

**Jasper County Board of Commissioners**  
**February 6, 2023**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**6:00 P.M.**

Chairman Henry called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.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 Steven Ledford

**Agenda Approval:** Commissioner Ledford ask that the agenda be changed so that an Executive Session be held between Agenda approval and Consent Agenda. Commissioner Stunkel seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

**Executive Session:**

Commissioner Ledford motioned to go into Executive Session at 6:03 p.m. Commissioner Stunkel seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Commissioner Ledford motioned to exit the Executive Session at 6:32 p.m. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Commissioner Ledford motioned to go into regular session at 6:33 p.m. Commissioner Stunkel seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Commissioner Stunkel motioned to add the hiring of an interim attorney to the agenda. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Commissioner Ledford motioned to hire Barry Fleming with Fleming & Nelson as the interim County Attorney Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

**Consent Agenda:**

Commissioner Jernigan motion to approve the minutes for:

- January 9, 2023- Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Commissioner Ledford motioned to approve Check #s **66660-66880**. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

**Public Hearings:** Commissioner Ledford motioned to go into Public Hearing at 6:34 p.m. Commissioner Stunkel seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

1. A Public Hearing will be held for an update of the FY 2022 Capital Improvements Element (CIE) and the Short Term Work Program (STWP) of Jasper County's Development Impact Fee Program as required annually by the Department of Community Affairs.

Commissioner Henry motioned that we approve the update as presented. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Mary Patrick- Stated that code enforcement is important. She complained about “No Thru Truck” road not enforced. Rolling Wood Cove needs to be enforced and addressed.

**Chris Florence-** Talked about people helping during the tornado.

**Kathy Benson-** Wants the county to require lots of 3-5 acres.

**Asher Gray-** Signs need to be on State Routes before the road that does not allow Thru Trucks.

Commissioner Stunkel motioned to exit the Public Hearing at 6:43 p.m. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

### **Presentations/Delegations-**

#### ***1. David McCoy - McNair, McLemore, Middlebrooks & Co., LLC - FY2022 Audit Report***

Mr. McCoy presented the FY 2022 Audit Report to the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Ledford motioned to accept the audit report. Commissioner Stunkel seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

#### ***2. January 12, 2023 Tornado Damage and Recovery Update – Jasper County EMA, GEMA and FEMA***

Representatives from Jasper County EMA, GEMA, and FEMA gave their respective updates for the Tornado damage and recovery. They all discussed resources that are available to residents in the area.

### **Citizens Comments:**

- **Asher Gray (Bailey Road)** - Mr. Gray stated that the county attorney is under investigation.
- **Chris Florence (Bailey Road)** - Spoke about not wanting any new neighborhoods.
- **Jason Bunn (Bailey Road)** - Spoke out against R2 zoning.
- **Kathy Benson (Lakeshore Drive)** - Ms. Benson spoke about an article that she read.
- **Mary Patrick (Monticello)** – Ms. Patrick stated that she have a problem with the county’s website.
- **John Henderson (Herds Creek Road)** - Mr. Henderson stated that he wants to see our impact fee increased. He would like to see people come here spend their money and go home.
- **Robert Peek (Jackson Lake Road)** - Mr. Peek suggested placing speed bumps on Jackson Lake Road.
- **Susan Moore (Quiet Cove Way)** - Ms. Moore suggested that Commissioner Stunkel resign and accused him of malfeasance.
- **Stan Studdard (Long Piney Road)** - Mr. Studdard stated that he feel like the R2 is a bad idea and its going to bring more people and more schools. He feels this would divide the county. It would bring people not like us. We should keep it this way. People up North have different views and different views than us.
- **Sherry Benton (Landers Way)** - Ms. Benton stated that she would like for her road to be returned to pre-tornado condition.

