

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
February 21, 2017
9:00 AM

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

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

Commissioner Drew Markel made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2017 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Bob Gillasp seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

After review, Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the payroll of February 17, 2017 in the amount of \$ 397,540.83 , along with Claims for February 21, 2017, in the amount of \$ 252,023.76 . Commissioner Gillasp seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees: Commissioner Gillasp reported for the Ambulance board that the ribbon cutting and open house for the new East side ambulance station will be held on March 1, 2017 at 1 pm.

End of Reports from other Committees.

Marvin Huffman, with Farrow & Huffman Land Surveying then presented a right of way for acceptance by Commissioners. The right of way is for 30 feet on the SE corner of US 31 and Enos Road. Seymour City has signed and endorsed the right of way. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillasp seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Attorney Susan Bevers will prepare an ordinance for acceptance for the next meeting.

Old Business

CEMP Approval – The Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan was presented by Duane Davis at the last meeting for review. Commissioner Markel made a motion to accept. Commissioner Gillasp seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Update of Kloppenburg/Middendorf Properties – Appraisals are back from First Appraisal Group. Currently waiting on appraisals from Myers Appraisal.

HVAC quote – Adam Ruddick with Reliable Comfort was in attendance to answer questions regarding the quote that was presented to Commissioners. After discussion, Commissioner Gillasp made a motion to take this under advisement, allowing time to compare quotes. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter was advised to email the quote to all Commissioners and also to County Maintenance for review.

Steve Redicker then appeared before Commissioners to present the January 2017 Juvenile Detention Center Report.

Hoosier National Forest Supervisor, Mike Chaveas then came before Commissioners to provide an update. Chaveas stated that there is a small Timber Sale in Jackson County this week. Chaveas also stated that HNF was currently hiring for summer help.

Ben Rudolph then presented an update for the Pershing Township Fire District Board. Rudolph stated that two Fire Board members have resigned. After discussion it was stated that since no letters of resignation have been received by the county, that no action can be taken at this time to fill the two spots.

Highway Supervisor, Jerry Ault provided Commissioners with a Paser Analysis Sheet of current road conditions in the county. Ault then asked for discussion of the possibility to start crack sealing the roads. Ault stated that the company Seal Masters cost \$1 per pound of crack seal including rental of machine. Ault stated that 2400 lbs of crack seal would do an estimated 2-4 miles of road. Attorney Bevers stated that this cost could be paid from CEDIT contract paving. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Ault then presented the 2017 CCMG applications. The total of applications comes to \$1,906,227.75. This is if the state does the full \$1 million match. If so, this will get rid of all roads in the county labeled as a 1 & 2 on the Paser system. Commissioners advised to speak with Council to make sure the match money is available again this year.

Bridge 183 – Ault stated that the same land owner owns land on both sides of the current road. This land owner has agreed to allow the county to move the road so it aligns with the bridge.

The county highway department will begin building a wooden ramp onto the front of the Planning/Zoning building today. The ramp will make the building ADA compliant.

Auditor Hohenstreiter informed Commissioners that an update will be done to the Clerks and Auditors Docuware System. This is the system where documents can be scanned and stored.

Auditor Hohenstreiter then presented a letter of request from the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, Amy Travis. This request is to pay the part time Prosecutor Scott Noth, a contract employee, on Fridays that correspond with the county payroll dates. Auditor Hohenstreiter then presented a letter of request from the County Chief Public Defender, Alan Marshall. This request is to pay the Public Defender Ethan Bartanen, a contract employee, on Fridays that correspond with the county payroll dates. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

At the previous Commissioners meeting the following was advised:

'Commissioner Markel then advised Barnette to approach Council with an additional appropriation request of \$30,000 to use toward property maintenance. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.'

Since the previous meeting, Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard has stated that currently there is enough money within the Commissioners budget to transfer funds to cover the possible property maintenance expense. Therefore an additional will not be advertised at this time.

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

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspay

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest