

# Jasper County Board of Commissioners

August 22, 2022

## Joint Work Session Minutes

6:00 P.M.

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

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

Recreation Board Present: Dan Shives, Valerie Pennamon, Roger Minter, Miranda Hudson

Staff Present: Mike Benton, County Manager, Sharon Robinson, Administrative Services Director, Michael Fleming, Recreation Director, and Brandon Williams, Assistant Recreation Director, and Robert Rosser, Recreation Coordinator.

### **Work Session:**

#### **1. By-Laws:**

Mr. Benton noted that we could start with reviewing the by-laws and discuss the duties and responsibilities on page 4.

Mr. Benton reviewed the duties and responsibilities, power and jurisdiction, and enforcement.

Chairman Henry noted the board is an advisory board. He would like to see the board put together recommendations on how they would like to advise the Recreation Director. He further stated the Director of Recreation reports to the County Manager. The Board cannot give the Director and direction without going through the County Manager.

Miranda Hudson questioned if the Director should be at all the Rec Board meetings.

Dan Shives questioned why questions or concerns can't just go to Director and he go to County Manager.

Commissioner Stunkel noted in the event there is a situation where the Director may not want what the Rec Board wants; he may not advocate adequately.

Chairman Henry noted the chain of command should be used.

Mr. Benton asked that the Board revisit the schedule of Rec. Board meetings.

The boards had discussion about fees for travel ball.

Comm. Jernigan noted we would look to the Rec Board to set the fees for travel ball to rent the fields.

Ms. Hudson noted the fees currently are \$25 a d day to her understanding.

Mr. Minter noted the fees used to be \$75 per day and \$125 if they need lights.

Ms. Hudson noted there was a tournament held over the weekend and the Rec Board was not involved in any of it.

Comm. Ledford questioned who sets the fees for registration for sports.

Mr. Benton noted the Director and himself.

Mr. Minter noted, we are one of the cheapest registration fees compared to surrounding counties; we lose every year on cheerleading because the fees are so low.

Comm. Stunkel asked that Director Fleming join the conversation at the table.

Mr. Fleming noted they are looking at fees.

Ms. Hudson noted she would like to see the sponsorship program come back for kids whose families can't afford the registration fee.

Chairman Henry noted at one time the Rec Board held fundraisers.

Mr. Shives noted we need to be cautious with our fees, as our facilities are not as nice as other counties either.

Mr. Minter noted we also have to be careful about developing new programs, when we don't have the space.

Commissioners discussed the plans for the Recreation Park expansion.

Boards discussed how to handle concerns in terms of who to contact. It was suggested that a board or committee be formed to handle complaints. Complaints about personnel should go straight to county manager.

Mr. Shives noted he does not feel that the board should go to the Commissioners with problems.

Mr. Rosser reviewed the Athlete, Coaches, and Parent, and Park Policy with consequences spelled out. .

Mr. Minter noted they need to have someone to keep stats that knows what they are doing. Theses stats help to pick all-stars.

Dan Shives noted he appreciates the Commissioners taking the time to have this conversation.

Rec Board members agreed to work on a meeting schedule and time and to elect officers.

Ms. Pennamon questioned how the uniforms will be ordered in the future.

Mr. Fleming noted we use the same people as Jasper County and Piedmont Schools use.

Chairman Henry declared the Work Session closed at 7:35 p.m.

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Bruce Henry, Chairman

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Sharon S. Robinson, Clerk