

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
October 17, 2017
9:00 AM

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

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

Commissioner Bob Gillaspy made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2017 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Drew Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

After review, Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve the payroll of October 13, 2017 in the amount of \$407,588.99 along with Claims- for the amount of \$236,637.32. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees: None

Dr Bunce, Linn Montgomery and Kimberi Myers appeared before Commissioners to ask for approval of a new contract position of Harm Reduction Coordinator. This is a grant paid position. The new addition would allow for the start of a Care Clinic to be offered at the Health Department. The position would be filled by Christy Thrasher. After discussion, Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Planning Commissioner, Conner Barnette then asked for approval for a Alley Vacate in Freetown. The Plan Commission passed this vacate with favorable approval. Commissioner Reedy then read Ordinance #34 Commissioner Bill #15. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Commissioner Reedy then performed the second reading of Orinance #34, Commissioner Bill #15. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve upon second reading and to have no third reading. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Barnette also stated that Mr Collings on the BZA Board has resigned. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to appoint Seth Pollert to replace Mr Collings. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Barnette then stated that the new Zoning Ordinance will be brought to the next meeting for approval.

Visitor Center Director, Arann Banks then came before Commisisoners in regards to the Medora Brick Kilns. Banks stated that there are trees that need removed and asked if the Jackson County Highway Department could help with this project. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion for the Highway Department to work with the Medora Brick Kilns for this project. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Banks then asked to discuss phone reimbursement for the Visitor Centers Administrative Assistant. In the past this position has not received reimbursement, however, Banks stated that the assistant has been going to more events etc where her phone is being used. Currently Banks and one other received reimbursement of \$30 per month, and is asking for that for the administrative assistant. The Visitor

Center Board has approved the expense. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Arann Banks then asked, on behalf of the Brownstown Chamber of Commerce, for permission to use the Courthouse lobby and restrooms on December 12, 2017 from 6-8pm for Santa at the Courthouse. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Banks was advised to speak with Custodian Jana Wessel to verify the date/time.

Sheriff Mike Carothers then presented an invoice for Housing of Inmates, payable to Switzerland County for approximately \$9800. This bill is for the holding of Jackson County inmates. Discussion followed as to where this should be paid from. It was determined that this first bill will be paid by transfers that can be made within the Jail budget. Discussion was held stating the percentage for female holdings. Commissioner Markel made a motion to keep the percentage at less than 200%. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Old Business

The 2018 Commissioner Schedule was then presented for review. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve as presented. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

The Marking of Utilities Ordinance was discussed. County Attorney Susan Bevers was advised to add a special exception section stating that more time can be requested.
End Of Old Business

Warren Martin then appeared before Commissioners to present a form from the Elevator Contractor for the Judicial Center. Martin stated that this is Standard Operating Procedure and just needs to be signed by one Commissioner, with copies going to Garmong and RL Turner. Commissioner Reedy stated that on the contract it states his home address and would like to see this changed to the courthouse address. Commissioner Markel made a motion allowing Commissioner Reedy to sign the form. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Martin stated that the site superintendent has changed to Dan Westerfield. Martin was asked by Commissioners to speak with Garmong about coming to one Commissioner Meeting per month and giving a brief update/overview of the project.

Steve Redicker with the Juvenile Detention Center presented the September 2017 report for the center.

Jerry Ault, Highway Superintendent, then came before Commissioner with the following:

1. Hookup of electric by Duke energy for the new Highway Office is about 3 weeks out. Then Comcast hook up and then paving of the parking lot will complete the office.
2. An Assistant Mechanic has been hired and will start on October 30, 2017.
3. There has been an opportunity to turn in projects to the State for funding. This will be only for new projects, and no rehab projects will be allowed.
4. Shieldstown Covered Bridge is finally moving along well. Representatives from INDOT were also at the meeting for any questions had by Commissioners.

Emergency Management Director, Duane Davis stated that two grants have been received. Commissioners have ok'd Commissioner Reedy to sign for the grants for Radio Equipment and Conference. Commissioners asked Duane to send an Email once the grants were submitted to help Commissioners and Attorney Bevers match the paperwork.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard stated that he has already requested an Emergency Transfer but will need an additional of \$200,000 to cover health insurance to cover expense until the end of the year.

Commissioner Markel made a motion to mandate in 2018 that Employees use RX help center if there medications are available. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Hubbard was directed to start the disconnect of power to the temporary trailer at the Highway department and send it back.

Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter on behalf of the Jackson County EMS presented the title of the Wrecked Ambulance for signature, to be turned over to One Beacon. The ambulance has VIN 1FDXE4FS8HDC8022. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Attorney Bevers then presented Ordinance #35. This Ordinance was tabled until the next meeting.

Commissioner Reedy then read Ordinance #36, Commissioner Bill #17. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Reedy then performed the 2nd reading of Ordinance #36, Commissioner Bill #17. This ordinance for Stop Signs. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve upon second reading and to waive third. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Markel made a motion allowing Jerry Ault and Mitch Patrick to update their current phones to smart phones on the county plan. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Auditor Hohenstreiter asked for guidance on where to pay for the Schneider Nursery Invoice for the tree work to be done at the Sheriff's Department. After discussion, it was decided to pay from Custodial Building Maintenance.

Commissioners recessed until the next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at 6:00PM.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspy

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest