

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
July 18, 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 July 5, 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 July 7, 2017 in the amount of \$410,387.14, along with Claims, for the amount of \$640,450.08. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Reports from other Committees:** Commissioner Markel stated that the first meeting of the Jail Expansion/Overcrowding Committee will be held on August 10, 2017 at 10AM at the Jackson County Jail.  
**End of Reports from other Committees.**

Jim Wayman, Doug Prather with Kocolene were present to discuss the Thompson Road Right of Way. Wayman stated that both the City Plat Commission and Board of Public Works have approved the Plat and the Seymour Mayor has agreed to pave the road within 3 years and a letter from the Mayor will be provided to the Commissioners. Wayman stated that the original plat was sent to HPI in Chicago for signature and has not been returned as of this time. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve the plat copies, contingent on HPI's signature. When Wayman receives the original, he will bring it to the Commissioners for signature. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Lorne Coffey then came before Commissioners to ask for school zone signage and reduced speed limit for the Seymour Christian Academy which has been relocated to 5707 Sandy Creek Drive. After discussion, Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to set the speed limit at 25mph and add school zone signage from the Railroad tracks to the corner on Sandy Creek Drive. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Jason Enrique then appeared before Commissioners in regards to the paving of Martha's Vineyard. Commissioner Markel stated that a lot of research has been done on this topic by the Commissioners and Conner Barnette, Building Commissioner. Commissioner Reedy thanked Enrique for his patience during this process. Commissioner Gillaspy then motioned due to the deviation from the County Ordinance in place at the time of construction of the subdivision, in favor of the county paving the roads within the subdivision. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioners also advised Jerry Ault, Highway Superintendent, to send a crew to patch pot holes.

Plan Commissioner, Conner Barnette then presented two GIS Data Exchange Agreements for approval. The agreements are for Curry and Associates and the IN University Public Policy Institute. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Dan Banks with the Jackson County Juvenile Home, then appeared before Commissioners to ask for guidance on maintenance issues at the home. Banks stated that in the past, he has done a lot of the repair work that was needed, however, at this time he is needing additional help. After discussion, Commissioners advised Banks to obtain 'on call' hourly rates from contractors and to use the County Maintenance employee for issues such as electrical and HVAC. Discussion was then held regarding the mowing of the county park. Banks stated that he would be willing to have the residents of the Juvenile Home maintain the mowing of the park. Commisisoner Markel made a motion in support and allowing the purchase of a used mower. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Morris Thomas with Garmong then came before Commissioners to discuss the following:

1. Emergency Change Order Process for Judicial Center: Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion allowing Jerry Ault and/or Jeff Hubbard to do an on site evaluation of the situation up to a \$5,000 issue. Ault and/or Hubbard are then required to contact all 3 Commissioners prior to the next meeting, informing them of the situation. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
2. Contingency Authorization for Judicial Center: There is a \$22,992 contingency cost to move the gas line located in the vacated alley. After discussion, Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
3. Additional Exploratory Work: A GPS ground scan of the entire site has been done. It appears there may be an old foundation located on the site.
4. Moving of Plan Commission Building: Highway Supervisor Jerry Ault joined Thomas for this discussion. Ault has received two quotes to move the current Plan Commissioner Office to the County Highway.
  - 1) MCF House Movers - \$18,000 without brick and
  - 2) Wolfe House Movers of IN - \$25,000 - \$30,000 without brick.

Plan Commission will possibly need a trailer for a temporary office space, until the building could be placed and all hook ups complete. The Extention Office meeting room and the Juvenile Dentention Center's extra room could also be used as a temporary office for the Plan Commission. Commissioner Markel made a motion to accept the quote from MCF House Movers to move the building. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion allowing the rental of a temporary trailer if needed for the Plan Commission Office. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. The expense of moving the building and the rental of a trailer can be paid from the Council approved \$75,000 for relocation expense on of the Rainy Day Fund.

5. Credit on Demolition of Plan Commission Building: Thomas stated that since the original plan was to demolish the Plan Commission building, the Middendorf building and the small shed, a credit will now be assessed since that will not be included. The credit will be in the amount of \$5,000.

Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter then presented an invoice for the CDBG grant for \$20,000 for Commissioner approval and signature. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Discussion was then held regarding the overflow/lower parking lot by the annex. Discussed signage and the possibility of a fence, stating the lot is for courthouse use only. Commissioner Markel stated that he would speak to the owner of the semi that parks in the lot and ask him to move to a different spot during the construction phase of the Judicial Center.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard then came before Commissioners for the following:

1. Brownstown Library Board appointee Jackie Gibson's term will end August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Commissioner Markel made a motion to reappoint Jackie Gibson to the board. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
2. The Peoples Bank has agreed to allow the county use the extra gravel lot for parking during the construction phase of the Judicial Center. Attorney Bevers was instructed to draft a rental agreement for this.
3. The Public Defenders Office will be moving to the Seymour courthouse during the construction phase of the Judicial Center. The T1 line is scheduled to be installed next Wednesday, a moving van is in place for August 1<sup>st</sup> and the carpets are scheduled to be cleaned before the office moves. The Ambulance has agreed to store extra office furniture during this time.

Steve Redicker, Juvenile Detention Center Director, then presented the June 2017 monthly report along with a 5 year population report.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Markel asked that the Emergency Plan that Duane Davis presented at the last meeting be brought back to the agenda in six (6) months.

Hay Contract – Attorney Bevers presented the Contract signed by Brian Schroer for Commissioner signature.

Ordinance for Marking of Utilities – Attorney Bevers is working on changes and will present at the next meeting and reported that at the time of this meeting she has not heard back from the Utility companies.

Update on Middendorf/Kloppenburg/Banner Buildings-  
Contact is still being kept with Dr. Middendorf for the possibility of buying the corner lot.

### **END OF OLD BUSINESS**

Highway Superintendent Jerry Ault then discussed the following with Commissioners:

1. The county Maintenance employee needs a shed to keep his equipment. Ault presented a quote for a 12x22 shed for \$3500.00. after discussion, Commissioner Markel made a motion approving the purchase of a shed, not to exceed \$4,000.00. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
2. Ault stated that it is now mandatory for drivers of Brine trucks to carry a Tanker endorsements along with their CDL. After discussion, Commissioners Markel made a motion that all CDL drivers get the Tanker endorsement within 45 days and the county will reimburse the employee for the cost of the test. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Human Resources was advised to adapt the Employee Handbook for this change.
3. 2017 contract paving is complete. 2017 Community Crossings paving is close to complete, with two roads remaining.

Sheriff Mike Carothers stated that the Jail is still having issues with the HVAC, and the new units have not been delivered/installed.

Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter then presented a contract renewal with SimplexGrinell on behalf of the custodian for monitoring services.

Commissioners recessed until the next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 6:00PM.

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Drew Markel

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Bob Gillaspay

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Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest