**Jasper County Board of Commissioners**

**April 2, 2018**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**6:00 P.M.**

Comm. Pennamon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Chairman, Carl Pennamon, Bruce Henry, Don Jernigan, Vice-Chairman, Craig Salmon, and Doug Luke arrived at 6:15 p.m.

Staff Present: Mike Benton, County Manager, Clerk Sharon Robinson, and County Attorney, David Ozburn.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Invocation:**

District 2, Bruce Henry

**Agenda Approval:**

Comm. Henry made motion approve the agenda as presented, Comm. Jernigan seconded; passed unanimously.

**Consent Agenda:**

**Minutes:**

Comm. Henry made motion to approve the Minutes of February 12, 2018 Called Meeting with noted correction to change Chair and Vice Chair, and Comm. Salmon was present via phone; Salmon seconded; passed unanimously.

Comm. Salmon made motion to approve the Work Session Minutes of February 26, 2018, Henry seconded; passed unanimously.

Comm. Henry made motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2018 with correction noted of Morning Hornet Project, Jernigan Seconded; passed unanimously.

Comm. Jernigan made motion to approve the Called Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2018, Henry seconded; passed unanimously.

**Check Register:**

Comm. Jernigan made motion to approve the check register which included check #’s 52441-52689 for payment, Henry seconded; passed unanimously.

**Public Hearing:**

None

**Commissioner’s Items:**

Salmon: Noted the Service Delivery Strategy meeting and made a request to put a referendum on the ballot to consolidate the City and County. Also would to go ahead and get the Recreation Center and Landfill signs.

Atty. Ozburn noted he will look into the consolidation referendum procedures.

Comm. Salmon made motion to request the state to provide signage with the recommendation of Rec. Director and County Manager; Henry seconded; Salmon vote yes; Henry, Jernigan, Pennamon all abstained. Motion failed.

Comm. Pennamon suggested it would be better to wait until renovations are done and make all the signs uniform.

Henry: Reminded everyone about Baseball/Softball opening day on Saturday.

Jernigan: Received an email thanking Public Works for a job well done on Ernest Gibson Road and Shoreline Drive.

Pennamon: Would like to schedule a Work Session to go over Road Plan. DOT will money for 65 miles of stripping and signage. Also noted that the Jeep is ready on Funderburg Drive, asked County Manager to pick it up. Asked for an update on Sheriff Vehicles pay-off and Health Dept. bids.

Mr. Benton noted he has not checked on pay-off and the bids were less than $1500 for the additional.

Comm. Pennamon questioned where we stand on Comprehensive Plan Meeting.

Mr. Benton noted he is waiting on Eva Kennedy at NEGRC, no date yet, but there will be one in April.

Comm. Pennamon noted Sheriff Pope was here and wanted to know if he wanted to talk about Security Issues.

Sheriff Pope noted since it has to do with Security; it really needed to be discussed in Executive Session.

Atty. Ozburn clarified since it has to do with Courthouse Security it does qualify for Executive Session.

**Presentations/Delegations:**

None

**Regular Agenda:**

**Old Business:**

**Update to Language Access Plan (LAP):**

Mr. Benton noted Jasper County was awarded a CDBG grant for the addition and remodeling of the Jasper County Senior Center. The CDBG grant is funded from the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Agency thru the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. The Housing and Urban Development Agency requires grant recipients to comply with all Federal rules and regulations regarding limited English speaking persons. The plan will enable Jasper County to be in compliance with HUD. The Jasper County BOC adopted the Language Access Plan at the January 8, 2018 BOC meeting. Revisions to the plan have been made. (A copy of the revised plan will be attached and made a part of the official minutes).

Comm. Salmon made motion to adopt Jasper County’s Revised Language Access Plan for Limited English Speaking Persons, Jernigan seconded; passed unanimously.

**Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Financing:**

Comm. Pennamon noted to his understanding we have already received 46 sets and now just need to vote on the financing options.

Comm. Jernigan questioned if we have a plan in place so we don’t have to purchase 46 at one time again.

Mr. Benton noted they are working on that, the good thing is they do last 15 years; do you want us to start immediately.

Comm. Jernigan noted he would like to see a plan drawn up.

Mr. Benton noted they can get started on the plan.

Comm. Henry noted there is some additional money from Jackson Lake Peninsula, he would like to see that unbudgeted money put towards these to lower the amount we borrow.

Mr. Benton noted we have 60 days from the purchase to secure financing with BB&T.

Comm. Henry mad motion for County Manager to get the total amount of breach and bring back to board; Jernigan seconded; Henry, Jernigan, Pennamon, and Luke vote yes; Salmon opposed. Motion passed 4-1.

Comm. Salmon noted he opposed because we could have went ahead and voted for a certain amount to finance and let County Manager let us know the revised amount when he got number.

**2018 LMIG Projects:**

Comm. Jernigan made motion to table this item, Salmon seconded; passed unanimously.

**New Business:**

**Board Appointments – Tax Assessors:**

Ms. Bentley noted that Larry Smith and Mary Alice Carter terms are ending April 17th and May 31st, she has advertised the vacancies and did not receive any responses. Both Mr. Smith and Ms. Carter wish to be reappointed.

Comm. Jernigan made motion to reappoint Larry Smith and Mary Alice Carter for the length of their consecutive 3 year terms, Henry seconded; passed unanimously.

**Site Prep - Senior Center Building Project and Recreation Building Project:**

Com. Salmon noted we need to get bids to clear out the entire area except specific trees and get ready for site prep so we can see the lay of the land.

Comm. Salmon made motion to direct County Manager to go ahead and bid out for site prep for Senior Center and Recreation projects to include all wooded area between Senior Center, Animal Control, and Recreation on Hwy. 212, Luke seconded; (After some discussion, Comm. Salmon withdrew his motion).

Robert Jordan, Engineer recommended get a plan of where you want buildings to go, need to use a planner or architect.

Comm. Salmon made motion to direct the County Engineer and County Manager to develop a rough sketch plan to get a bid out and implement a plan, Henry seconded; (After some discussion, Comm. Salmon withdrew his motion).

Comm. Henry made motion to follow the recommendation of the County Engineer to get a sketching of that slat of land and location of buildings so we know where to go after that, Salmon seconded; passed unanimously.

**County Attorney Items:**

Atty. Ozburn noted that he will need a Executive Session to discuss potential litigation.

**County Manager Items:**

Mr. Benton noted that he will hold off on striping until the Work Session.

Mr. Benton noted he has met with department heads on budget requests, the Budget Work Session is scheduled for April 16th.

Legislative Update:

FLPA a final deal was approved that has to go to Governor for bill to sign, if it is signed there will be referendum on ballot.

Comm. Pennamon asked County Manager to send bill to Commissioners.

Comm. Salmon noted he would like to know how our State Representatives voted on that.

**Citizens Comments:**

Tracy Norton and seniors: Willie Marks, thanked Comm. Henry for allowing senior to fish and joining them. Mr. Marks noted they will have a big fish fry and Cook-Out on April 13th and invited Board members to come.

Gloria Williams, Mary Sanders, and Dorothy Johnson gave thanks for the new van.

**Executive Session:**

Comm. Jernigan made motion to go into Executive Session at 6:53 p.m. to discuss potential litigation and Courthouse Security, Salmon seconded; passed unanimously.

Comm. Jernigan made motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:46 p.m., Salmon seconded; passed unanimously.

**Adjourn:**

Comm. Jernigan made motion to adjourn at 7:47 p.m., Salmon seconded; passed unanimously.

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Carl Pennamon, Chairman

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Sharon S. Robinson, Clerk