

**Jasper County Board of Commissioners**  
**November 21, 2022**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**7:00 P.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 Sheila Jones

**Agenda Approval:** Commissioner Jernigan motioned to approve the agenda with the suggested change of adding HOST. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

**Consent Agenda:** None

**Public Hearings:** None

**Presentations/Delegations**

**Citizens Comments:** None

**County Commissioner's Items**

**Commissioner Ledford-** None

**Commissioner Stunkel-** None

**Commissioner Jernigan-** None

**Commissioner Jones-** None

**Chairman Henry-** None

**Business Items:**

1. **SPLOST Discussion-** Chairman Henry stated that the County is suggesting that we keep the current allotments for the SPLOST Jasper County- 78%, City of Shady Dale 3%, & City of Monticello 19%. With an IGA we can collect for six years. Each government will need to present their projects. The county will put 100% of theirs towards Roads and Bridges.

Two projections were considered:

Last 24 months average with 5% escalator 72 Months Total Projected Revenue \$10,465,570

Last 36 months average with 5% escalator 72 Months Total Projected Revenue \$9,387,614

Mike Benton stated that the total collection for 54 months is \$6,003,747. With an IGA there is no cap. Mr. Benton discussed the timeline for the deadline to get the information to the Election Superintendent. January 6<sup>th</sup> is the most critical timeline to get everything to the Election Superintendent.

Commissioner Stunkel motioned to set the SPLOST amount to \$9million. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

2. **HOST as an Alternative to LOST-** County Attorney David Ozburn explained to all three entities how HOST works. This tax relief is applied to homesteaded properties. Cities do not get the relief however the residents in the city would receive the relief. The funds are not shared.

Commissioner Stunkel stated that he would like to see all entities come together with open negotiations.

Commissioner Ledford motioned to move forward with looking into HOST as an alternative to LOST. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

**County Attorney Items:** None

**County Manager Update:** None

**Executive Session:** None

**Adjourn:**

Commissioner Jernigan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

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Bruce Henry, Chairman

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Sharon Robinson, Clerk