

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
November 7, 2017
6:00 PM

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

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

Commissioner Bob Gillaspay made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2017 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Drew Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

After review, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the payroll of October 27, 2017 in the amount of \$403,980.89 along with Claims, including electronic checks- for the amount of \$2,420,773.47. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees: Commissioner Markel stated that the Brownstown Town Council approved the waiver for the sewer hook up fee for the new Judicial Center.

Morris Thomas with Garmong then came before Commissioners to provide an update of the Judicial Center. Thomas presented a current project schedule, stating that currently footings are in process. The next big milestone will be the erection of steel, mid December 2017.

Arann Banks, Jackson County Visitor Center Director, appeared before Commissioners to discuss the County applying for a Grant for the Medora Brick Kilns. Due to the Medora Brick Kilns being a 501C3, they are unable to apply for a grant. After discussion, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the signing of the Grant application for Indiana Brownsfield Grant. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Plan Commissioner, Conner Barnette then presented an Alley Vacate for the Town of Houston to Commissioners. Barnette stated that the Plan Commission has passed this with a favorable recommendation. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Barnette then presented the Commissioners with a copy of the proposed new Zoning Ordinance. Commissioner Reedy performed the 1st reading of Zoning Ordinance #37A- 2017. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. The 2nd reading will be held at the November 21st, 2017 Commissioner meeting.

Commissioner Reedy then performed the 1st reading of Ordinance #9, Commissioner Bill #6 2017. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. This is the Marking of Utilities Ordinance that has been discussed in previous meetings. Commissioner Reedy then performed the 2nd reading of Ordinance #9, Commissioner Bill #6, 2017. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve and waive 3rd reading. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter was directed to send a copy of the Ordinance to all utility companies in the area.

Sheriff Mike Carothers then presented the October 2017 Jail Report, Meal Expenditure Report, Dog Detention Report and Judicial Statistics. Discussion followed regarding the trees around the Sheriff Dept/Jail. The pine trees that need to be removed can be removed by the Highway Department. The Sheriff recommends not replacing with pine trees, as those cause blocked views. The Sheriff stated that the purchase of trees could be paid for either from the Commissary fund or from Jail Maintenance. Commissioner advised Auditor Hohenstreiter to contact Schneider Nursery and inform them that the quote that was provided is no longer being entertained and that this topic will be revisited in the Spring of 2018.

Old Business

Commissioner Reedy performed the 1st reading of Ordinance #35, Commissioner Bill #16. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Reedy then performed the 2nd reading of Ordinance #35, Commissioner Bill #16. This ordinance is for a change in Speed Limit on County Road 1220 E in Vernon Township. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve upon 2nd reading and to waive 3rd reading. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

End Of Old Business

Warren Martin then presented Commissioners with a sheet that needs to be completed and returned to ROAW in regards to the plaque for the new Judicial Center.

Brad Isaccs, along with Highway Supervisor Jerry Ault, presented the East Fork White River Erosion Control Details for approval and signature. Upon review, Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the Details and sign the four originals. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jerry Ault then discussed the following with Commissioners:

1. Bridge #183 was ordered to be closed on Friday November 3rd, 2017 by the county bridge inspector. The bridge has been barricaded and road closed from 600 E to 625 E. While waiting for permits, demolition will begin.
2. The paving program for 2018 holds an estimated 32.13 Miles for an estimated cost of \$1,978,272.75.
3. Progress has been made at the Shieldstown Bridge. Siding boards have been installed on the east side and the inner cord has been repaired.
4. The highway garage has prepped for Winter. Sand beds, brine tanks and snow plows are hooked up and ready to use.
5. Bridges #197 & #154 will be turned in for the Call for Projects Grant.
6. The 2018 budget for Crack & Seal is \$200,000.
7. Would like to put on hold the chip and seal program for 2018, allowing enough time to complete the crack seal.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard stated that Insurance Open Enrollment has begun and the meetings will be held for employees on November 20, 21, & 22 2017. Hubbard stated that the new smart phones are in for the deputies, Jerry Ault & Mitch Patrick. Hubbard then asked to discuss switching the Long Distance Carrier to Frontier. Commissioner Tabled that discussion until next meeting.

Auditor Hohenstreiter stated that the Commissioners need to have someone sit on the Pay Grid Committee. Commissioner Gillaspay volunteered for this committee. Hohenstreiter then stated that 4 properties did not sell at the 2017 tax sale and that she will send this information out to the Commissioners.

Conner Barnette then asked Commissioners about a structure in Freetown that needs cleaned up. The property was on tax sale, the deadline has passed for redemption. Commssioner Markel made a motion to allow the process to get a court order to remove the structure. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Attorney Susan Bevers stated that information was received notifying the Commissioners that a Bridge over Kiper Creek on State Road 135 will be replaced.

Commissioners recessed until the next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 9:00 AM.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspy

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest