantage of the program.

Staci Eglen, Auditor, informed Commissioners that they were given the Fund Report and the March 2024 meeting room calendar.

Susan Bevers, County Attorney, stated the Opioid litigation bankruptcy plan is still ongoing, as Defendants are starting to settle, the county is receiving payments. She also advised that while the Commissioners still receive letters regarding the Shieldstown area from Mr. Tape, she has kindly replied to him about the issue numerous times on the county's insight into the complaint. She is asking for a vote to no longer spend any more time or taxpayer's dollars answering this complaint. Commissioner Reedy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners then recessed until March 19, 2024, at 9 AM.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 9:00 AM.

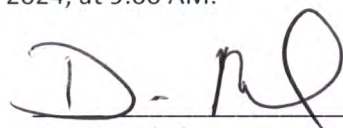
Signed this 19th day of March 2024.



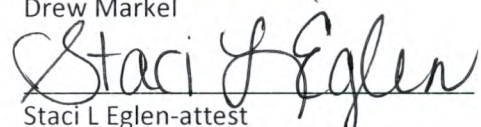
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