**Jasper County Board of Commissioners**

**December 2, 2019**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**6:00 P.M.**

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

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

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

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Invocation:**

Reverend Jimmy Horton of Springfield Baptist Church

**Agenda Approval:**

Comm. Stunkel made motion to approve the agenda as presented, Commissioner Henry seconded; passed unanimously.

**Consent Agenda:**

**Approval of Minutes:**

Commissioner Jernigan made motion to approve the Minutes of November 4, 2019 as presented. Commissioner Stunkel seconded; passed unanimously.

**Check Register:**

Commissioner Luke made motion to approve the check register which included Check #’s 56716-56948 for payment, Commissioner Jernigan seconded; passed unanimously.

Public Hearing: Commissioner Luke motioned to open the Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m., Commissioner Stunkel seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

1. **A public hearing was held for a County Ordinance for a Hotel-Motel Tax for the Unincorporated Area.**

Mr. Benton stated that this is our first read for the Hotel-Motel Tax for unincorporated Jasper County. The summary states that “This ordinance will provide for a 5% tax of the rent for every occupancy of a guest room of a hotel, tourist cabin, camp ground or any other place including residences in which rooms, lodging or accommodations are furnished for value in the unincorporated area of Jasper County.” The full document is 14 pages long.

Commissioner Henry questioned if someone is renting a house whether this tax would apply to them. Mr. Benton stated that the ordinance talks about the length of times so the rental of a house would be exempt. Commissioner Pennamon stated that this is the first reading, the second reading will be in January. Mr. Benton stated that Section 17-16 has an effective date of January 1, 2020 that date will be updated.

Commissioner Luke motioned to come out of the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Henry, passed unanimously.

Commissioner’s Items:

**Commissioner Jernigan**- Commissioner Jernigan stated that we have several projects that are on hold. He stated that he feels there should be some work sessions scheduled to discuss the projects. The sheriff complex, Recreation building, the Public Works Workshop, the Courthouse repairs and a few other projects. We should discuss what’s going to come first, how they will be financed, how many can be bundled together, etc.

**Commissioner Henry –** Commissioner Henry questioned if we had an update on Aikenton Road. Mr. Benton stated that he made a phone call to the contractor and he is waiting for the right temperature.

**Commissioner Pennamon-** Commissioner Pennamon stated that this weekend will be the Crossroads Event. He asked that all try to attend if possible.

**Commissioner Stunkel-** Commissioner Stunkel asked for an update on the E-911 radio phone situation. Mr. Benton stated that he does not have an update prepared but will get one prepared.

**Commissioner Luke-** Commissioner Lukestated that he believes we have some traction going but wanted to ask about Gaissert Road. He stated that he is aware that Mr. Preston Campbell has been in discussion about a culvert situation that has led to a pretty bad wash out. Mr. Benton stated that there is a schedule. Commissioner Luke stated that there will be postings that the road will be closed for the Pitts Chapel Road Bridge repair.

Presentations/Delegations:

None

**Regular Agenda:**

**Old Business:**

**Item 1: Jasper County Recreation Board Appointment:** Mr. Benton stated that we have a nine member board with one opening. This opening expires July 2020.

Michael Fleming- (367 Brookhollow Drive) - Mr. Fleming stated that he is new to the county, he has two kids that play with the Recreation department.

Sam Dyche- Not present

Derrick Bartlett- Stated that he has been a resident of Jasper County for about four years. He hears a lot of complaining. He stated that he is one of the parents that do a lot of complaining. He stated that he wants to see the department grow and want to help. Commissioner Luke asked Mr. Bartlett if he could change one thing about the Recreation Department what would it be. Mr. Bartlett stated that the facilities need updating. They don’t have the right equipment.

Austin Sullivan- Mr. Sullivan stated that he graduated here in 2009. He stated that he agrees with Mr. Bartlett in that we need better equipment and facilities.

Rachelle Stanionis- Not present

Melvin Minter- Mr. Minter stated that he is a life-long resident of Jasper County. He stated he understands the needs for upgrades but we need more residents to participate.

Commissioner Luke ask the whole group of interested parties would they still be willing to help even if they are not chosen to fill the board position.

Commissioner Pennamon stated that all remain interested and that they relay their ideas to Mr. Roger Minter and the Board.

Commissioner Luke made the motion that the board appoint Michael Fleming to the Recreation Board for the completion of the term. Commissioner Stunkel seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

**New Business:**

**Item 1: Proclamation: Declaring December 7, 2019 as “Centennial Farm and Family Day”:** Commissioner Pennamon ask Ms. Sharon Robinson to read the proclamation for the minutes.

Commissioner Luke motioned to proclaim December 7, 2019 as “Centennial Farm and Family Day” in Jasper County as presented. Commissioner Henry seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

**Item 2: Annual Alcohol License Renewals for 2020:**

* Application number 2019-A-001 - **Tyson’s Country Store**, located at 22044 Hwy 11 North. Name of applicant: Lisa Whitaker Wilkerson – Retail sales of beer and wine – Renewal – Commissioner Luke motioned to approve, Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, passed unanimously.
* Application number 2019-A-002 - **Lakeview Marina**, located at 8726 Jackson Lake Road Monticello, Ga 31064. Name of applicant: Shabanali Jabbarcheloei – Retail sales of beer and wine – Renewal- Commissioner Luke motioned to approve, Commissioner Henry seconded the motion, passed unanimously.
* Application number 2019-A-003 - **Lakeview Restaurant**, located at 8726 B Jackson Lake Road Monticello, Ga 31064. Name of applicant: Shabanali Jabbarcheloei – Pouring license for distilled spirits, beer, and wine. – Renewal- Commissioner Jernigan motioned to approve, Commissioner Luke seconded the motion, passed unanimously.
* Application number 2019-A-004 **- Frank’s Restaurant**, located at 11818 Hwy 212 West Covington, Ga 30014. Name of applicant: Vivian Castellana Fuller – Pouring license for distilled spirits, beer, and wine. – Renewal- Commissioner Henry motioned to approve, Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, passed unanimously.
* Application number 2019-A-005 - **Turtle Cove POA**, located at 222 Clubhouse Drive Monticello, Ga 31064. Name of applicant: Lucinda M. Bryant – Pouring license for distilled spirits, beer, and wine. – Renewal- Commissioner Luke motioned to approve, Commissioner Henry seconded the motion, passed unanimously.
* Application number 2019-A-006 - **Convenience Stores, Inc dba Larry’s 4 way**, located at 9160 Hwy 212 West Monticello, Ga 31064. Name of applicant: Joann Hedrick – Retail sales of beer and wine. – Renewal- Commissioner Luke motioned to approve, Commissioner Stunkel seconded the motion, passed unanimously.
* Application number 2019-A-007 - **Bear Creek Marina Restaurant**, located at 60 Bear Creek Marina Road Mansfield, Ga 30055. Name of Applicant: John Herman-Pouring License for Distilled Spirits, Beer and Wine. – Renewal- Commissioner Henry motioned to approve, Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

**Item 3: Triple Point Engineering Landfill Compliance and Engineering Consulting Services:**

Commissioner Luke motioned to authorize Chairman to sign the Triple Point Engineering Services Agreement, as presented, for compliance and engineering services at the Jasper County Municipal Solid Waste landfill and the Construction/Demolition/Industrial landfill for FY 2020. Commissioner Stunkel seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

**Item 4: 2020 Proposed Holidays Approval:**

Ms. Robinson noted the proposed 2020 Holidays for consideration:

New Year’s Day Wednesday, January 1, 2020

Martin Luther King Day Monday, January 20, 2020

President’s Day, Monday, February 17, 2020
Good Friday, Friday, April 10, 2020
Memorial Day Monday, May 25, 2020
Independence Day Friday, July 3, 2020
Labor Day Monday, September 7, 2020
Columbus Day Monday, October 12, 2020

Veterans Day Wednesday, November 11, 2020
Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 26, 2020
Day after Thanksgiving Friday, November 27, 2020
Christmas Eve Thursday, December 24, 2020
Christmas Day Friday, December 25, 2020

Commissioner Jernigan motioned to approve the 2020 Proposed Holidays as presented. Commissioner Luke seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

**Item 5: 2020 Board of Commissioner Meeting Dates Approval:**

Ms. Robinson read the proposed 2020 Board of Commissioners meeting dates.

Monday, January 6th

Monday, February 3rd

Monday, March 2nd

Monday, April 6th

Monday, May 4th

Monday, June 1st

Monday, July 6th

Monday, August 3rd

Monday, September 14th

Monday, October 5th

Monday, November 2nd

Monday, December 7th

Commissioner Henry motioned to approve the 2020 Meeting Schedule as presented to start at 6 p.m. Commissioner Stunkel seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

**County Attorney Items:**

Attorney Ozburn requested an executive session.

**County Manager Items**:

Mr. Benton stated that new scoreboards at Recreation were ordered today (12/2).

**Citizens Comments:**

Gail Harrell- Mayor Pro Tem Elect- City of Monticello. Ms. Harrell stated that she is the new Mayor Pro-Tem elect and she wanted to have the opportunity for the Commissioners to put a name to the face. She stated that she is looking forward to the spirit of cooperation between the City of Monticello and Jasper County.

**Executive Session:**

Commissioner Luke motioned to go into Executive session at 6:42 pm to discuss real estate. Commissioner Stunkel seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jernigan motioned to come out of Executive Session at 7:45 pm. Commissioner Luke seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Adjourn:

Commissioner Stunkel motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm. Commissioner Luke seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

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Carl Pennamon, Chairman

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Sharon Robinson, Clerk