

Jasper County Board of Commissioners
July 12, 2021
Called Meeting Minutes
6:00 P.M.

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

Commissioners Present: Bruce Henry, Chairman, Gerald Stunkel, Vice-Chairman, Don Jernigan via phone, Sheila Jones and Steven Ledford

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Invocation: District 3- Commissioner Don Jernigan

Agenda Approval: Commissioner Ledford motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Stunkel seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Stunkel motioned to approve the minutes for:

- May 10, 2021 – Work Session Minutes
- May 17, 2021 Called Meeting Minutes
- May 24, 2021 - Work Session Minutes
- June 7, 2021 – Regular Meeting Minutes
- June 21, 2021 – Public Hearing Minutes 10:00 A.M.
- June 21, 2021 - Public Hearing and Called Meeting 6:00 P.M.
- June 28, 2021 – Called Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jernigan motioned to approve Check Register Check #s- 61735-62033. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Public Hearing: None

Presentations/Delegations- None

Citizens Comments: None

County Commissioner's Items:
Commissioner Ledford- None

Commissioner Stunkel- None

Commissioner Jernigan- Commissioner Jernigan asked the County Manager if he had any idea of when we may get started on our Chip Seal project. Mr. Benton stated that he had an in depth planning meeting today with the Public Works Director. The plan is to start in about two weeks.

Commissioner Jones- None

Chairman Henry- Chairman Henry stated that there was an article in the newspaper about the board going into an Executive Session and voting to accept the resignation for a board member of Jasper County Water and Sewer Authority. He gave clarification that the Board of Commissioners do not vote to accept or deny resignations. There was a case where one person said that they resigned but their term had expired. We reached out to them to see if they wanted to sign up again but we never heard from them.

Regular Agenda:

Item 1: Jasper County Water and Sewer Authority Board Appointment:

Mrs. Frances Campbell stood before the board to explain why she is interested in serving on the Jasper County Water Authority Board. She stated that she wants to serve so that she can help keep the water safe and clean.

Commissioner Steven Ledford expressed his interest in serving on the Jasper County Water and Sewer Authority as well. He stated that he would like to see Jasper County grow in an Industrial manner to help relieve the homeowners and property owners in the county of some of the tax burden

Commissioner Jernigan motioned to appoint Frances Campbell and Commissioner Steven Ledford to serve a 5-year term, July 2021 to July 2026. Commissioner Stunkel seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 2: Jasper County Recreation Board Appointments:

Mr. Benton stated that we originally interested in serving on the board. We now have four interested and two have completed the new application.

Ms. Valerie Dale Pennamon stood before to the board to explain why she would like to serve on the Recreation Board. She stated that she is an avid sports player and she feels that she can help with enhancing the activities at the Recreation Department.

Commissioner Jernigan asked how many board members are the currently on the Recreation Board. He stated that he thinks nine members is too many members to be on the board and he would like to see it reduced to around 7.

Commissioner Jernigan motioned to appoint Valerie Dale Pennamon to serve a 3-year term from July 2021 to July 2024. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 3: Alcohol License Transfer- Bear Creek Marina:

Planning and Zoning Director, Shane Sealy stood before the board to give a summary of the request for license transfer. He states that Don Wright has applied for a transfer of pouring license for distilled spirits, beer and wine at Bear Creek Marina located at 60 Bear Creek Marina Road for the remainder of 2021. The transfer would take place at the time of the sale of the business and property. The proposed sale is for the late August timeframe. The original application was 2021-A-007 and this new application for the transfer is 2021-A-010. Mr. Wright intends to come before the board for retail sales of beer and wine in August.

In six months there have been 3 calls to Bear Creek Marina. Those were mostly for noise.

Mr. Wright stated that owning a Marina has been a dream of his all his life.

Commissioner Ledford motioned to approve the transfer of Alcohol License (pouring license for distilled spirits, beer and wine) for Bear Creek Marina contingent upon the final sale of the business and property to Don Wright. Commissioner Stunkel seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 4: FY2021 Committed Fund Balance- Recreation Department Fundraising:

Finance Director, Dennis Pate stood before the board to present a request to commit some Fund Balance Funds relative to fundraising efforts for the Recreation Department. We have not brought Fund Balance forward for a few fiscal periods.

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Fiscal Year	Revenue	Expense	Excess/Deficit
FY2018	\$ 27,531.82	\$ 19,866.81	\$ 7,665.01
FY2019	\$ 19,142.40	\$ 19,880.92	\$ (738.52)
FY2020	\$ 6,965.00	\$ 4,639.00	\$ 2,326.00
			\$ 9,252.49
FY2021	\$ 14,110.00	\$ 12,529.03	\$ 1,580.97
			\$ 1,580.97
			\$ 10,833.46

Commissioner Jernigan motioned to approve committing \$10,833.46 from general fund balance for Recreation fundraiser expenses. Commissioner Stunkel seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 5: FY 2021 Budget Amendment- Recreation Department Fundraising Expenditures:

Commissioner Ledford motioned to authorize Chairman Henry to sign Budget Amendment #2021.07.12 in the amount of \$10,833.46 for Recreation activity for FY2022. Commissioner Stunkel seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 6: 2022 LMIG Planning:

Mr. Benton stated that we have until February 1, 2022 to submit an LMIG application to get the \$585, 310.96. We are required to match the amount by 30%. He stated that 2015-2021 the board choose to alternate the LMIG between Post Road and Goolsby Road. Post Road and Pintail should be finished by the end of paving season. He stated that we have a very detailed spreadsheet with all of the roads in the county listed that they will use to access roads in the county. He mentioned that in the past we have used GDOT traffic counts but we will use Public Works funds to purchase our own traffic counters.

Item 7: Schedule Work Sessions and Called Meetings:

No meetings schedule as of right now.

County Attorney Items:

None, but would like an Executive Session for potential litigation.

County Manager Items:

Mr. Benton stated that we have received three application for the Recreation Director position. We have not received any applications for the Senior Accountant Position. Building Permits for June totaled 12 new construction, 56 total permits. Six months total 79 new construction permits and 343 total permits. He stated that he and Mrs. Robinson meet with Ms. Pennamon about setting a date and time for the Road Name dedication. They chose August 28th at 10 a.m.

Executive Session:

Commissioner Ledford motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation at 6:45 p.m. to discuss potential litigation. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Commissioner Ledford motioned to exit Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Commissioner Ledford motioned to approve Chairman Henry to enter into the agreement settlement with Mr. Burton for the tax parcel. Commissioner Stunkel seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Adjourn:

Commissioner Stunkel motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Bruce Henry, Chairman

Sharon Robinson, Clerk