

Jasper County Board of Commissioners

May 10, 2021

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; Sheila Jones; Don Jernigan; and Steven Ledford.

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

Work Session:

1. FY 2020 Audit Presentation- Mark Hardison

Mr. Hardison presented the FY 2020 Audit to the Board of Commissioners. He stated that the audit has a Clean Opinion unmodified Report. The CAFR is available on the county website.

2. FY 2022 Budget Book Presentation

Mr. Mike Benton Presented the updated Budget worksheet. At this point the proposed budget (operating only) is \$11,882,579. A few corrections were made. The Board of Commissioners have an increase which comes from the increase for the audit. The increase for the Elections comes from updated equipment.

The Superior Court's Court Reporter estimates \$28689 was the biggest increase. Mr. Pate stated that in FY 2020 Superior Court ended up spending almost \$50,000. Commissioner Henry stated that he thinks we need to allow the \$10,000 increase for the reporters. Commissioner Stunkel stated that even with allowing the increase we will probably have to do a budget amendment.

Chairman Henry requested that Kelly Fox attend the May 17th called meeting.

Mr. Benton stated that he and the Finance Director plans to meet with the Magistrate Judge. The Magistrate Judge plans to attend next week's called meeting.

Mr. Pated stated that the premiums are going up for ACCG and it is correlated to the claims, which we have an increase in.

Commissioner Stunkel stated that we heard from our auditor that we needed software. He stated that the Finance Manager needs some additional help from someone that has an accounting background. Mr. Pate stated that he and Mr. Benton had discussed at one point some high level help on a contract basis. Commissioner Stunkel suggested that staff find another place for the Finance Department other than the back corner.

Mr. Walsh (Public Works Director) stated that right now his biggest challenge right now is equipment. He stated that they need a road tractor and a brush cutter.

Mr. Benton stated that the cost that the Health Department is asking for regarding janitorial services is the amount that they are actually paying.

There is \$30,000 for a 911 audit that we have not received the bill yet. Mr. Benton stated that it is not settled. It is possible that the 911 Authority is able to pay their own bill.

Mr. Benton stated that there is a meeting scheduled between himself, HR Director, Recreation Director, Jail Captain, Finance Director and Public Works Director.

Commissioner Jernigan stated that he thinks there should be an increase for all employees across the board.

Chairman Henry ask if there is maintenance plan for any new vehicles.

Commissioner Stunkel asked for the complete Fund Balance so that he can come up with a proposal. He also ask to take out the tandem axle dump truck, ½ ton, and boom truck.

3. Other Topics for Discussion as Needed.
None

The Work Session was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Bruce Henry, Chairman

Sharon S. Robinson, Clerk