

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
June 6, 2017  
6:00 PM

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 May 16 , 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 May 26, 2017 in the amount of \$411,763.57, along with Claims including electronic checks for the amount of \$3,767,417.79. Commissioner Gillasp seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Reports from other Committees:** Commissioner Gillasp stated that he attended the INDOT meeting regarding the Community Crossings Grant. This year's grant is a 75/25 split, with the County needing to pledge 25%.

Commissioner Markel then stated that the hearing date has been changed in regards to the new intersection of Hwy 135 & Hwy 50. Commissioner Markel also asked that Plan Commissioner Conner Barnette continue to be allowed to work with INDOT on this matter.

**End of Report from other Committees.**

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

1. Notice to Proceed for Dave O'Mara for the 2017 Paving Contract and 2016 Community Crossings Grant. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillasp seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Ault stated that paving will start this week in Salt Creek Township.
2. Ault then presented a Fuel Tax Reimbursement form. Commissioner Gillasp made a motion to accept and allow Commissioner Reedy to sign the Reimbursement form. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
3. Ault then presented a printout showing the roads that will be affected by the Community Crossings Grant.
4. There are two structures that have failed inspection. Currently in the appropriation for Small Structures there are enough funds to pay for one of these. After discussion, Commissioner Markel made a motion to replace the one structure with an aluminum box culver for an approximate cost of \$114,102.36 and that if an additional is needed to approach Council with an additional appropriation from Cum Bridge. Commissioner Gillasp seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Eric Buckles with the Grassy Ford Volunteer Fire Department appeared before Commissioners to close County Road 540 S for the Tractor Pulls starting at noon Friday and Saturday and reopening at midnight each night. The tractor pulls are on June 16 & 17, 2017. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillasp seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Karen VonDielingen then asked for permission for the Brownstown Farmers Market to hang a banner on the courthouse fence from the beginning of June until it ends in October. Commissioner Gillasp made a motion to approve, stating that she will need to stay in contact with Custodian Jana Wessel and there

may be times when the banner needs removed or moved to make room for others. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Brenda Turner then presented the 2017 Community Drug Fund Distribution for approval. There is an additional amount of \$825.59 that has yet to be allocated due to reduced allocation for administrative amount requested. When remainder is allocated, Turner will return to Commissioners for approval. After review, Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Dan Davis on behalf of the Jackson County Education Coalition then appeared before Commissioners. Davis thanked Commissioners for their support in 2017 and requested \$30,000 in support for 2018. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to present the Commissioner's 2018 budget to Council with \$30,000 for the Education Coalition. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Larry Raymer then presented to Commissioner with a quote for removal and trimming of trees. The county park needs at least 3 trees removed and others need dead limbs removed. The quote presented was for \$4,523.00. After discussion, the Jackson County Highway Department will remove the trees and stumps and Raymer will need to get new quotes for limb removal only.

Brian Schroer then came before Commissioners to discuss renting the hay ground by the Highway Department and Sheriff Department. Schroer offered \$100/acre and he would fix wash outs. Schroer would also bushhog areas to keep it looking nice. If approved, Schroer stated he would have someone there to cut the alfalfa tomorrow. After discussion, Commissioner Gillaspay then made a motion advising Attorney Susan Bevers to draft a contract with Commissioner intent to sign at the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. The contract will be for 5 years and for approximately 13 acres at \$100 per acre. Rent will be due annually on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes. Schroer was advised to present a Certificate of Liability to the Auditor's office before any cut was made to the field.

Commissioner Markel stated that at the last Council meeting, Councilman Brian Thompson and Councilman Dave Hall were assigned to the Jail Committee along with himself and Sheriff Carothers. Markel stated that he has requested a representative from Seymour City Council to sit on the committee but has not received a response. Attorney Bevers was advised to draft a letter to send the the City Council to request a representative.

Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter then advised Commissioners that the Cum Cap Rate Change is in process. The rate would be changed from 0.0313 to 0.0333. Advertisements will be done on June 14 & 21, 2017 for the public hearing on July 5, 2017 Commissioner meeting, with the Ordinance to be signed on July 5, 2017.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance for Marking of Utilities – Attorney Bevers will bring to the next meeting for review.

Update on Middendorf/Kloppenber/Banner properties – nothing new to report. Attorney Bevers stated she would contact Jerry Hounshel to see if there was an update for the Middendorf property. Jeff Hubbard stated he received an email back from the owner of the Banner building stating that they would be willing to sell at appraised value of \$64,100 (only one appraisal). Commissioners advised Hubbard to contact Tammy's Dance Studio, since it is attached to the Banner.

END OF OLD BUSINESS

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard stated that a resignation letter has been received from Cynthia Barnard for the Plan Commission Board. Commissioners would like to Plan Commissioner Conner Barnette to attend the next Commissioner Meeting to present possible appointees.

Hubbard then stated that Garmong will be here with the General Contractors for the Judicial Center this Friday at 10 am. This will be to 'scout out' the area for staging of trailers & vehicles needed during construction.

Hubbard then stated that the Ground Breaking for the Judicial Center will be June 14, 2017 at 11:30 am.

Sheriff Carothers then presented the May 2017 Jail Report, Meal Expenditure Report and Dog Detention Report. Sheriff Carothers stated that the Jail has some trees that will need to come down soon as well.

Auditor Hohenstreiter stated that at the next meeting she will present the Dossett Consulting IV-D contract, allowing Attorney Bevers time to review.

Attorney Bevers stated that she saw two issues with the CAT rental agreement. One being the total loss stipulation, the other being the statement that the equipment cannot be moved. Highway Supervisor, Jerry Ault was advised to contact the CAT representative to discuss the issues.

Commissioners recessed until the next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 9:00AM.

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Matt Reedy

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Drew Markel

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Bob Gillaspy

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Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest