

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
March 21 , 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 March 7, 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 March 17, 2017 in the amount of \$ 401,458.53 , along with for March 21, 2017 in the amount of \$ 265,635.67 . Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees: None.

JUDICIAL CENTER BID OPENING:

Commissioners then performed the opening of bids for the Judicial Center. Please see attached sheet – ‘EXHIBIT A’ for bid details. After the completion of the bid opening, Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to take all bids under advisement, allowing time to review. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Andrew Lanam then came before Commissioners to inform them that he is now employed with George K Baum & Company in Columbus. Lanam asked Commissioners to consider using their firm in the future as they underwrite bonds as one of their duties.

JL Brewer presented a Community Corrections Cooperative Agreement between Jackson County and the DOC. This agreement needs to be in place in order for staff to receive certain training at no cost. Attorney Susan Bevers has reviewed the agreement. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Assessor Katie Kaufman then presented the Form 11 contract with Midwest Presort. This is for the mailing of the 2017 Form 11's. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Plan Commissioner Conner Barnette then discussed with Commissioners the WTH Data Exchange Agreement with Jackson & Bartholomew REMC. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve pending Attorney Bevers' review. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Reedy then performed the 1st reading of Ordinance #2, Commissioner Bill #2. This ordinance is for an Acceptance of Right of Way described in the Nehrt-Schepman Minor Plat. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Reedy then performed the 2nd reading of Ordinance #2, Commissioner Bill #2. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy then read a letter of recommendation from Mitch Patrick, who was unable to attend the meeting, regarding the HVAC system at the jail. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to follow the recommendation of HFI for HVAC repair/replacement at the jail that was submitted by Patrick. Recommendation was HFI for the 5 large units which included all engineering and control systems. The remaining units will be bid with specifications and this phase to the lowest bidder. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Update on Middendorf/Kloppenburg Properties – Currently waiting on 2nd appraisal from Myers appraisal. Attorney Bevers stated that Myers is finalizing all appraisals, including the one performed on the vacant land where the new judicial center will sit. Attorney Bevers expects those to be complete this week or next.

Pershing Township Fire Board – Letters of Resignation have been received by Jeff Hubbard from Stephanie Mellenbrook and Jeremy Ault. Four names have been given as possible replacements. Commissioner Markel made a motion to table the appointments. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Markel stated that he contacted Chase Plumer in regards to the Hay field by the Highway Department. Plumer will get back with Commissioner Markel once he has looked at the ground.

END OF OLD BUSINESS

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard stated that a Committee has been formed to review the Employee handbook. Hubbard stated that he will report back to the Commissioners on those meetings.

Juvenile Detention Center Director, Steve Redicker then presented the Center's February 2017 report. Redicker then stated that a Reading Recovery program has been started at the Center and is in its third week. Redicker also stated that beginning April 1, 2017 daily school time will be increased to 5 hours per day.

Sheriff Carothers requested a copy of the HFI contract.

Commissioner Reedy stated that Highway Supervisor Jerry Ault had to dismiss himself from the meeting early due to an emergency. Commissioner Reedy briefly read over the Highway Report that was given to him by Ault.

Commissioner Reedy then stated that he is scheduled to have a meeting with Jerry Ault and 2 INDOT personnel tomorrow in regards to the Shieldstown bridge. Commissioner Reedy will bring information back to the next Commissioner meeting.

Commissioner Markel then made a motion to change the June 20, 2017 meeting date to June 13, 2017. Commissioner Reedy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners recessed until the next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 6:00PM.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspay

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest