

A Claim to the Glen and Janice Funk Family for \$1,750 and a claim to Randy Welnry for \$5,250 as payments for right of way in relation to the seventh street bridge project was presented for commissioner approval. Rex Journey made a motion to approve both claims. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

With no further business, Rex Journey made a motion to adjourn at 11:50 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

**DECEMBER 27, 2023**

The Jay County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, December 27, 2023, in the auditorium in the courthouse. Attending was Rex Journey, Brian McGalliard, attorney Wes Schemenaur, auditor Emily Franks, and Chad Aker, president, presiding. Rex Journey made a motion to approve the minutes from December 11, 2023. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

**HIGHWAY**

Eric Butcher, superintendent, came to the commissioners to open the highway aggregate bids for 2024. The commissioners opened three bids from IML, US Aggregates, and Stone Co with each bidding between 6-14 types of aggregate stone. After review of the bids from the three companies, Rex Journey made a motion to accept all bids from IML, Stone Co, and US Aggregates. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

**SHERIFF**

Larry Ray Newton, sheriff, and Ben Schwartz, chief deputy, came to the commissioners to review car quotes received by the county. Only two dealers returned email quotes for the new sheriff vehicles for 2024, Thomas Dodge and Community Chrysler. Dodge, Jeep. Community Auto group quoted a 2024 Dodge Durango Pursuit for \$39,987, a 2024 Chevy 1500 4x4 Crew Cap SSV for \$48,172.25, a 2023 Ram 1500 Crew cab 4x4 Special allocation for \$43,657.25 and a 2024 Ford 150 4x4 Crew Cab Police Responder for \$48,885.25. Thomas Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram quoted a 2024 Dodge Ram 1500 Crew Special Service Vehicle (SSV) \$39,337 with optional additions. They also submitted a quote for a 2024 Dodge Durango Pursuit for \$40,554. The sheriff requested the quotes be taken under advisement until the next meeting. Brian McGalliard made a motion to take the quotes under advisement. Rex Journey seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

A claim to Kiesler Police Supply for Firearms for \$15,015.66. He would like to see everyone in the department to carry the same rifles to help in emergency situations. Brian McGalliard made a motion to approve the claim to Kiesler. Rex Journey seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

A claim to All Circuit Electrical LLC for \$14,049.37 related to the LED conversion project at the jail was submitted for payment. Rex Journey made a motion to approve the All Circuit Claim out of Cum Cap Development. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

An amended contract with Quality Correctional Care was presented for commissioners' approval to run from January through December instead of July to June. He will be asking for another nurse or QMA to be added in 2025 to help with the medical care. The contract has an annual service fee of \$120,149.88 for a monthly payment of \$10,012.49. Mr. McGalliard questioned if there was sufficient money in the budget for 2024. Mr. Newton confirmed the increase had been budgeted for 2024. Rex Journey made a motion to approve the amended contract with Quality Correction Care and the claim for \$10,012.49. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

**COURTHOUSE SECURITY**

Monte Shrack, head courthouse security, came to the commissioners to ask to upgrade the existing DVR hard drive for the camera system. The estimate for the additional hard drive storage would be \$1,816 through Digital Video Solutions & Security. The current system is overwriting itself fairly frequently with some hard drives only storing two months. There was a brief discussion about

lowering the camera sensitivity to increase space as they are motion activated. Mr. Shrack will look into the possibility with the company. The commissioners questioned if there was a set time the county would be required to keep. Mr. Schemenaur stated ideally the county would have six months' notice for a tort claim. The current practice is to record an incident immediately, but it would not cover unreported incidents. Mr. McGalliard asked Mr. Shrack to make sure six months could be stored with the additional hard drives quoted. He also asked if it was a proprietary system or could other quotes be gathered. Mr. Shrack confirmed the system was proprietary. Rex Journey made a motion to table the quote from Digital Video equipment until the information could be obtained. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **JEMS**

Gary Barnett and Kyle Gerlach, shift supervisors, came to the commissioners to give a monthly update on operations. The income is maintaining just below \$100,000 a month with the total runs for the year at 2,742. They are still waiting on word for a date on the new ambulance remount. Mr. Gerlach informed the commissioners the power load system cots have been purchased. They will be getting them in the next three weeks and it will be shipped to the Dunkirk base to be fitted. All ambulances should be able to be fitted in one day.

### **FARM BIDS**

The commissioners opened farm bids for the 68 acres located in section 18 on the west end of Portland. The first bid opened was from Chris Muhlenkamp at \$400 an acre for an annual total of \$27,200. The second bid opened was from Kenny Hemmelgarn for \$265 an acre for \$18,020. Rex Journey made a motion to approve the bid from Chris Muhlenkamp for \$400 an acre. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **OPIOID SETTLEMENT**

Mr. McGalliard informed the board he has been asked by the Drug Prevention Coalition to rescind the motion for opioid monies in relation to the REA study and earnest money. The group will go back and look at the possibility of building a new facility with an estimated cost. Mr. Journey questioned if the earnest money would be returned to the organization. Mr. McGalliard confirmed the money would be returned to the Drug Prevention Coalition. A few Redkey residents, present in the audience, voiced their concerns over the facility being located in the town. Mr. McGalliard made a motion to rescind the previous meeting's motion to approve the study and earnest monies. Mr. Journey seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote. The auditor informed the board there was currently \$149,708.37 in the opioid restricted fund and \$28,801.06 in the unrestricted fund.

### **MAKE MY MOVE**

Mr. McGalliard requested an update from JCDC regarding the Make My Move Program. He would like to review where they are in the process and if it is worthwhile to continue. If not, he would like to request the estimated \$29,000 of remaining monies be returned to the county.

### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

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

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

A claim to USPS for \$1,452 for Circuit Court Postage was presented for commissioners' approval. Rex Journey made a motion to approve the claim to USPS. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

A claim to NuFlow Indy for \$4,750 was presented for commissioner approval. Rex Journey made a motion to approve the claim. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

With no further business, Brian McGalliard made a motion to adjourn at 9:58 a.m.; Rex Journey seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

JAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Brian McGalliard



Rex Journey

Attest:

  
Jay County Auditor