

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
April 4, 2017
6:00 PM

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 21 , 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 31, 2017 in the amount of \$393,598.49, along with Claims for the amount of \$3,273,077.86 which included electronic checks. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees: Commissioner Reedy stated that there are now some higher level officials from INDOT involved in the Shieldstown Covered Bridge issue. Commissioner Gillaspy stated he attended the most recent Fair Board Meeting at which discussion was held regarding repairs that need to be made at the fairgrounds. Commissioner Gillaspy also gave Commissioners Markel and Reedy copies of the 1st quarter income statement that he received from the fair board.

Morris Thomas with Garmong Construction Services then came before Commissioners to issue the Judicial Center Bid recommendations. Thomas recommended accepting the apparent low bidder in all categories, making the total construction cost with alternates \$9,211,828.

General Contractor: RL Turner

Mechanical/Plumbing: HFI Inc.

Electrical: INPwr Inc.

Fire Protection: Integrity

Commissioner Markel made a motion to accept the recommended bidders and waive any inconsistencies in the bid material in the bid packets and contingent on bond and financing.

Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Gary Smith representative of Reedy Financial then presented a cash flow funding analysis to Commissioners concerning the bond financing for the Judicial Center. Attorney Susan Bevers stated that the bond timeline has been updated with the closing of the bonds scheduled for the end of May.

Debbie Hackman then appeared before Commissioners to ask for permission to use the Fairgrounds overflow parking lot for the ATV ride that is held as a fundraiser for the Jackson County Dog Shelter. The ride is scheduled for June 10, 2017. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Hackman then updated Commissioner on the fundraising for the Jackson County Dog Shelter. Hackman stated the various fundraising events that have taken place and stated that currently approximately \$95,000 has been raised. Hackman stated that she is on the agenda for the County Council meeting and will be asking for the county to help support funding for the shelter as well.

Conner Barnette, on behalf of Brownstown Ewing Main Street, asked for permission to use the Courthouse lawn on April 15, 2017 from 2-3 pm for an Easter Egg hunt. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Markel then stated that Plan Commissioner Conner Barnette, along with help from Wells Fargo has cleaned up the outside and inside of the House in Quail Creek that had previously been discussed.

Caleb McKinney and Ben Rudolph, with the Pershing Township Fire Department then presented to Commissioners petitions recommending Dave Ellis and Andy Blank to the Fire Protection Board. Vickie Fleetwood, Treasurer of the Fire Board, stated that Lloyd Gastinaeu and Russel Fritz would like to serve on the board. Commissioners then held a discussion regarding all possibly candidates. After discussion, Commissioner Markel made a motion to appoint Andy Blank to the Fire Protection Board to fill the position with term ending at the end of 2019. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. This leaves one spot open on the board. Commissioner will research the other candidates more before filling that position.

OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Bevers stated that the purchase of the empty lot from Middendorf has been completed and that appraisals have been received on the lots for the Middendorf lot with building and the Kloppenberg lot.

Commissioner Markel stated that he spoke with Chase Plumer regarding the Hay field/contract. Plumer was to look at the ground and respond back to Commissioner Markel. Commissioner Markel has not received the call back from Plumer.

END OF OLD BUSINESS

Highway Superintendent, Jerry Ault, then presented the title for the Grad All that has been previously approved for trade in. The VIN on the Grad All to be traded is #3140000282.

Ault then presented 3 unofficial detours from INDOT:

1. They will be closing SR 135 in Brown County to install box culverts, the detour will be in Pershing Township from SR 135 traveling westbound on 1100 N to 650 W, then northbound on 650 W back to SR 135.
2. They will be closing SR 58, 2.95 miles west of SR 135 in Owen Township to install box culverts. The detour will be from SR 135 traveling westbound on 700 N to 875 W, then traveling southbound on 875 W back to SR 58.
3. They will be closing SR 135, 5.19 miles north of US 50 in Brownstown Township to install box culverts. The detour will be from SR 135 traveling eastbound on 400 N to 275 W, then traveling northbound on 275 W to 515 N, then traveling westbound on 515 N back to SR 135.

Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the unofficial detours. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Ault then presented the Lease Agreement for the Volvo Excavator, which was already approved but needs signed. The agreement was then signed by Commissioner Reedy and Auditor Hohenstreiter.

Ault then discussed priority projects, upcoming projects and contract paving and chip and seal for 2017. Ault also stated that Texas Eastern will be putting in a 12in main from Reddington to Effingham IL.

Ault then presented two Additional Appropriations for approval. Engineering Fees for \$70,000 and \$10,000 for Janssen & Spanns fees.

Sheriff Mike Carothers then presented the March 2017 Jail Report, Meal Expenditure Report, Dog Detention Report and Monthly Statistics. Commissioner Reedy requested a report which states the number of Seymour bookings.

Staci Eglen, with the Auditor's office, then reminded Commissioners of the Commissioner Certificate Sale that will be held in the Courthouse lobby on April 5, 2017 at 10am.

Commissioners recessed until the next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 9:00AM.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspay

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest