

Jasper County Board of Commissioners

January 20, 2023

Joint Work Session Minutes

9:00 A.M.

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

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

Staff Present: Mike Benton, County Manager, Sharon Robinson, Administrative Services Director, Judy Johnson, P&Z Director.

Work Session:

1. R-2 Zoning

Commissioner Henry stated that he would like to see what the steps are to repeal the R-2 zoning.

Chairman Jernigan stated that he thinks we will need to cancel the moratorium and get through the steps of having the public meetings. According to Attorney Osborn since the state has a regulation in which you have to have a full acre lot in order to have a well.

Commissioner Ledford stated that we need to do away with R2 all together.

Chairman Jernigan stated that there are others that need to get rid of and cleaned up as well. We will take this up again at our next meeting and address getting all the designations cleaned up.

Commissioner Henry recommended that we get rid of R2 and the Village Plan.

Commissioner Jernigan stated that we could get rid of RL as well.

Judy Johnson stated that essentially the board has already got rid of the RL zoning because on the map there are not any of the RL zoning shown.

2. Capital Improvements Element Update

County Manager Mike Benton stated that the CIE updates are mandatory. He gave the balances for the departments that receives funds. He also went over the report of accomplishments. He discussed some possible future projects under the different plan elements.

For the Increase public education and awareness regarding recycling; Chairman Jernigan suggested that we get with Michael Walsh to see how we can make it possible for more people to recycle.

For the project implement disaster preparedness Plan, Commissioner Stunkel suggested that we assess our plan with the most recent storm. We should look at what went wrong and how we can approve.

Commissioner Henry ask what would it take to increase the impact fee.

Mike Benton stated that it would take a vote from the board.

3. Use of RVs for housing during storm clean up.

Commissioner Henry stated that some of the houses will be uninhabitable for a while. The people will need a place to stay. We should allow them on a temporary basis to live in their RV. He thinks they should be able to have a 6 month permit.

Commissioner Stunkel stated that we need to find out the average claim completion time is.

Commissioner Henry stated that we need to allow the Planning & Zoning to allow residents to use RVs while they rebuild. She can just let them know that paper work is coming.

Commissioner Stunkel stated that we need to make the RV usage a part of our Disaster Response Plan and look at doing a temporary for other disasters.

Commissioner Henry stated that he would like for us to take a look at having two approvals for the Jail Project invoices.

Commissioner Ledford requested an executive session for personnel.



Don Jernigan, Chairman



Sharon S. Robinson, Clerk