

The payroll docket was presented for commissioner approval. Brian McGalliard made a motion to approve the payroll docket. Rex Journey seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

The county home report from Jay County Country Living for May 2023 was presented for commissioners' approval. Rex Journey made a motion to approve the county home report. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

The clerk's monthly report was presented for commissioners' approval. Rex Journey made a motion to approve the monthly report. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Indiana Bond Bank Fuel claim for \$881.40 was presented for commissioners' approval. Brian McGalliard made a motion to approve the IBB Bond Bank Fuel claim. Rex Journey seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

A funding request for items related to a new pickleball court was turned in to the commissioners for approval. Mr. Aker has spoken with members of the Portland Park Board who believed the project is fully funded. Brian McGalliard made a motion to table the request unless the money is determined to be needed. Rex Journey seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Brian McGalliard made a motion to appoint Shannon Current as the School Board non-voting member to the Jay County Redevelopment Commission. Rex Journey seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Brian McGalliard read a resignation letter from Melissa Blankley, Jay County Retirement Center Director. Her last day with the facility will be on June 23, 2023. There is a possibility she can work a few days a week until someone else can take over as director.

With no further business, Rex Journey made a motion to adjourn at 10:55 a.m.; Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

JAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chad Aker
Brian McGalliard
Rex Journey
Attest: Emily Franks
Jay County Auditor

JUNE 14, 2023

The Jay County Commissioners and Council met in joint executive session on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium in the courthouse. Attending from the commissioners was Brian McGalliard, and Chad Aker, auditor Emily Franks, council members. Cindy Bracy, Dave Haines, Matt Minnich, Randy May, Harold Towell, Faron Parr and Jeanne Houchins. Absent: Rex Journey. The Jay County Council and Commissioners met in executive session for discussion of strategy of a real property transaction per IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 2 (d)

With no further business, the executive session was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

JAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Rex Journey
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Jay County Auditor

JUNE 26, 2023

The Jay County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, June 26, 2023, in the auditorium in the courthouse. Attending was Brian McGalliard, Rex Journey, attorney Wes Schenenaar, auditor Emily Franks, and Chad Aker, president, presiding. Rex Journey made a motion to approve the minutes from June 12th, regular and executive session on June 14, 2023. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

FIREWORKS

Mark Leavell, committee member, came to the commissioners to request monies for the Redkey Town Fireworks. The commissioners had budgeted \$2,500 to Redkey for 2023. After review of the funding application, Rex Journey made a motion to approve the \$2,500 claim for the Redkey Town Fireworks. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

A funding application and claim for the Dunkirk Fire Department was presented for commissioner's approval. The commissioners had budgeted \$2,500 to Dunkirk for 2023. Brian McGalliard made a motion to approve the \$2,500 claim for the fireworks. Rex Journey seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

CLERK

Jon Eads, clerk, came to the commissioners to request approval for overnight travel for training at Carmel this month and another at Kokomo in the fall. Mr. Aker felt that Carmel was considered in the Indianapolis area and did not require approval. Rex Journey made a motion to approve the overnight stays for both trainings. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Eads also spoke regarding the use of the auditorium for early voting in 2024 and whether the room would still be available for use on meeting days or if the commissioners could move their meeting location. If the room is not available, he could check into whether the early voting hours could be changed. Chad Aker suggested the clerk investigate the possibility of changing the hours first due to the issue of moving the recording equipment. A solution will need to be decided by the Spring of 2024.

TURFED SPORTS FACILITY

Josh Atkinson and Todd Farr, Jay County Baseball Club board members, came to the commissioners to discuss possible funding for a turfed sports facility in Jay County. They originally were looking to build a facility geared towards turfed sports at 100' x 120' with office spaces to the side. A recent quote from potential builders came in at \$1.4 million. However, a very large structure with a building and parking spaces has since come up for sale. The building was believed to be approximately 120' x 60' with 16ft ceilings that would be netted at 14 ft. An offer on the property outside the city limits was submitted last Friday and is waiting on acceptance.

The potential building could house golf simulators, office spaces, and a fully netted and turfed space. It would be tailored towards baseball but would be open to anyone needing a turfed space including soccer. Mr. Atkinson added because the small space of the facility, they would not be able to have games at this time. They believe the facility would draw in from surrounding communities including Ft. Recovery, Celina, and South Adams. If the offer is accepted, the club will be asking the county for ARP monies towards the project. They already have \$100,000 pledged with \$12,000 in the bank and talking with potential investors.

Rex Journey questioned where the closest turfed facilities were in the area. Josh Atkinson believed most in the community had to travel to 5Tol in Muncie for a like facility. Mr. Journey questioned if there were any facilities east of Jay County. Mr. Atkinson was unaware of any facility used in that direction. Their request would be around \$150,000 and would involve the cost of netting, turf and simulators. They will turn in their application once they hear back about the building. Brian McGalliard commended them for taking on a project to grow the county.

COURTHOUSE SECURITY

Monte Shrack, courthouse security officer, came to the commissioner to update them on the most recent increase to security measures. They have most of the fobs switched to ID badges with a few still needing their picture taken by EMA. Chad Aker suggested a deadline of next Friday be given for the remaining employees. He asked Mr. Shrack to provide the list to Ms. Franks to send out emails regarding the shut off date. The surveyor crew, EMS shift supervisors, Portland PD deputies and Jay County Sheriff Deputies will remain as fobs and not ID Badges as they do not work in the building.

Mr. Shrack also updated the commissioners regarding the outside door locks for the courthouse. The locks were changed last Thursday and keys were issued to most departments on Friday. A record of keys issued will be maintained by courthouse security moving forward. Indiana State Board of

Accounts will be issued a key and fob temporarily while working on the audit. All other requests will need to follow the process as laid out by the Courthouse Security & Safety Committee. Stylus has postponed the laser work on doors scheduled for this week. The State Supreme Court sheriff will be reviewing the courthouse for safety standards on July 7th, 2023. A report will be issued by them at the completion of the review.

Lastly, Mr. Shrack discussed the possible need for an armed security guard on the third floor. The court security guard position has been added in some counties who do not have armed bailiffs. The employee would be responsible for only the third floor and would not leave it. Mr. Journey questioned why our county bailiffs were not armed. Mr. Schemenaur believed the judges had looked at the positions as more secretarial in the past. Mr. Aker added the decision to add would come from a judge's decision or higher up.

JEMS

Gary Barnett and John McFarland, shift supervisors, came to the commissioners to give them their monthly update. They had their best monthly income for the year. Larry Nuckols the third shift supervisor has put in his notice for retirement. They will take letter of interests until next Monday. Chad Aker asked to be involved in the hiring process. They will be back at the next commissioner's meeting July 10th, 2023 to have a new hire approved. The number Mr. Barnett gave the commissioners for the 2024 budget on a new ambulance is a little higher to cover any increased costs.

Mr. Aker questioned how the new billing was looking and if there were any issues. Mr. McFarland stated they had no current issues with MedBill. He added the governor's commission on rural EMS had pledged \$1.7 million to rural EMS services. They will find instructors of high success rates and will give money to the instructor or county to grow their program. Mr. Aker asked if there would be an application for receiving the money. Mr. McFarland stated there would be no application as they would automatically go through the instructors for their percentage rate. His pass rate is 74% with the state average of 66%, leaving the county a good chance of receiving state monies.

EMA

Samantha Rhodelamel, director, came to the commissioners to give them her quarterly update. She presented a claim for the tornado siren on top of the courthouse. The damaged board was under warranty but the county must pay the technician cost. She would like to have annual maintenance completed on the siren and put it in her budget. Rex Journey made a motion to approve a claim to ERS Wireless for \$921 for the labor. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ms. Rhodelamel is wrapping up compliance documentation for the FY2022 EMPGS and EMPGC grants. She is working on getting ready to apply for the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant. She has attended various meetings and trainings including the Indiana/Ohio, District 6 EMA coalition, Indiana Emergency Response Commission meetings, a 2-day Public Information Office (PIO) course, D6 Healthcare Coalition Radiation surge exercise, and a HazMat Transportation summit. She has hosted an LEPC exercise, ICS 300 training, a tabletop exercise, and hybrid/Electric vehicle training for fire, police, and towing companies.

Lastly, she spoke about upcoming items including hosting the Indiana/Ohio meeting in July, attending a Jay School Corporation meeting regarding the highway closure, ICS 400 Training, school security seminar at Jay School corporation and another district 6 EMA coalition meeting. She will meet with IPSC officials on July 27th regarding 800 frequency radio options. Planning is underway for the 2024 total solar eclipse, Jay County Election and Polling Place security plan, and the Jay County Courthouse Security and Safety Plan. Rescue 19 is struggling to have a quorum to meet and have had two members resign. The will bring on a new member after their 21st birthday this September.

2024 BUDGET- EDIT REQUESTS

The funding applications turned in to the commissioners by June 23rd were briefly discussed. The commissioners will take them under review with the county council. Brian McGalliard believed the council should decide how much they would like to spend out of EDIT monies before deciding on any projects.

RETIREMENT CENTER

Brian McGalliard gave an update on the Retirement Center director. Melissa Blankley is going to stay on full time until July 7th, 2023 and will then go down to part time working 2 days a week. Rex Journey questioned if they had someone available to handle the day-to-day operations. Brian McGalliard stated there was no one there currently but would like to have a financial coordinator position to handle the payroll, claims etc. Mr. Aker had Ms. Blankley to reach out to Amy Lawrence from Garner Tax Service to help with the position.

The updated RCAP contract with the lower liability insurance limits was presented for commissioners' approval. Rex Journey questioned if the contract would still work with the new possibilities for the facility. Wes Schemenaur believed that it might depending on the situation. The contract has no out clause but could possibly be assigned. There would potentially be 2-3 issues depending on what the county would decide. Mr. Journey questioned if all the situations had been looked at. Mr. Schemenaur stated the state would have to approve it all before any changes could be made. Rex Journey made a motion to approve the signing of the new RCAP contract. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

SHERIFF

Larry R. Newton, sheriff, came to the commissioners to discuss various budgeting matters with the commissioners. The first involved changing their dumpster from Waste Management to CCL and adding it into the sheriff budget from Infrastructure. The 2013 contract with Waste Management for the dumpster has been auto renewed every thirty-six months. The current contract end date is July 18, 2025 and includes penalties for terminating early. It also includes a right of first refusal and a 90-day termination notice. A preliminary liquidated damages fee of \$1,230.26 was provided by Waste Management. They also provided a new price for a 4-yard dumpster of \$217.51. Crowne City Logistics aka CCL would be able to provide the same services for \$124 a month. While the combined penalties would make the price roughly the same for the services the commissioners liked the services being from a local company. Rex Journey made a motion to approve the switch from the Sheriff's Department from Waste Management to CCL. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Newton also discussed moving the IT services for the jail paid by the commissioners into one of his budgets. The IT work is now being handled by Cameron Clark of The Restore Store. Mr. Clark is looking at no longer having his own business but working for the company Stylus out of Bluffton. If that becomes the case, Mr. Newton would like to look at hiring the company for IT services. He believes they will need to budget \$15,000-\$18,000 for the year but will not have firmer numbers until a later date. Lastly, they had a female inmate try to escape from Ball Hospital and kicked the door to the transport van so extensively that it cannot be repaired and will need to be replaced. The jail currently has 89 inmates but can hold up to 150.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

An interlocal agreement with the Town of Redkey for the Spillman equipment was presented for commissioner approval. The only change from the Portland agreement is Redkey will not pay for part of the mapping services. Redkey will pay a little over \$5,000 for the next 5 years. Brian McGalliard made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement with Redkey. Rex Journey seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

The claims docket for June was presented for commissioner approval. Rex Journey made a motion to approve the claims docket. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

The payroll docket was presented for commissioner approval. Brian McGalliard made a motion to approve the payroll docket. Rex Journey seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

The clerk's monthly report was presented for commissioners' approval. Rex Journey made a motion to approve the monthly report. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

With no further business, Brian McGalliard made a motion to adjourn at 10:43 a.m; Rex Journey seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

JAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Jay County Auditor

JUNE 26, 2023

The Jay County Commissioners met in executive session on Monday, June 26, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. in the auditorium in the courthouse. Attending from the commissioners was Brian McGalliard, Rex Journey, county attorney Wes Schemenaur, auditor Emily Franks, and Chad Aker president presiding. The Jay County Commissioners met in executive session to interview prospective employees pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(a)(5).

With no further business, Rex Journey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:09 p.m., Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

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