

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
August 15, 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 August 1, 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 August 4, 2017 in the amount of \$413,178.03, along with Claims for the amount of \$851,499.37. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Reports from other Committees:**

Commissioner Gillaspy stated that the Ambulance board is currently reviewing coding for insurance and medicare in an attempt to increase collections.

Commissioner Markel stated that the Solid Waste District has entered into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Seymour to collect TVs year round for a \$20 fee. DPW at Freeman Field will be the drop off location.

**End of Reports from other Committees.**

County Prosecutor, Amy Marie Travis, then appeared before Commissioners to request a Credit Card for her department. Currently expenses are placed onto the shared county credit card. However, witness expenses such as airline tickets, hotel rooms, trial exhibits, car rentals can add up quickly not allowing much credit for all the other offices that may need to use the shared county credit card. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to allow the Prosecutor's office to have a separate card and advised Jeff Hubbard to see if a sub account can be added to the current account, if it cannot then open a separate account. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

School Zone Speed Ordinance – Commissioners tabled this discussion until the next meeting.

Ordinance of Marking Utilities – REMC has reviewed the draft and mentioned their concern of the ordinance. Commissioner Reedy stated he will forward the REMC email to County Attorney Susan Bevers and other Commissioners for review.

Commissioner Markel stated that the Easement for the Middendorf property has been signed. Dr. Kloppenburg has not signed the easement for his property as of this time.

Handbook Update – No Discussion, this is complete.

Peoples Bank Rental Agreement – The agreement was presented to Commissioners for approval. The agreement allows the bank to hold after hours activities and allows for repossessed vehicles to be

placed on the lot. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

## **END OF OLD BUSINESS**

Sheriff Carothers then presented the July 2017 Jail Report, Meal Expenditure Report, Dog Detention Report and Judicial Statistics.

Steve Redicker then presented the July 2017 Juvenile Detention Center Report.

Highway Superintendent Jerry Ault then discussed the following with Commissioners:

- The Planning and Zoning office was not moved as scheduled. It is currently ready to be moved as soon as Comcast and Frontier can move their lines. The temporary trailer is set and waiting on the Internet to be installed.
- 2 bids for the Bridge Crew Foreman truck snow plow & salt bed have been received:
  - o Edingers for \$11,435
  - o Meyers for \$10,475Ault stated that the Cum Cap fund will pay for this expense. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the purchase from Meyers for \$10,475. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
- Chip and Seal – 23.84 mile of the 57.82 is complete.
- Bridge #183 – waiting on permitting and Bridge plans.
- Pay Rate/Increase – Highway budget for 2018 was turned in with 3% raises. However Ault would like to now ask for a 7% increase due to the change in CDL requirements. After discussion, Commissioners decided it was ok to ask Council for the 7% increase.
- Shieldstown Bridge – After discussion, it was decided to have Brad Isaacs review any change orders. Attorney Bevers then stated that the property that was removed from the field office has been retrieved by the county. Herself and Jerry Ault will review the property to verify that everything has been accounted for.

Plan Commissioner, Conner Barnette then asked to discuss the property located at 4807 W Columbus Pike, Freetown, IN 47235. This property was sold at the previous tax sale, so therefore the Investment company that purchased it at the sale cannot touch the property until at least October 2018. Barnette has received numerous complaints on this property, as it needs to be cleaned up. Commissioners advised Barnette to talk with the Investment company to see of their future plans. If they are not cooperative then start with process of receiving a court order to demolish the house and clean up the property.

Jeff Hubbard then stated the following:

- Garmong needs the Peoples Bank Parking Lot Agreement/Lease as soon as possible.
- RL Turner needs the Middendorf and Kloppenburg easements signed as soon as possible. Hubbard was advised by Commissioners to contact Garmong and see if a sanitary reroute can be done, if both easements cannot be obtained.
- Planning and Zoning temporary trailer is waiting on Internet
- Comcast and Frontier lines were missed and therefore holding up the moving of the Planning and Zoning building.
- Hubbard stated that he was informed the 'drop dead date' with Kloppenburg was March 1, 2018. Change orders would then begin.
- The Judicial Center Project has been delayed 5 weeks, currently at no cost.
- Discussion was held about the locate that was completed on the property and how the sewer line and gas line was missed.

- HFI has moved the A/C unit at the annex at the cost of \$1,000
- The Commissioners appointment to the Park and Rec board has been unable to attend the meetings and would like to be replaced. Adam Disque has expressed interest in the position. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to appoint Adam Disque to the Park and Rec Board. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
- An Invoice has been received from Barnes and Thornburg. Hubbard requested guidance on where to pay this from. After discussion, it was decided that this invoice is related to the GIC and needs to be forwarded on to the bond trustee, Pam Cole.

Attorney Bevers stated she received the 2020 Census Local Update of Census Addresses Operation (LUCA). After discussion, Commissioner Markel stated to allow the Planning and Zoning office to review and decide if this is a project his office would like to participate in.

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

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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