

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
January 3, 2017
6:00 PM

Present: Commissioner Matt Reedy, Commissioner Drew Markel & Commissioner Bob Gillasp
Absent: All present.

Commissioner Matt Reedy called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a silent prayer observed.

Sheriff Mike Carothers then performed the swearing in of the Commissioners for 2017.

Commissioner Matt Reedy made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 22, 2016 Regular Meeting and the December 29, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Gillasp seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

After review, Commissioner Gillasp made a motion to approve the payroll of December 22, 2016 in the amount of \$380,463.15 along with Claims for January 3, 2017, in the amount of \$21,822,501.75. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees: None

Election Of Officers for 2017:

Commissioner Gillasp made a motion to elect Commissioner Reedy as President and Commissioner Markel as Vice President for the year of 2017. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Ambulance Director, Dennis Brasher then appeared before Commissioners with an ambulance bid in the amount of \$140,068.00. A 2010 ambulance will be traded in. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillasp seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

John Beatty then came before Commissioners to review the County Property and Casualty and Liability Insurance Policies. After discussion of proposed changes, deductibles and rates, Commissioner Markel requested that Beatty look to see what the difference in cost would be with a \$15,000 and \$20,000 deductible on property and Beatty was advised to give that information to Jeff Hubbard. Commissioner Markel then made a motion to approve with the premium amount not to exceed \$338,962.00. Commissioner Gillasp seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Visitor Center Director, Arann Banks informed Commissioners that work will be starting on Thursday to replace the lights at the Visitor Center.

At the December 22, 2016 Commissioner Meeting, Commissioner Joray asked Banks to bring a more detailed quote for the new phones/new system she was requesting. The Commissioners then reviewed the Frontier quote presented by Banks. Payment options were reviewed by Commissioners, warranty price and length of warranty was also reviewed. Discussion was held regarding the fact that having phones, service, internet and cable with the same company would be beneficial. Banks informed Commissioners that the funds are currently available, so no additional appropriation would be needed for this upgrade to the Frontier phones and service. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the purchase of a phone system for the Jackson County Visitor Center. Commissioner Gillasp seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Banks then presented a quote from Bob Poynter for a 2016 Ford Transit Connect. Banks stated that the Center currently has a 2010 Dodge Avenger with 40,000 miles. This car is still in fine condition but does not have enough room to transport cargo or allow enough room for county tours. Banks stated that the Visitor Center fund can afford the purchase, no additional funds would be needed. After discussion, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to retain the 2010 Dodge Avenger and accept the quote from Bob Poynter for the 2016 Ford Transit Connect. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jason Enrique was listed on the agenda in regards to Martha Vineyards, but was unable to attend.

Virgil Steinker Road Vacate – Plan Commissioner Conner Barnett discussed the situation with Commissioners. David Prusha spoke on behalf of Otting Enterprise stating they were not in favor of the vacate. After discussion, Commissioner Markel made a motion to table until the next meeting, allowing for more time for himself and Commissioner Gillaspay ample time to review the situation. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent, Jerry Ault then presented the quote results for the End Loader that were opened at the last meeting. Four bids were opened. MacAllister bid the wrong loader. Wilson also bid a size bigger than asked. West Side (JD) and Rudd Equipment (Volvo) submitted correct bids. After discussion, Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the Rudd Equipment bid to purchase the Volvo end loader. This bid was higher than the West Side bid, but held a lifetime warranty. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Ault then presented quotes to purchase a 1T Pickup Truck. Quotes presented were as follows:

Bob Poynter	\$30,900.00	2017 Chevy Silverado 3500
John Jones	\$28,975.00	2017 Chevy Silverado 3500
Poynter Ford	\$37,491.38	2017 F350

Commissioner Markel made a motion to purchase from John Jones of Salem, not to exceed \$28,975.00. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Ault then informed Commissioners of his plans to restructure the Highway Department so that it focuses County Wide, instead of by District. Ault gave an example of a split shift snow plow assignment.

