

Jasper County Board of Commissioners

August 12, 2022

Called Meeting Minutes

6:00 P.M.

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

Commissioners Present: Bruce Henry, Chairman, Gerald Stunkel, Vice-Chairman, Sheila Jones, Don Jernigan, Steven Ledford.

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Invocation: Commissioner Gerald Stunkel, District 4

Agenda Approval: Commissioner Jernigan motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Stunkel seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda: None

Public Hearings: None

Presentations/Delegations- None

Citizens Comments: None

County Commissioner's Items:

Commissioner Ledford- None

Commissioner Stunkel- None

Commissioner Jernigan- None

Commissioner Jones- None

Chairman Henry- None

Regular Agenda:

Business Items:

Item 1: Capital Expenditures Projects- Fire Rescue, Public Works and Landfill:

Mike Benton gave an update of the funds that are available in different accounts.

Impact Fees- Fire Rescue- \$75,493

Impact Fees- Roads & Bridges- \$42,746

Fund 351- \$306,510

American Rescue Plan Fund- \$1,798,488

Fund Balance- \$7,345,927

Chris Finch (Fire Chief) discussed his capital needs for his department. The oldest truck in his fleet is almost 40 years old.

Commissioner Gerald Stunkel motioned to purchase two Frontline Fire Engines not to exceed \$700K, to be funded through the American Rescue Plan funds. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Chief Finch was asked to come back with some numbers for the roof repair.

Michael Walsh stood before the board to present his capital requests. He stated that he signed a contract for the preventative maintenance program. He stated that there will have to be some training for the program. The data will be stored in the cloud. One Brush cutter is not enough.

Commissioner Ledford motioned to approve the purchase of a Right away brush cutter not to exceed \$150K funded through American Rescue Funds. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jernigan motioned to purchase the 2022 Right away mower Tractor, John Deere 5090 E Cab Utility Tractor for \$55,896.94 to be funded from the American Rescue Plan Fund. Commissioner Stunkel seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Commissioner Stunkel motioned to approve the purchase of the 15' Flex Wing Rotary Cutter in not to exceed \$24,600 from Impact Fees. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Mr. Walsh stated that he has done a lot of maintenance and repairs on the current trucks in his fleet. He has replaced two motors. Once he have replacements most of the current ones will be junked. With the new trucks he can get 4 to a truck instead of squeezing in three.

The current service truck was came from the Fire Department. It is very old and tops at about 55 mph. They don't need a new truck but need something more dependable.

Commissioner Jernigan motioned that we approved the purchase of a the ¾ Ton Mechanic Service Truck (used)m 2 –wheel drive, tool body with Lifting Crane for \$35,000 not to exceed \$50,000 funded by American Rescue Plan Fund. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Commissioner Ledford motion to approve the purchase of the 60" Loader Forks to not exceed \$6,000 to be funded by impact fees. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jernigan motioned to purchase the 2022 Skid Steer Compact Loader and the grapple attachment to be funded by the American Rescue Fund, not to exceed \$77K. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Commissioner Stunkel motioned to approve the purchase of the commercial Debris Blower not to exceed \$7,400 from impact fees. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Mr. Walsh discussed the status and conditions of the equipment that is currently at the Landfill.

Commissioner Stunkel made a motion to purchase the Excavator- 320L CAT not to exceed \$250K from the American Rescue Funds. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Commissioner Stunkel made a motion to approve up to \$60K expenditure for the purchase of a 4-door, 4-wheel drive, long-bed, diesel powered pick-up truck to be funded by the American Rescue Funds. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Chairman Henry stated that these are big purchases. He asked that the Fire Chief and Public Works Director provide a projected five-year plan on what they think they will need over the next five years in order for the Board to plan for it and not get hit by all of it at once.

Remaining Funds:

Impact Fees- Fire Rescue- \$75,493

Impact Fees- Roads & Bridges- \$4,747

Fund 351- \$306,510

American Rescue Plan Fund- \$455,592
Fund Balance- \$7,345,927

Commissioner Stunkel made the motion to rescind the funding of \$26K for the purchase of a service truck for Public Works from 2022 budget. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Commissioner Stunkel made a motion to fund up to \$50K for a new three quarter ton pick-up, long bed, 4-door, gas powered for Public Works. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

County Attorney Items: None

County Manager Update:

Executive Session: Commissioner Jones motioned to go into Executive Session at 10:49 a.m. for potential litigation. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jernigan motioned to exit Executive session at 11:10 a.m. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Adjourn:

Commissioner Stunkel motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Bruce Henry, Chairman

Sharon Robinson, Clerk