

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
May 2, 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 April 18 , 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 April 28, 2017 in the amount of \$400,904.00, along with Claims, including electronic checks for the amount of \$2,181,181.76. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Reports from other Committees:** None

**2017 Contract Paving Bid Results:**

Commissioner Reedy stated that Highway Superintendant Jerry Ault is unable to attend. Ault has been involved in the process of grading the timber today for the Shieldstown Covered Bridge and that process is not finished. Ault did email his recommendation to Commissioner Reedy. The email from Ault stated "The bid tabulations show that Dave O'Mara was low bid on every project and it is my recommendation to award O'Mara the contract for the 2017 paving projects." Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Sarah Brichto with the Childrens Advocacy Center of Southeastern Indiana then came before Commissioners to discuss services that are provided to the county. Brichto then asked for county support in the 2018 budget. After discussion, Commissioner Markel made a motion for Jeff Hubbard to add a proposed line of \$7,500 for the 2018 budget to send to Council. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Morris Tippin then appeared before Commissioner on behalf of the Friends of the Medora Covered Bridge to ask for permission to hold the annual dinner on the bridge on August 5, 2017 at 6:30pm. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Tippin has provided the Auditor's office with the Certificate of Liability.

County Surveyor Dan Blann and Jerry Hounshel then came before Commissioners to discuss the drainage issue in Vallonia. Blann stated that the drainage board sets a 5 year rotation for ditches to be cleaned out. However, due to a sand issue in the Driftwood Ditch, the need is at least every other year, which is expensive for the drainage board. In 2013 an acre of land was purchased with the intention of putting in a detention pond/sediment trap to help with the sand issue and would help slow down the water as it enters the town. After discussion, Commissioner Markel made a motion for the County Surveyor's office to put together a plan for the detention pond/sediment trap and bring it back to a Commissioner meeting for review. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy then asked Jerry Hounshel if he would get in touch with Dr. Middendorf regarding the most recent appraisal that was done on his property with the office.

Jerry Hounshel then informed Commissioners that the Peters' property in Vallonia that they had ordered cleaned up, has been sold and everything owed on the property has been paid.

Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter then presented the Elected Official Disclosure Statement regarding Commissioner Reedy and Reedy Financial. Commissioner Markel made a motion to accept the Statement. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

EJ Fisher, Heavy Equipment Mgr with MacAllister (CAT) then came before Commissioner to discuss the options available regarding the Grader that the county highway department had on lease, which has now expired. After discussion, Commissioner Markel made a motion to table until the next meeting, allowing Attorney Bevers time to review the contract and allowing Highway Superintendent Ault to be present. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy then stated that he talked with Highway Supervisor Ault. Ault stated that the grading of the timbers for the Shieldstown Bridge is going well. The contractor is working well with the county. There has been no word from INDOT whether or not Duncan Robertson has approved the ultimatum that was presented.

The 2016 Highway Annual Operational Report for Local Roads and Streets was then presented. Commissioner Markel made a motion to table until the next meeting. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

The title for the 2006 International Truck (Truck #16) with VIN#1HTWGAZT66J300091 was then presented for signature. The approval was done in a previous meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Sheriff Cell Phone Update – Jeff Hubbard has contacted Verizon and been informed of the following:

If the county changes the needed county phones to smart phones now, the county will be charged for the phone and an additional \$100-\$150 per month.

If the county waits until August or September 2017 an upgrade will be available for smart phones

Commissioners then advised to wait until August and look into the possibility again.

**END OF OLD BUSINESS**

Sheriff Mike Carothers then presented the April 2017 Jail Report, Meal Expenditure Report and Dog Detention Report.

Discussion then followed regarding the Interlocal agreement, that the City of Seymour declined to sign.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard then discussed the mid-year Health Insurance Report.

Commissioners recessed until the next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 9:00AM.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Matt Reedy

\_\_\_\_\_  
Drew Markel

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bob Gillaspy

\_\_\_\_\_  
Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest

