

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
June 13, 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 June 6 , 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 June 9, 2017 in the amount of \$420,254.68, along with Claims for the amount of \$126,478.75. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees: None

Plan Commissioner Conner Barnette then approached Commissioners to discuss Section 2.06 of the Property Maintenance Code. Currently this section puts a limit on which parcels the code can be enforced on. After discussion, Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to strike Section 2.06 completely from the Property Maintenance Code. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Barnette then stated that Cynthia Barnard has resigned from the Plan Commission Board. Barnette recommends Travis Norman, who has expressed interest in the position, to replace Barnard on the Board. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to appoint Travis Norman. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Barnette also stated that INDOT has made the decision to rehab the bridge on Hwy 135 instead of going with their plan of rerouting the intersection of Hwy 135 and Hwy 50. There is also a meeting on June 14, 2017 in regards to this matter that Barnette plans to attend.

Assessor Katie Kaufman then presented the Reassessment Contract with Tyler Technology for review and approval. County Attorney Susan Bevers has reviewed the contract and finds no issues. This contract is for 4 years starting in 2018. The amount is for \$998,000 over the course of the 4 years. After review, Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Kimberli Myers with the Jackson County Health Department then appeared before Commissioners to discuss the purchase of two Canon Copiers from JGI. The price for both would be \$9,512.00 for both and can be purchased using funds from Fund 9111 – Excess Grant Funds. Myers stated that several quotes were received and the Health Board has approved the JGI quote. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the JGI quote for the purchase of two Canon copiers. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Representatives of the Pershing Fire District then appeared before Commissioners to discuss the District establishing a Cumulative Fire Fund. Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter stated that the paperwork has began with a Public Hearing scheduled for July 5th. Ordinance/Resolution will also be presented at the July 5th meeting. The 30 day remonstrance period will follow the adoption of ordinance/resolution. The Petition for signatures will be available in the Jackson County Auditor's Office. Commissioners advised the

District to have a Financial Analysis completed to see the affects this would have on the operating tax percentage and any other affects. It was stated that the Fire Board is in favor of starting the Cumulative Fire Fund.

Judicial Center Contracts was listed on the agenda, however, Morris Thomas with Garmong was not present for the meeting. In order to keep everything moving in a timely manner, Commissioner Markel made a motion to allow Commissioner Gillaspy the authority to sign the contracts outside of a meeting. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Hay Contract – Attorney Bevers stated that she has amended the Contract and sent it to Brian Schroer for review.

Ordinance for Marking of Utilities – Attorney Bevers presented the drafted ordinance. After discussion, Commissioners asked Attorney Bevers to email this draft to each of them for further review.

Update on Middendorf/Kloppenber/Banner properties – Attorney Bevers stated that she left a message on the home phone of Dr. Middendorf in order to keep the lines of communication open.

Update on Judicial Center:

Commissioner Markel then made a motion that he would like to follow up on the possible purchase of the 'old Banner building', stating that the county will need additional room during the construction phase of the Judicial Center. This motion includes allowing Attorney Bevers to obtain a second appraisal on the building and asks Jeff Hubbard to obtain the current appraisal from Chuck Wells. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Markel made a motion to pursue obtaining a lease with the Peoples Bank for the gravel lot next to the Brownstown bank location for the term of construction of the Judicial Center. Jeff Hubbard stated that he did touch base with Mark Norman again this morning, and that this should not be a problem, but to make sure that if it was used for Contractors that liability insurance was in place. Commissioner Markels motion included allowing Jeff Hubbard to follow up with Norman on the specifics of the lease. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Markel also stated that it would be advisable to speak with the Town of Brownstown about using the parking lot by Town Hall for parking as well.

Commissioner Markel stated that the Plan & Zoning Office and Public Defenders Office will need to be relocated as soon as possible. These buildings will need to come down early in construction instead of later as first thought.

END OF OLD BUSINESS

Auditor Hohenstreiter then presented a contract with Dossett Consulting for approval. Attorney Bevers has reviewed the contract. The contract is for a 3 year term at \$4,000.00 each year. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Auditor Hohenstreiter then presented a claim of \$16,000 for signature. This claim is for Purdue University for the Jackson/Jennings CDBG Workforce Initiative and Training. Commissioner Reedy signed the \$16,000 claim so that it can be submitted. Commissioner Markel then made a motion allowing Commissioner Reedy to sign a form with a blank amount column, allowing these claims to be expedited in the future. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Steve Redicker then appeared before Commissioners to present the Jackson County Juvenile Detention Center's May Monthly Report.

Sheriff Carothers then asked about a bill he received from Grunau for Fire Alarm Inspection for \$775.00. After discussion, it was decided that this bill should be paid from the Courthouse Custodial Budget.

Highway Supervisor, Jerry Ault then came before Commissioners to discuss the following:

1. 2017 paving has started.
2. The State Board of Accounts has informed the Highway that they must now do a more detailed daily tracking of their day to day functions starting July 1, 2017. After discussion, Commissioners advised that the Highway Department begin the tracking July 1st, and also to look for specific software that may assist in this. Auditor Hohenstreiter stated that she would forward the SBOA email that referred to this change to the Commissioners for their review.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard then came before Commissions to discuss the following:

1. Hubbard presented a preliminary Press Release for the Judicial Center for Commissioner Review.
2. The Judicial Center Mechanical Contractors met this morning. One of the 1st things to be done is to move the outside AC units at the annex.
3. Fiber from the main Courthouse to Annex will need to be rerouted.
4. Invoices for the Judicial Center must be approved by Garmong first, then to a County representative and then sent to the US Bank trustee for payment from the bond. The building corporation will need to appoint a county representative to approve and submit to the trustee. After discussion, Attorney Bevers stated that she would recommend to the Building Corp, appointing Jeff Hubbard as the county representative.
5. The remaining bill from Garmong for \$20,000 will now be sent on the the Bond trustee.
6. Ground Breaking for the Judicial Center will take place tomorrow, June 14, 2017 at 11:30a.m. with a luncheon to follow.
7. Hubbard was advised to speak with Dave Willey with the Town of Brownstown to see about possibly barricading Sugar Street behind the main Courthouse for the event.

Emergency Management Director, Duane Davis then appeared before Commissioners. Davis stated that it was discussed in an Advisory Board meeting, the absence of a Active Shooter Plan and Weather Emergency Plans for the Courthouse. Commissioners agreed that a committee should be brought together to review, but that at the current time, with the building of the new Judicial Center, it may be a tough plan to bring together. However, Davis was advised to bring a draft of a plan back to the next Commissioner meeting.

Commissioners recessed until the next regular meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 5, 2017 at 6:00PM.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspy

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest