**Jasper County Board of Commissioners**

**October 13, 2020**

**Work Session Minutes**

**6:00 P.M.**

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

Commissioners Present: Chairman, Bruce Henry, Vice-Chairman, Gerald Stunkel, and Don Jernigan.

Staff Present: County, Manager, Mike Benton, and Administrative Services Director, Sharon Robinson.

**Work Session:**

Chairman Henry stated that we will be discussing the CIE CDBG grant submission during this session. He stated that he spoke with the people at the Food Bank today. Chairman state that there is a 5% match. The match is $22,500 for the county. He stated that Eva Kennedy advised that asking for less than the full amount gives the county more points.

Mr. Benton discussed the CIE updated regarding the Impact Fees that the DCA requires. The current update is due now. The financial report is already updated. Commissioner Stunkel stated that if we take 911 down to 3% and split between the sheriff & detail we could have 10% of the jail expansion. He stated that we should look at changing the percentages as needed.

Mr. Benton stated that the CDBG Short Term Work Program includes 36 projects. Chairman Henry stated that the first project of Perform water and sewer facility upgrades the county isn’t doing anything towards this project right now. The Water and Sewer Authority is the responsible party. Commissioner Stunkel stated that no one from that authority ever reports anything to the board of Commissioners. He state the board must hold them accountable. The board went through the STWP line by line to discuss the projects on the list. All projects will be pushed to 2025.

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| **Project Description** | **Changes Made** |
| Perform water and sewer facility upgrades and replacements, and provide extensions to planned developments. | Leave as is. |
| Continue to provide private curbside collection of solid waste. | Leave as is |
| Increase public education and awareness  regarding recycling and waste reduction – examine feasibility of establishing additional recycling facilities as needed | Chairman Henry stated that we should put it on the website to promote. Should be reworded and take out the last two lines. Add continuing in the notes. Remove the City of Monticello as a Responsible Party field. Mr. Benton will reach out to City of Shady Dale to see if they are doing anything. If not their name will be removed from the Responsible Party column as well. |
| Construct new Recreation Multi-purpose Facility | Change cost estimate to TBD |
| Implement recreation improvement projects based on recreation County and Cities’ parks and recreation plans | Leave as is. |
| Addition and Renovation to Sheriff’s Administrative Office Space | Increase pricing to $3.1 M |
| Jail Confinement Expansion and Addition, Security Automation. | Increase pricing to $3.1 M |
| Vehicle Rotation Plan for structured  replacement of Sheriff’s Patrol Vehicles | Leave as is. |
| Replace Generator- Jail, Sheriff’s Office, 911 Center, Fuel Pumps | Leave as is. |
| Pave and repair roads annually to include utilization of outside contractors as well as County PW staff. | Leave as is. |
| Procure Roads and Bridges Reclamation, Renovation & Maintenance equipment. | The notes column will have positive notes added about thing that we have accomplished. |
| Fire Stations, Fire Rescue Equipment Replacement Plan- Ambulance, Engines, Tankers, Safety Equipment. | Will add notes that we have some of the safety equipment. |
| Radio Communication Relocation, Nextgen Telephone System | The Nextgen will be edited on the notes portion. |
| Implement Disaster Preparedness Plan that  addresses Continuity of Operations and Operational Redundancy | Notes will be added in the notes column |
| Develop IGA with Municipal Governments for improvements and efficiencies. | We can update with the info that we are working with Code Enforcement with the City of Monticello. Add other BOCs of surrounding counties. |
| Review and update Jasper County’s Code of Ordinances | Add notes of things we have done. |
| Become a designated Broadband Ready Community | Leave as is. |
| Create a plan for strategic property acquisition and development, potentially thru a Land Bank Authority | Leave as is. |
| Promote job-training efforts from local and regional sources. |  |
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| **Add to Short Term Work Program** | |
| Public Transit system | Added to the CIE. BOC, Health Department, Senior Center, Food Bank, Chamber of Commerce will be the responsible parties. |
| Community Resource Center (Food Bank) | Jasper County Food Bank LLC, BOC, Chamber of Commerce, Local Community Outreach. Funding sources: CDBG and other available grants. |

Tracy Norton spoke about the need for transportation in the county. She spoke about funding possibilities through the DOT. Mr. Benton stated that Eva Kennedy with mentioned that there is a Transit Development Plan that the Regional commission will do at no cost to the county. Ms. Norton stated that with the Food Bank it would be better to add objectives to the grant. Maybe a one stop shop or a resource center.

Mr. Benton stated that the next Work Session is dealing with LMIG. He stated that he has worked with Robert Jordan on a road rating system. Commissioner Jernigan stated that Pintail Road in Turtle Cove needs to be resurfaced. The road is heavily traveled.

Chairman Henry declared the Work Session closed at 7:40 p.m.

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Bruce Henry, Chairman

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Sharon S. Robinson, Clerk