Ault then asked Commissioners for approval to hire another full time employee. Upon reviewing the 2017 budget, Ault stated that the funds are already appropriated for this additional expense. Currently the Highway Dept has 23 Employees (including secretary). Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve pending Council approval. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Ault then presented a quote from Force America. This quote is for the computer units in the highway dept trucks in the amount of \$2554.59 per unit. There are currently 3 trucks in need of new computers. After discussion, Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve replacing 3 units at the cost of \$2554.59 per unit plus any training and installation cost. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Ault then presented Change order #1 – 33277 for Bridge #195. There is no change in amount, only for winter shutdown. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Shieldstown Bridge – Commissioner Reedy stated that he spoke with Senator Koch today at 4:45 pm. Senator Koch’s office has had contact with INDOT. The result of that conversation is the “INDOT is fully engaged”.

Chase Plumer was not present for the meeting. Commissioner Markel made a motion to table discussion on the contract with Plumer Hay Farms until next meeting. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

The following Commissioner Board Appointments were made:

BOARD	APPOINTEE	COMMISSIONER 1 ST	COMMISSIONER 2 ND	VOTE
Bd of Review	Jim Weesner			
	Max Noblitt			
	Debbie Eads	Gillaspay	Markel	3-0
JC Library Bd	Josh Bartley	Markel	Gillaspay	3-0
Bd of Health	Fred Perry Jr			
	Joyce McKinney	Markel	Gillaspay	3-0
Cemetary Commission	Tom Cooley	Markel	Gillaspay	3-0
Hospital Bd	Terry Gilliland			
	John McCoy	Markel	Gillaspay	3-0
Plan Commission	Bob Gillaspay	Markel	Gillaspay	3-0
	Cythia Barnard			
	Sherry Bridges	Markel	Gillaspay	3-0
Bd of Zoning Appeals	Tabled	Markel	Gillaspay	3-0
Alcoholic Bev Bd.	Kenny Sweeney	Gillaspay	Markel	3-0
Drainage Board	Drew Markel	Gillaspay	Markel	3-0
Parks & Rec	Heather Lewis	Markel	Gillaspay	3-0
JCIDC	Matt Reedy	Gillaspay	Markel	3-0
Human Services Bd of Directors	Emily Sommers	Gillaspay	Markel	3-0
Ambulance Bd	Brad Lucas	(to fulfill term of	Marilyn Chadwell who	resigned.)
Ambulance Bd	Bob Gillaspay (Commissioner Designee)	Markel	Gillaspay	3-0
Building Corp Bd	Jerry Hounshel (to fulfill term of Duane Darlage who resigned)	Markel	Gillaspay	3-0
JC Visitor Ctr Promotion Comm	Cindy Lucas			
	Bryan Stahl	Markel	Gillaspay	3-0
Bd of Fire Trustees:				
Pershing Twp	Justin Devoning (to replace Russell Fritz)			
	Robin Perry (to replace Lloyd Gastineau)	Markel	Gillaspay	3-0
Brownstown Twp	Mike Hogg (to replace Tim Warren)			

	Dave Shelton (to replace Barry Hall)	Markel	Gillaspy	3-0
Drfitwood Twp	Tom Hackman	Markel	Gillaspy	3-0
Hamilton Twp	Tony Schafstall	Gillaspy	Markel	3-0
Grassy Fork	Marvin Holley	Markel	Gillaspy	3-0
Jackson/Washington	Dennis Holle	Gillaspy	Markel	3-0
Owen/Salt Creek	Stephen Wray	Markel	Gillaspy	3-0
Redding Twp	Charlie Fox	Gillaspy	Markel	3-0
Vernon Twp	Steve Murphy	Gillaspy	Markel	3-0

Judicial Center Expansion Discussion:

- Update of Middendorf Property – The surveyors office staked the lot today. Attorney Susan Bevers is expecting the 2nd appraisal back the middle of next week.
- Alleys- 2 have been vacated, 2 are still listed as public. Attorney Bevers will petition the Town to vacate the remaining 2 partial alleys.
- RQAW will talk to the town of Brownstown about Parking and Sidewalk but not the alleys.
- Commissioner Gillaspys made a motion to have former Commissioner Jerry Hounshel remain in contact with Middendorf to acquire the property. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Reedy will inform former Commissioner Hounshel.

Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter informed Commissioners that the upgrade to the Real Estate Software in the Auditor’s and Treasurer’s offices will start next week.

Commissioner Reedy then read Resolution #1, Commissioner Bill #1 – 2017. This resolution sets the meeting dates for 2017 for the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6pm and for the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9am.

Commissioners then advised Attorney Bevers to discuss the Handgun amendment to the personel policy at the February 7, 2017 meeting.

Commissioners recessed until the next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 9:00AM.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspys

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest