

Minutes of  
Jackson County Commissioners  
September 19, 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 September 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 September 15 in the amount of \$411,316.43 along with Claims- for the amount of \$291,863.66. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

**Reports from other Committees:** None

Tonya Couch then came before Commissioners to discuss Red Ribbon Week. This year there will be more interaction with the community instead of focusing on schools. Couch asked if a banner could be placed on the Courthouse fence for the month of October 2017. Red Ribbon Week is October 23<sup>rd</sup>, - 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Commissioner Gillaspy made a motion to approve. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Couch is to speak with Custodian Jana Wessel for specifics on placing the banner.

Jessica Schneider and Steve Jones with Metronet appeared before Commissioners to inform them that Metronet is now available in Brownstown and could come back with a more detailed presentation if the county is interested in their products.

Gary Barnett then addressed Commissioners regarding County Road 660 W. Barnett states that in the 1990's he worked with a Commissioner to pave the road. Since then, the county has maintained the entire length of the road. However, recently due to a property maintenance code issue, it has come to light that the county only has 16,474 feet of this road on inventory. After discussion, Commissioners stated that the county would look through old meeting minutes to look into this issue with more detail.

Juvenile Detention Center Director, Steve Redicker then presented the August 2017 report for the Juvenile Detention Center.

Plan Commissioner Conner Barnette then presented a photo of a proposed cell tower with a location on highway 235, about 1 ½ - 2 miles away from the Medora Covered Bridge. Barnette asked if a committee needed to be formed to discuss the impact of this tower on the Bridge. Commissioners decided not to form a committee. Request for Cell tower will now go to Planning and Zoning Board for review.

Barnette then presented a quote from Revize for the County Website. Barnette along with Commissioner Markel have reviewed websites created and maintained by Revize and state that the sites are very good and user friendly. Commissioner Markel made a motion allowing Barnette to move forward with website development with Revize, using the 'spread out' cost option. Commissioner Gillaspy seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Discussion was then held between Commissioners, Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard, and Garmong representative, Damion and Dan regarding the Judicial Center Project. The sewer line running under the street was the main topic of discussion. Foster Bros., a subcontractor of RL Turner's worked last week to uncover the line, which resulted in a cut in the road behind the main courthouse. When the line was reached, it now appears to be a 6 inch line, instead of the 8 inch line that was expected. Discussion was held that since this was listed as an item to 'verify' there should not be any extra cost to the county. The cost issue will be between RL Turner and Foster Bros. Commissioner Markel stated that he would like to see a better line of communication from Garmong. Commissioner Markel would like to see all Commissioners added to the emails of weekly updates. Jeff Hubbard was also directed that he needs to direct questions, issues etc from Subcontractors to Garmong.

Duane Davis then presented the Emergency Management bi-monthly report to Commissioners. Davis also presented an update on Grants. After discussion on Grants, Commissioner Markel made a motion allowing Commissioner Reedy to sign de-obligated grant applications that are time sensitive after Attorney Bevers review. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the \$10,000 deobligated grant application that was previously signed by Commissioner Reedy. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Mark Chaveaus with the US National Forest Service then came before Commissioner for a brief update. Chaveaus stated that 2017 has incurred a very busy, long and expensive fire season in the West.

#### Old Business

Commissioner Reedy then performed the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance #16, Commissioner Bill #12. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve upon 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Reedy then performed the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance #16, Commissioner Bill #12. This ordinance is for a 30 mph zone on Sandy Creek Drive from the City limits to the CSX railroad. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and waive 3<sup>rd</sup> reading. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Reedy then performed the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance #20, Commissioner Bill #14. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve upon 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried. Commissioner Reedy then performed the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance #20, Commissioner Bill #14. This ordinance is implementing 25mph speed limit within school zones. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve upon 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and to waive 3<sup>rd</sup> reading. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Ordinance for Marking of Utilities – Commissioners are still receiving information back on this ordinance. Asked to place this on October 17, 2017 meeting old business.

Update on Kloppenburg/Middendorf Properties – Commissioners asked to take this off until the December 5, 2017 meeting under old business.

#### **END OF OLD BUSINESS**

Sheriff Carothers stated that 10 inmates have been moved out to Switzerland County. Today's head count was 252 inmates.

Highway Supervisor, Jerry Ault then discussed the following with Commissioners:

- Chip and Seal for 2017 is complete.
- Crack Seal – next year the department will start with roads needing repaired from the 2016 pave program. They will then work backwards with 2015, 2014, 2013 and 2012.
- Vallonia River Erosion – Waiting on stamped blue prints and permits to begin.
- Vallonia Retention Pond – Once the fall leaves have fallen, the department will go in and clear out trees allowing the Surveyor’s office to get the elevations needed.
- Planning & Zoning office – Siding is going on. Water, sewer and some electrical work must be done before Duke and Comcast can do their part.
- Chip box – a new chip box would cost \$320,000. There is an option for a different type of box at the cost of \$25,000. Needing 6, this could cost \$150,000.
- Cross Conveyor – currently 1 cross conveyor has broken beyond repair. These are the machines that put stone shoulders down on roads. These machines are \$6,700 each. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion allowing up to \$21,000 to purchase 3 machines with money from Cum Cap. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.
- Salt Bids have come in lower then last year at \$66 per Ton. This will leave \$15,000 in budgeted amount left for sand.
- There is currently no change order to sign in regards to the timber at the Shieldstown Covered Bridge.
- A dump truck bid packet will also be sent to Myer Equipment.

Jeff Hubbards stated the following:

- he has received a Barnes and Thornburg bill. After review, it is in regards to the GIC release. Attorney Bevers stated she will check with Pam Cole, the trustee for further information.
- The sink hole on Walnut Street was due to an 18 inch line that was going into a 24 inch line. Foster brothers is dealing with this problem for the city of Brownstown.
- Phones and fiber have been rerouted.

Commissioners recessed until the next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 6:00PM.

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Matt Reedy

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Drew Markel

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Bob Gillaspay

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Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest