**Jasper County Board of Commissioners**

**October 19, 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, Doug Luke and Don Jernigan.

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

**Work Session:**

Chairman Henry stated that this Work Session will focus on the LMIG program. The deadline has been extended for one month.

Commissioner Luke ask about the suggested length of time that a road should be crack sealed.

Mr. Robert Jordan stated that for a rural county the average is 5-10 years.

Mr. Benton stated that the worst cracking on Post Road is the section that was done in 2015.

Chairman Henry stated that we need to look at Goolsby Road as well. He stated that he does not want us to keep moving forward leaving the previous work that was done to deteriorate.

Commissioner Stunkel stated that Jackson Lake needs attention really soon. It was last done in 2013.

Mr. Benton stated that we have $693,000 to work with.

Commissioner Jernigan stated that Pintail desperately needs attention.

Chairman Henry stated that he thinks we are in agreement to complete Post Road. We will do crack sealing on Post Road and Jackson Lake Road. The oldest two sections on Post Road.

Commissioner Stunkel stated that we should try to do the first two sections of Jackson Lake Road this year and do the third section next year. He stated that the two worst sections of Jackson Lake are from Hwy 212 to the Marina (5-6 miles).

Commissioner Luke stated that he don’t believe he would use LMIG in the future to do crack sealing. He stated that at the current price point of $6k a mile that could be a budget thing and put LMIG funds towards bigger projects. He stated that County Line Road is in rough shape and needs attention.

Mr. Jordan stated that there has been a lot of talk over the years about Jasper County needing a Roads plan. He created the list along with Mr. Benton the Jasper Road Ranking System (JRRS). He gave an overview of the spreadsheet. Some of the main factors are condition (40%), traffic count (30%), width, speed and class (major, minor, & local). Fifteen percent of the ranking comes from how much money is being spent throughout the county in the last five years. There are parts of the list that are not up to date. The biggest thing that needs work is the column Residential Traffic from Feeders. He stated that if the Commissioners feel a road should be higher on the list that would be great. He asked that if they say a road should be ranked higher he would like a consensus from the board of why.

Commissioner Stunkel asked if lake access is a consideration in the ranking of the roads. Mr. Jordan stated that lake access is not a variable. That traffic count is caught with the feeder traffic.

Commissioner Luke stated that right off top he would suggest Post Road, Jackson Lake Road, County Line Road.

Commissioner Jernigan stated that Pintail get half if not more of the traffic coming in and out of Turtle Cove although it’s a short street.

Mr. Benton confirm that we are going with Post Road (1.8 miles) for 567,000; a definite maybe for Pintail- 75,000. This leaves $51,000 for the LMIG program. Crack seal will be done on Post Road and we would have to get a quote for Jackson Lake Road. There are some areas on that road that needs some deep patching.

Commissioner Luke stated that he would also like to get a quote for Jackson Lake Road from Larry’s 4-way to Hwy 11 for full depth reclamation. Mr. Jordan stated that it is approaching public safety problems.

Mr. Benton stated that Friday October 23rd is the deadline for applications for the Public Facilities Authority. We currently have two applicants. He stated that we have to recruit. The board agreed to reschedule the Work Session scheduled for Monday, October 26th until we get more applicants.

Chairman Henry declared the Work Session closed at 7:13 p.m.

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Bruce Henry, Chairman

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Sharon S. Robinson, Clerk