

# Jasper County Board of Commissioners

May 6, 2019

## Work Session Minutes

5:00 P.M.

Comm. Pennamon called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Chairman, Carl Pennamon, Vice-Chairman, Bruce Henry, Don Jernigan, and Gerald Stunkel. Doug Luke was absent.

### **Budget Work Session:**

Mr. Benton noted the net digest change of \$24,061,779 total increase of County wide digest.

Takeda Shire Property less \$2,897,880. These numbers are in assessed value, not the gross, but the taxable values. Takeda has been temporarily removed from the net digest. The Takeda revenue will be used for other projects not the general fund. With the Takeda removed the net digest value is \$21,163,899. When you remove what the Tax Assessor calls the inflationary growth (reassessed values) of existing property last year of \$13,096,491; you end up with a net new real growth \$8,067,408. Lynn Bentley will penetrate those numbers because she has them in great detail.

Mr. Benton reviewed the PT32.1 with Commissioners noting the rollback will be 15.451 if we decide to take the rollback.

Mr. Benton reviewed the revenue projections of \$10,384,099 for FY 2020.

Comm. Pennamon questioned why the FY 2019 annualized amount was larger than the projected revenues for FY 2020.

Mr. Benton noted that it was basically because we were being conservative and also because the FLPA amount will be lower in FY 2020.

Mr. Benton noted he feels we can look at easing off the conservatism as the Tax Commissioner has been collecting at 95% for the past couple years.

Comm. Stunkel questioned when we will start seeing revenue from the new development.

Mr. Benton explained how the digest works, noting that revenue will serve the FY 2021 budget.

Comm. Pennamon questioned what happened to the Cable Franchise Tax.

Mr. Benton noted he will have Finance check into it.

Comm. Pennamon noted we also need to have our Attorney check on the HUD tax.

Mr. Benton reviewed the remaining revenue projections.

Comm. Pennamon discussed the interest revenue and how we can get a better return on our money that is in banks.

Commissioners expressed the importance of having a timely audit during budget season and timely delivery of agenda information. It was suggested they have the agenda packets on Wednesday before the Monday meeting.

Next Work Session is scheduled for Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

Comm. Pennamon declared the Work Session closed at 5:46 p.m.

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Carl Pennamon, Chairman

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Sharon S. Robinson, Clerk