

# Jasper County Board of Commissioners

May 30, 2023

## Work Session Minutes

6:20 P.M.

Chairman Jernigan called the Work Session to order at 6:20 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Mike Benton, County Manager; Sharon Robinson, Administrative Services Director; Keldrick Davis, Recreation Director; Carole Norris, Registrar; Angela Walsh, Tax Commissioner; Kristy Tribble, Animal Control Director; Brenda Jacobs, Senior Center Director; Donnie Pope, Sheriff; Chris Finch, Fire Chief; Michael Walsh, Public Works Director.

### **Work Session:**

#### **1. FY 2024 Budget**

**Recreation Department-** Mr. Keldrick Davis stood before the board to present his budget requests. He is requesting increases for contracted services, advertising, travel and employee reimbursement, electricity, as well as multiple sports. He is requesting an additional coordinator position.

**Registrar-** Ms. Carole Norris ask for an increase for her and all of her staff. She also ask for an additional person that will replace Carole once she retires.

**Tax Commissioner-** Ms. Angela Walsh stated that she is requesting raises for her staff. Her collection rate has increased.

**Animal Control-** Ms. Kristy Tribble requested an additional part-time position.

**Senior Center-** Ms. Brenda Jacobs requested additional staff and hours for the Senior Center.

**Sheriff, Jail, & Courthouse Security-** Sheriff Donnie Pope requested additional flock cameras. The Capital Outlay is the same as usual. There is a small increase on overtime pay. He also addressed the physician, hospital, and drug line items. We have to provide healthcare or the inmates. The food line item has increased as well.

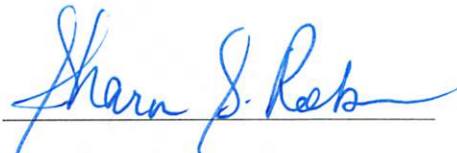
**Fire Rescue-** Chief Finch requested raises for his personnel. He requested \$2 for each employee. Part-time employees are giving less days.

**Public Works-** Mr. Michael Walsh presented his pay increase requests to the board. He requested a 6% raise which would make most of his employees receive around \$1 per hour raise. He stated that it is hard to fill position because the pay that is currently being offered. He requested 13% raise for two employees who have been with the county longer than any other

employee (since 1989). He also requested an increase for his assistant who always go above and beyond.

**Landfill**- Mr. Walsh stated that the Landfill has always had a landfill Manager. When he was hired in he was hired solely as the Public Works Director. When the Landfill Manager resigned he stepped up to the plate and took over responsibilities. He stated that he put in 8-12 hours per week to make sure that everything is working properly. He is requesting for half of what the last landfill manager was making as a contractor.

The board went into an executive session at 8:00 p.m.

  
Don Jernigan, Chairman  
Sharon S. Robinson, Clerk