

**Jasper County Board of Commissioners**  
**May 15, 2023**  
**Budget Work Session Minutes**  
**6:00 P.M.**

Chairman Jernigan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Mike Benton, County Manager, Sharon Robinson, Administrative Services Director

**Work Session:**

**1. FY 2024 Budget:**

Commissioner Ledford ask that we have a called Meeting on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss culverts that needs replacing because of recent storms.

**Public Works:** Mr. Walsh presented his increases for his department. Software fees increased. There is an 8% increase for insurance. Battery, gravel, hardware, and tools costs have increased basically because of vendor increases. Mr. Walsh requested a regular cab pick-up truck, half-ton. We have 2007 model with almost 300K miles. He requested an 8ft grader box blade. We will need a tandem axle dump truck. For FY2026 they will need a single axle dump truck. Fifteen-foot batwing mower. A motor grader added to the fleet. He stated that it is hard to keep up with the work orders with three machines. For FY 2027 Mr. Walsh is requesting another pick-up truck which will complete replacing our pick-up truck fleet. Ten-foot Right-of-way mower would need to be replaced by then. By 2027 we will need to replace the John Deere mower.

**Magistrate Court:** Judge Lam discussed the increases in his budget request. He stated that his salary is state mandated. The biggest increase is for the Deputy Magistrate. Most of the hours are after hours. There was a discussion of how the deputy magistrate hours are calculated.

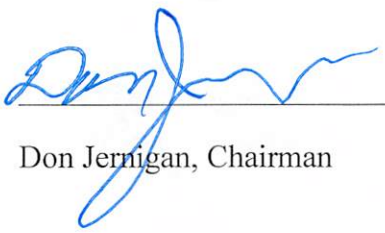
**Coroner:** Mr. Billy Norris discussed his increases for his budget. The first increase is the state mandated increase. There is an increase in fuel and professional services.

**County Extension:** Ms. Kasey Hall presented the increases in her budget. Professional Services increased which is a once a year cost. Vehicle maintenance increased because of the increase in the number of vehicles in their fleet.

**911 Authority:** Gail Harrell presented requests for the 911 Authority. Ms. Harrell presented a letter from one of the Communications Officers. The insurance went up a little bit.


Mr. Benton stated that Kelly Fox our insurance broker has put out RFPs for our health insurance.

The Work Session was adjourned a t 8:00 p.m.



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Don Jernigan, Chairman



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Sharon S. Robinson, Clerk