

Jasper County Board of Commissioners
July 11, 2022
Regular Meeting Minutes
6:00 P.M.

Chairman Henry called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Bruce Henry, Chairman, Don Jernigan, Sheila Jones and Steven Ledford.

Staff Present: Sharon Robinson, County Clerk, Larissa Ruark, Chief Accounting Officer, Mike Benton, County Manager, and David Ozburn, County Attorney.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Invocation: Chairman Bruce Henry

Agenda Approval: Commissioner Jernigan motioned to remove Item 5 until the August meeting.

Commissioner Stunkel seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Commissioner Stunkel motioned to approve the agenda with the changes. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Ledford motioned to approve the minutes for:

- May 9, 2022 – Called Meeting Minutes
- May 31, 2022 – Work Session Minutes
- June 6, 2022 –Regular Meeting Minutes
- June 23, 2022 – Public Hearing Minutes 10:00 AM
- June 23, 2022 - Public Hearing Minutes 6:00 PM

Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jernigan motioned to approve check numbers 64735-65129. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Public Hearings: None

Presentations/Delegations- Jasper County Extension Service New Staff Introductions- Kasey Hall introduced the new employees of the Jasper County Extension Office.

- Administrative Assistant- Andrea DiRito
- Ag Agent- Derrick Jones

Citizens Comments:

Roger Minter- Mr. Minter stated that he transferred from the Recreation Department to the Public Works Department. He stated that he feels like he is being constantly attacked. He feels he should have received more than a 3-2 appointment to the Recreation Board. He complained about his interactions with the current Recreation Director.

Kerry Sands- Mr. Sands stood before the board and stated that he is getting attacked although he does not work for the Rec department. He stated that the Recreation Director needs to be able to answer questions and handle situations sent their way instead of trying to have volunteers handle it.

Jason Abercrombie- Mr. Abercrombie stated that he is a volunteer at the Recreation Department. He stated that the first years were good. Roger was fair even when some may not have agreed with his decisions. He stated that the current Recreation Director needs to get a backbone. He stated that he has tried to pay personally

to have more Umpires out on the field because of an incident where on umpire almost caused a brawl. There was a situation where the director told him to get out of his park. He also complained about the facilities available for the youth.

Miranda Hudson- Ms. Hudson thanked Mike Benton, Commissioner Jones and Commissioner Jernigan for assisting with the issue involving her son being taken off of the All Star Team. She thanked Roger for his past work at the Rec when he served as the director. She stated we are having issues at the Rec Department. The current staff is not knowledgeable about the rules. She stated it's not a personal issue, it's a kid issue.

Mandi Tanner- Mandi stood before the board to give an update for the Chamber of Commerce. We are running a full Market on the Square every Saturday. This will continue until September. There are 28+ vendors each Saturday. There will be a Back to School Bash on July 23rd. The Chamber is also hosting the fall the window for teacher supplies again this year. There will be a job fair on July 13th. It will be hosted by Profile Products. We have been through 10K brochures in the last 2 years. She thanked the BOC for the funds that they give for the tourism supplement. She thanked the board for the last four years. She stated that this will be the last meeting she gets to attend. Her husband accepted a Youth Pastor position in Warner Robins so her family will be relocating.

County Commissioner's Items:

Commissioner Ledford- Commissioner Ledford asked for an updated on the Corp of Engineers regarding the Henderson Mill Road.

Mr. Michael Walsh stated that the person that he spoke with was trying to find out who's got the right of way. It is off of our right of way.

Commissioner Stunkel- Commissioner Stunkel stated that he received a call from Gerald Myers on Herds Bridge Road Extension says no attention to the road and ditches need to be cleaned immediately.

Commissioner Jernigan- Commissioner Jernigan thanked Sheriff Pope for assisting with clean up form the eviction at 402 Eagle Drive. He requested that the County Manager get with P&Z to track down owners and bill them when renters items.

Commissioner Jones- None

Chairman Henry- Chairman Henry stated that he received an update from Herschel Arrant with CGEMC to provide him with an update on the broadband. He stated that the first residents should have broadband September 2022. The project is expected to be completed by the second quarter of 2023.

Regular Agenda:

Business Items:

Item 1: Jasper County Public Facilities Board Appointment: Deborah King stood before the board to introduce herself and state why she feels she is a good fit for the Public Facilities Authority Board. She stated she have a vested interest in seeing Jasper County grow the right way.

Commissioner Ledford motioned to appoint Deborah King to Jasper County Public Facilities Authority Board for a 1-year term (July 2023). Commissioner Stunkel seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 2: Adopt Jasper County Board of Education Millage Rate for 2022 Tax Billing: Commissioner Jernigan motioned to adopt Resolution #2022.07.11 authorizing the Jasper County Tax Commissioner to levy a Jasper County Board of Education Millage Rate of 14.801 for the 2023 Tax Billing. Commissioner Stunkel seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 3: Larry Morrison Memorial Parkway Signage: Commissioner Ledford stated that he was approached about naming Larry Morrison Memorial Parkway by his family. He gave some background about who Larry Morrison is. He noted that he is the reason the store is called Larry's 4-way. He put in a lot of work with the Humane Society. He helped to get Piedmont Academy built.

Chairman Henry stated that someone has donated the funds for the signs. The only cost to the county would be the labor to install the signs and maintenance.

Commissioner Stunkel motioned to approve the installation of the Larry Morrison Memorial Parkway signage as presented. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 4: 2022 LMIG Contract Award: Robert Jordan stood before the board to present the bids from the recent bid opening.

2022 LMIG Project

Jackson Lake Rd 2.35 Miles Section Full Depth Reclamation, 2 FT Widening to 22'
Engineering Estimate at 10-22-2021 \$763,410.10

Received 2 Bids

Blount Construction \$1,280,887.94

Blount bid price based on work to be performed spring 2023 with a completion date of May 2023.

Pittman Construction \$1,356,255.40- Expected completion date November 2022

There is a huge increase in cost.

He noted that the board may consider putting off the project until next spring and completing the whole project with combined LMIG. There may be a cost savings doing it this way but not guarantee.

Mike Benton stated that the largest increase comes from labor and the FDR.

The Board of Commissioners agreed to wait to award the 2022 LMIG Contract.

Chairman Henry ask about Crack Sealing on Post Road.

Mr. Jordan stated that crack sealing is most effective when it is done in the Winter Months.

Item 5: Free Landfill Program for 2023: Delayed until August Meeting.

Item 6: LOST Renegotiating Committee: Commissioner Jernigan stated that he would like to serve on the Committee. He stated that he would like to see Commissioner Stunkel on the committee as well as Chairman Henry.

Attorney Ozburn stated that he will find information out about the quorum rule.

Commissioner Jones asked if commissioners who are not on the committee be able to go into the Executive Sessions. She stated that she does not have problem with the people who are being suggested but she would like to be able to be on the committee since she mostly represent the City.

Chairman Henry suggested that anyone who is available show up to the meeting tomorrow.

The Board of Commissioners agreed that anyone that's available can show up for the LOST committee meeting. They will address naming the committee members later once the board gets an answer from the county attorney on quorum and the ability to go into executive session.

Item 7: Schedule Work Sessions and Called Meetings: The Board of Commissioners scheduled a Called Meeting for Monday, July 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. and a Work Session on Capital Expenditures Friday, July 29th 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. There will be a combined Work Session for the Recreation Department.

County Attorney Items: None

County Manager Update: Mike Benton gave an updated of the numbers for building permits. The county building inspector started today.

Executive Session: Commissioner Ledford motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss Real Estate at 6:58 p.m. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Commissioner Stunkel motioned to exit Executive Session at 7:58 p.m. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Adjourn:

Commissioner Stunkel motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Bruce Henry, Chairman

Sharon Robinson, Clerk