

**Jasper County Board of Commissioners &
Jasper County Board of Education
October 25, 2021
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; Vice-Chairman, Gerald Stunkel; Don Jernigan; and Steven Ledford.

Staff Present: Mike Benton, County Manager and Sharon Robinson, County Clerk.

Work Session:

1. City of Monticello Transportation Planning Assistance:

The City of Monticello is considering contracting with the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission for planning assistance including a traffic operations and parking plan for downtown Monticello.

Sheriff Pope noted that he met with DOT and they have a detailed comprehensive plan.

Chairman Henry noted GDOT had \$250,000 at one time to put toward it.

2. CGEMC Agreement Expediting Expansion of High Speed Internet Service:

The Board of Commissioners provided Central Georgia EMC with a draft agreement for expediting expansion of high speed broadband service to Jasper County residents served by CGEMC.

Comm. Stunkel noted he is concerned about a start date; gives potential for other counties to get ahead.

Chairman Henry noted they need to figure out a completion date.

Mr. Benton noted the start date is considered when they start measuring the poles.

3. Jasper County Public Facilities Authority Projects:

Comm. Stunkel noted they are looking at a 13-year bond to pay for jail; that's only using 60 percent of our funds. He further noted we need to decide on next project; multi-purpose building, roads, or water. He also noted we will need an architect to work with Jasper County Water and Sewer Authority and on the multi-purpose purpose facility.

Commissioner Henry suggested we start with Precision Planning.

Chief Finch noted that the frontline Ford went down yesterday, cost estimate is \$11,000.00. They have no spare. A new one would be about \$193, 053 and will not be available until March or April of 2022

4. 2021 Capital Improvements Element Annual Update.
Commissioners had discussion on generators and Next Gen project not completed; need relocation of antennas on existing tower.

Chairman Henry declared the Work Session closed at 7:43 p.m.

Bruce Henry, Chairman

Sharon S. Robinson, Clerk