

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
December 5, 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 November 21, 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 November 22, 2017 in the amount of \$409,910.07 along with Claims for the amount of \$220,112.69. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees: None

Morris Thomas and Warren Martin presented Commissioners with an update of the Judicial Center construction. Thomas stated that since the last Commissioner Meeting, the biggest concern has been the steel erection schedule. Meetings have been held to receive more detailed milestones from the steel contractors. The structural steel is currently on schedule to be delivered December 18, 2017. Thomas stated that the end date of construction has not changed. Martin then asked Commissioners if they received the information regarding the certification of payment for November and informed them that the Patriot Engineering bill has been taken care of. Martin also asked for information back as soon as possible in regards to the Plaque for the Judicial Center. Commissioner Markel informed Thomas and Martin that Dr Middendorf has the purchase agreement for review for the lot and building and that Dr Kloppenburg has asked if the county would provide an additional appraisal on his property.

Commissioner Gillaspay then performed the first reading of Ordinance #41 by Title Only. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. This ordinance is to set a speed limit of 40 mph on County Road 700 N in Redding Township between US Highway 31 and County Road 1250 E. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Gillaspay then performed the second reading of Ordinance #41 by Title Only. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve and waive third reading. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners then address a request that was received requesting more handicap parking spots around the Courthouse. After discussion, it was determined that this would be a request for the Town of Brownstown. Commissioners advised Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter to contact the Town of Brownstown.

Sheriff Carothers then presented the November 2017 Jail Report, Meal Expenditure Report and Jail Statistics. Sheriff Carothers then stated his concern for the mandatory medication list that was approved by Commissioners regarding County Employee insurance.

Highway Supervisor, Jerry Ault, then appeared before Commissioners. Ault made the recommendation to accept all bids that were opened at the November 21st, 2017 Commissioner Meeting. Commissioner Markel made a motion to accept all bids. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion

carried. Ault then recommended accepting all quotes opened at the November 21st, 2017 Commissioner Meeting. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to accept all quotes. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Ault then informed Commissioners of the following:

1. Work on the Mutton Creek drainage issue began today.
2. Work has started on the double pipes at Sparksville and in process of getting footers in.
3. The highway department may start putting brine down this week in preparation for the winter weather that is expected.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard presented Commissioners with a list of the 2018 appointments to various boards that will need to be made. Commissioner requested that Hubbard contact all appointees and ask for an email stating if they wish to remain on the board or be replaced. If an email is not possible, a verbal yes/no will be accepted.

Attorney Susan Bevers presented the Zoning Ordinance, #37A, for signature. This ordinance was approved at the previous two meetings and was presented for signatures at this meeting.

Auditor Hohenstreiter stated the Santa Claus will be at the Courthouse on the evening of Tuesday December 12th, 2017.

Duane Davis then appeared before Commissioners to make sure that all Commissioners were clear on Grant information that he has sent to each.

Davis then asked that Commissioners consider transferring the Decontamination Trailer/Equipment to Vernon Township Volunteer Fire Department. The department has agreed to accept it in 'as is' condition. After discussion, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to transfer the Trailer Unit as Surplus Property to the Vernon Township Volunteer Fire Department. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Davis then asked Commissioners to considered changing his county phone from a flip phone to a Smart phone. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Davis was advised to talk with Jeff Hubbard for this change.

Commissioners recessed until the next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at 9:00AM.

Signed this 19th day of December, 2017.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspay

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest