

Minutes of
Jackson County Commissioners
September 5, 2017
6:00 pM

Present: Commissioner Matt Reedy, Commissioner Drew Markel & Commissioner Bob Gillaspay
Absent: All present.

Commissioner Matt Reedy called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a silent prayer observed.

Commissioner Bob Gillaspay made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2017 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Drew Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

After review, Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to approve the payroll of August 18, 2017 in the amount of \$404,500.05 and September 1 in the amount of \$406,879.47, along with Claims-including electronic checks for the amount of \$2,889,193.96. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other Committees: None

Representatives from RQAW and Garmong came before Commissioners to provide an update of the Judicial Center. Discussion was held regarding issues that have arisen, such as gas lines, easements, phone line, fiber and sewer lines. The gas, phone and fiber issues are resolved. The sewer line is currently in the hands of the city of Brownstown for approval. The issue lies with the 8 inch pipe that runs beneath the road directly behind the current courthouse that would be tied to the new courthouse. A possible cost of up to \$9,100 may have to be incurred for time and material to switch that line from an 8 inch to a 6 inch line. RQAW will contact the Town of Brownstown tomorrow to see why there has been a delay in approval.

Michael Crouch, Clint Adams and Wally Pfaffenberger then addressed Commissioners to discuss the roads at Leslie Lake and the possibility of the county taking over these roads. After discussion, Commissioners advised the gentlemen to work with Highway Supervisor, Jerry Ault in an attempt to get the roads to acceptable condition for the county.

Marvin Huffman then presented a Dedication of Right of Way. This is for a 25ft easement to be given to the county on County Road 500 N. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion to accept the Right of Way. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Plan Commissioner Conner Barnette, then presented an Alley Vacate for the Pentecostal Church in Freetown. The 10 ft alley runs between Lots 1-10 & Lots 11-20 in Freetown. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gillaspay seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter presented two Workforce Development Invoices. One from ARA in the amount of \$11,500.00 and one from Ivy Tech in the amount of \$14,340.00. Commissioner Gillaspay made a motion allowing Commissioner Reedy to sign these two invoices and a blank one for future use to expedite the project. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Jerry Ault came before Commissioners to discuss a Federal Grant application for the River Erosion Project with Natural Resources Conservation Service. This Grant is for River Bank

Stabilization. Total project cost would be \$500,000.00. Federal Grant amount would be \$375,000 and County money would be \$125,000. Commissioner Markel made a motion to approve the Application for the Project, Receipt of the money and allowing Jerry Ault to sign documents pertaining to the Grant. Commissioner Gillaspie seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Ault then discussed the following with Commissioners:

1. Provided a copy of the blueprints for Bridge #183
2. Movers are coming Wednesday to set the 'old Planning and Zoning building' down. Comcast is on site now, and only electric is left to connect.
3. Chip and Seal is almost complete for the year.
4. An old structure was replaced with a set of aluminum boxes and widened the intersection at 240 E & 800 N.
5. All Highway CDL personnel have complied with getting their Tanker endorsement.
6. Shieldstown Bridge – After discussion, Commissioners advised Ault to contact Brad Isaacs and get an Accounting summary to see if the county has met the 20%. Commissioner Gillaspie then made a motion to allow Jerry Ault to sign any change order up to the amount of \$1500. 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 – discuss at next meeting.

Middendorf/Kloppenbergs property update – Commissioner Markel will be in contact with Dr. Kloppenberg regarding the easement that is needed.

Peoples Bank Rental Agreement – A signed copy has not been received by the Auditor's office, Jeff Hubbard will get a signed agreement.

END OF OLD BUSINESS

Sheriff Carothers then presented the August 2017 Jail Report, Meal Expenditure Report, Dog Detention Report and Judicial Statistics. The Sheriff stated that he has contacted some other Jails to move some inmates out. This will cost \$35 per day, per inmate.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard stated that he received word that the switch over of phone lines has been completed.

Hubbard then presented his recommendation for Reinsurance Carrier and cost for 2018. The recommended reinsurer is Companion with SIHO, with a 7.65% increase in premiums. After review, Commissioner Gillaspie made a motion to approve Companion as the reinsurance carrier. Commissioner Markel seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Plan Commissioner, Conner Barnette then stated that he has been informed of a proposed cell tower going up between the Medora Covered Bridge and Highway 135 along Highway 235. Commissioners asked Barnette to bring back a drawing to the next meeting.

Commissioners recessed until the next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 9:00AM.

Matt Reedy

Drew Markel

Bob Gillaspay

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest