**Jasper County Board of Commissioners**

**June 15, 2020**

**Called Meeting Minutes**

**6:00 P.M.**

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

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

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

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Invocation:** District 5- Commissioner Doug Luke

**Agenda Approval:**

Commissioner Pennamon motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

**Commissioner’s Items:**

**Commissioner Luke-** Commissioner Luke asked the County Manager if there was any news from Newton County regarding the Pitts Chapel Bridge.

**Commissioner Jernigan**- Commissioner Jernigan questioned whether the project on New Hope Church Road was complete, an updated on the brush cutter that is in the shop, and he stated that he has received calls about using the Rec field for free play. County Manager Mr. Benton stated that New Hope Church Road has been completed. There are a couple of spots that will need to be reworked. He stated that the brush cutter is still in the shop. He stated that surrounding counties have just opened their fields for free play. There was discussion of whether to keep the bathrooms locked.

Presentations/Delegations:

Regular Agenda:

**Item 1: FY 2021 Budget Work:**

Mr. Benton stated that we have the final digest for 2020. The rollback for the General Fund and the Hospital both changed.

Commissioner Luke asked if there was a decrease in Motor vehicle tax. Mr. Benton stated that we are here mainly to discuss pay raises for the rest of the departments who has not been considered. The Sheriffs budget now includes the raises that were previously approved. Options were presented for percentage increases and flat rate increases. Chairman Henry stated that he likes the flat rate idea. Other commissioners agreed. Commissioner Jernigan asked if the increase would be considering evaluations of employees. Commissioner Pennamon stated that department managers would need to go through training so that partiality will not be shown in the evaluations.

Commissioner Luke motioned that we take the Rollback rate of 14.533 at 94% for a total budget amount of $11,396,018; we will take $406,557 from Fund Balance to finalize the budget. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Commissioner Pennamon made a motion to accept the hospital rollback rate of 0.811. Commissioner Stunkel seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Commissioner Pennamon motioned to have the county Attorney and staff to advertise the General Fund budget and the Hospital rollback. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

**County Attorney Items:**

Mr. Ozburn stated that the P&Z Director plans to get the updated ordinance change for the conservation subdivision on the website.

**County Manager Items**:

The General contractor plans to block one half of one lane to get supplies on the roof to complete the project. We have a public hearing next week for the budget. He stated that the Board of education is a little behind so we are waiting on information from them as well.

**Citizens Comments:**

**Executive Session**: None

Adjourn:

Commissioner Pennamon motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

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Bruce Henry, Chairman

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Sharon Robinson, Clerk