

2024 at their April 24, 2023, meeting. Rex Journey made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-06. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

JAY COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

A non-voting member representing the school corporation was in need of reappointment. Shannon Current had agreed to another term on the commission. Brian McGalliard made a motion to reappoint Shannon Current to the Jay County Redevelopment Commission. Rex Journey seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

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.

Bill Walters, ECI RPD, spoke to the commissioners about services they offer for tax sale properties. He will provide the commissioners with information on their program.

With no further business, Brian McGalliard made a motion to adjourn at 11:06 a.m.; Rex Journey seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

JAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Chad Fisher
Brian McGalliard

Rex Journey

Attest: 
Emily Franks
Jay County Auditor

MARCH 25, 2024

The Jay County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, March 25 2024, in the auditorium in the courthouse. Attending was Rex Journey, auditor Emily Franks, and Brian McGalliard, vice president, presiding. Rex Journey made motion to approve the minutes from March 11, 2024. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

ARCH BRIDGE KROOZERS

The Arch Bridge Kroozers club came to the commissioners for permission to use the courthouse restrooms on May 18th, 2024 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Rex Journey made a motion to allow the club access to the restroom facilities. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

PORTLAND ROCKETS

Randy Fisher, Randy Miller, and Dru Hall, Portland Rockets, came to the commissioners to request a contribution towards their 65th Anniversary Firecracker tournament. The tournament will bring 6-10 teams and their supporters to Portland. Their request is for half of the \$5,600 magic in the sky fireworks demonstration and the advertising cost of \$600. They are also asking for money towards the tournament and to say thank you to all the businesses and industries in Jay County. The city of Portland agreed to authorize an additional \$700 for trophies to all the winners for a combined donation of \$3,450. Mr. Fisher also asked if the county help with an additional \$1,500 to pay for the umpires at the tournament. He added they have a \$500,000 project in the READI 2.0, they would like the commissioners to help support. Mr. Journey made a motion to approve \$3,450 for Fireworks and Broadcasting out of EDIT funds. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

JAY COUNTY COUNTRY LIVING

Kristie Delaney, director, came to the commissioners to give an update on operations. They are still waiting on two residents to be approved by RCAP. There will be two more potential residents coming in to complete application paperwork. They have had three residents move out in the past month. If the two new residents move in, their total occupancy will be 25 residents.

The RCAP grant has been approved by the state and they will be putting in an additional to the council for April. The money will have to be spent before they can receive state reimbursement. A proposal from John Hilty to replace the upstairs and downstairs flooring came in at \$30,000. This would allow the remainder of the money to go towards other maintenance items. Virginia Burkley,

member of the JCCL BOD, gave an update. Chad Aker had recently completed inspections at the facility with her. They found where a couple of the rooms only had one outlet. She would like to see some electrical work completed with the remainder of the money. She also added, there was a gentleman willing to spruce up the furniture and some ladies to help make drapes for upstairs rooms.

Mr. Jounray asked for clarification on a call he had recently received. The caller stated there was a golden retriever at the facility killing cats. Ms. Delaney confirmed the facility did have a dog named Kilo, but was unaware of any such incident.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Sann Rhodelhamel, director, came to the commissioners to give her quarterly update. The radio study survey ended 3/22/24 and responses were submitted from Dunkirk Fire, Pennville Fire, Portland Fire, Jay County Sheriff, Jay County EMA, and Portland Police. They require four hours of service from the company who services the repeater system, Emergency Radio Service-ERS at \$175 an hour. The information requested by Ritter Strategic Services for the study can only be answered by a repair technician. Ms. Rhodelhamel stated the sheriff asked the commissioners to pay for the cost at \$700. Mr. Jounray questioned Ms. Franks where the commissioners had money to pay for the cost. Ms. Franks confirmed the study was funded, but an additional appropriation would need to be completed for the \$700. The timeline would not allow the money available until May. If they used county general, the money would be available now. Rex Jounray made a motion to approve the \$700 expenditure out of county general. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ms. Rhodelhamel updated the commissioners on various grants. The two-hour hazmat training for the HMEP grant was completed and submitted for approval. The MCI/Pediatric MCI training system has been received and a progress report submitted. Lastly the EMPG salary grant payment has been processed. She reported to the commissioners regarding meeting and trainings attended and those upcoming. There will be a District 6 Surge TTX, Science of Disaster the fourth course, out of a five-course series in Evansville, IN.

Lastly, Ms. Rhodelhamel updated the commissioners on her work regarding the solar eclipse. She has given local industries presentations and has given out all the solar eclipse glasses to local public safety agencies. They are in the final stages of creating a county wide plan. This included a recent meeting between law enforcement, emergency services and the IU Jay hospital staff to assign roles. Mr. Jounray questioned where a resident could purchase the solar eclipse glasses. Ms. Rhodelhamel believed they were available at the Jay County Chamber of Commerce, Fishers Meats and potentially the libraries. She cautioned residents to make sure they purchase official glasses. Mr. McGalliard asked if she had heard any numbers on people camping at the fairgrounds. Ms. Rhodelhamel believed the fairgrounds was not having a good turn out, but had heard most people were staying with family. However, Winchester hotels have canceled all solar eclipse reservations, which might see those people transfer to other areas.

JEMS

Gary Barnett, shift supervisor, came to the commissioners to give his monthly update on operations. The numbers are similar to the prior month; however, it shows an increase in February due to annual subscriptions fees. Their income has been good and steady. The new ambulance was delivered in time for the power load to be installed with the other three ambulances. All four systems were installed in three hours and the system has been working great. Once cleared from insurance, Mr. Barnett will get the equipment from the wrecked ambulance moved to the new ambulance.

PERRY PRO TECH

The requested addendum regarding an out clause has been made by Perry Pro Tech. Rex Jounray made a motion to table the contract until approval from the county attorney. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT

A grant application and letter of support for the 2025 community corrections grant was presented for commissioners' approval. Rex Jounray made a motion to approve the 2025 community correction grant application and letter of support. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

OWNER OCCUPIED REHAB

Nate Kimball, Assistant Director, ECI Regional Planning District, gave the commissioners an update on the Owner-Occupied Rehab program. The contract has been signed and submitted to OCRA. The county will need a building inspector for the program. As an example, if a furnace is needed, the inspector would determine the size needed and estimated cost. This would be too much on John Hemmelgarn, Building and Planning Director and a conflict of interest for Chad Aker. An RFQ

Request for Qualification would need to be advertised for the service. The commissioners would then decide the best candidate based on the information submitted.

Mr. Kimball questioned if the commissioners wanted to discuss an application release date. Mr. McGalliard asked the discussion wait for all commissioners to be present. Mr. Kimball stated he believed there should be at least a week between the announcement and the release date. He will revisit the cities and towns to update them on the release date as well as through traditional and social media. Mr. Journey asked if there was a plan in place to time stamp the applications. Mr. Kimball confirmed Mr. Kleimpeter had added a section for office use only for the date, time and who received the application. He added it would be on a first come, first serve basis, and then by project/area.

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 March was presented for commissioner approval. Rex Journey made a remark regarding the fee for the Salamonia cemetery as it seemed unusually high and wished the bill had more explanation to it. Rex Journey made a motion to approve the claims docket for March. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

The commissioners were presented four emergency claims to be paid before the next claims docket. Rex Journey made a motion to approve a claim to L & D Mail Masters Inc for \$1,891.04, Always Accurate Repairs LLC for \$2,500, CLIA Laboratory Program for \$248, and Thomson Reuters for \$228. Brian McGalliard seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

With no further business, Rex Journey made a motion to adjourn at 10:00 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 Stanku
Jay County Auditor