### **County Commissioner’s Items**

**Commissioner Ledford-** Commissioner Ledford thanked everyone for stepping up and helping out with the tornado repair.

**Commissioner Stunkel-** None

**Commissioner Jernigan-** Commissioner Jernigan thanked everyone for all of their help with the tornado clean-up. Commissioner Jernigan introduced the new Recreation Director Keldrick Davis along with the Recreation Coordinator Robert Rosser.

**Commissioner Jones-** None

**Chairman Henry-** Commissioner Henry thanked everyone for help with the tornado clean-up.

**Business Items:**

**Item 1: FY 2022 Audit Acceptance by the Board of Commissioners:** Commissioner Ledford motioned to accept the FY 2022 Audit and Findings as presented. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

**Item 2: Long Term Recovery Committee:** Mr. Ed Westbrook spoke about what's need to create a committee that will help with disaster recovery. This committee will serve long term and will assist in other disasters or instances as well. There should be people who have some means (i.e. CareCorp, Clergy). The board decided to hold a work session at a later date to discuss the matter in detail at a later date.

**Item 3: Fiscal Agent Designation for Family Connection Collaborative- FY 2023:** Commissioner Henry motioned to authorize Chairman Jernigan to sign the Fiscal Agent Designation for the Family Connection Collaborative.

**Item 4: City of Monticello 2023 Municipal Elections- Intergovernmental Agreement:** Commissioner Ledford motioned to authorize Chairman to sign the IGA "Agreement by Monticello and Jasper County for Monticello Elections 2023" after changing the address for the county attorney. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Commissioner Henry motioned to have the City of Monticello prorate the electric bill during their election. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

**Item 5: Monticello City Council Request to Annex Parcel 034 067 into the Incorporated Limits of Monticello:** Commissioner Ledford motioned to authorize BOC to sign Resolution #2023.02.6B providing consent to allow annexation of Parcel 034 067 into the incorporated limits of the City of Monticello. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

**Item 6: Sheriff's Office/Jail Addition & Renovation Project- Funding from Fund #200- Jail Fund:** Sheriff Pope discussed his request to utilize \$82,173 from the Special Revenue Fund #200- for new laundry equipment and existing Security Electronics Integration.

Commissioner Stunkel motioned to approve the request to use Fund #200 for the Jail upgrades. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, passed 4-1 (Henry Opposed).

**Item 7: Sheriff's Office/Jail Addition & Renovation Project- Invoice Approval Process:** Commissioner Stunkel motioned to approve Mike Benton (County Manager), Don Jernigan (BOC Chairman) and Bruce Henry (Commissioner) to sign off on invoices related to the Sheriff's Office/Jail Addition & Renovation Project. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

**Item 8: FY 2023 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financial Report:** Larissa Ruark presented the financial report for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter FY 2023. The total General Fund Budget revenue actual is \$9,905,543 that has been collected. The total actual expenditures is \$6,855,669.

**Item 9: FY 2024 Budget Calendar- Approval:** Commissioner Ledford motioned to approve the FY 2024 budget calendar. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

**Item 10: 2022 Capital Improvements Element Update:** Commissioner Ledford motioned to approve resolution #2023-02-06-CIE authorizing the draft updated of the Annual Capital Improvements Element and Short Term Work Program for FY 2021 be submitted to the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission for review and then forwarded to the DCA for State review. Commissioner Henry seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

**Item 11: Schedule Work Sessions and Called Meetings as Needed:** The Board of Commissioners scheduled a Work Session for February 27, 2023.

**County Attorney Items:** None

**County Manager Update:** Mike Benton gave an updated of the numbers for building permits for the past year.

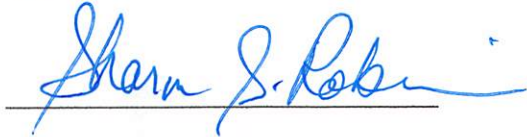
None

**Adjourn:** Commissioner Ledford motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, passed unanimously.



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Don Jernigan, Chairman



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Sharon Robinson, Clerk