

Jasper County Board of Commissioners
December 16, 2022
Regular Meeting Minutes
9:00 A.M.

Chairman Henry called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Invocation: Commissioner Don Jernigan

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

Consent Agenda: None

Public Hearings: None

Presentations/Delegations

Citizens Comments:

Gail Harrell (Mayor- Monticello): Ms. Harrell stated that the city has come to a decision on the LOST percentage that they are willing to accept is 28%. She is ready to get this resolved and we can move on.

Chris Florence: Chris Florence stated that there is a group of “super rich” people who are not from Jasper County who placed their business partner in a seat on the council. He stated that he is calling ‘a spade a spade’. He stated that we have a “chairman that ran unopposed that wants to change the rules for him and his butt buddies. He talked about a part of Clayton County being a war zone. He accused Commissioner Stunkel of being bribed.

County Commissioner’s Items

Commissioner Ledford- None

Commissioner Stunkel- None

Commissioner Jernigan- None

Commissioner Jones- None

Chairman Henry- None

Business Items:

Item 1: Barnsley Construction Group- GMP Contract Amendment – Sheriff’s Office & Jail Project:

Robert with Barnsley Construction Group presented a GMP that is within the budget that was approved.

Commissioner Jernigan motioned to approve the Chairman to sign the Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment to the Construction Contract with Barnsley Construction Group for the Jasper County Sheriff’s Office and Jail project with the GMP of \$9,046,952.00. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 2: Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax- Intergovernmental Agreement:

Commissioner Jernigan motioned to adopt and authorize Chairman to Execute Resolution No. 121622-2024 titled “Resolution Authorizing County Chairman to Execute 2024 SPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement”. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Commissioner Ledford motion to stop the HOST proceedings. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 3: Local Option Sales Tax Certificate of Distribution –Percentage Allocation:

Commissioner Jernigan motioned to allocate the LOST percentages

- 69%- Jasper County Board of Commissioners
- 28%- City of Monticello
- 3%- City of Shady Dale

Commissioner Stunkel seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

County Attorney Items: Attorney Ozburn requested an Executive Session for litigation.

County Manager Update: Mike Benton stated that we have received nine applications for the Recreation Director position. We will start interviews next week. Our goal is to have a director in place and working Mid-January to end of January.

Executive Session: Commissioner Ledford motioned to go into executive session at 9:16 a.m. for potential litigation. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Commissioner Stunkel motioned to exit executive session at 8:34 p.m. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Adjourn:

Commissioner Stunkel motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 p.m. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Bruce Henry, Chairman

Sharon Robinson, Clerk