

**Jasper County Board of Commissioners**  
**August 2, 2021**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**6:00 P.M.**

Vice-Chairman Stunkel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Gerald Stunkel, Vice-Chairman, Don Jernigan, Sheila Jones and Steven Ledford.

Chairman Henry was absent

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

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Invocation:** County Manager, Mike Benton

**Agenda Approval:**

Commissioner Jernigan motioned to remove item #2 (Jasper County Library Board Appointments).

Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Commissioner Ledford motioned to approve the agenda with the suggested changes. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

**Consent Agenda:**

Commissioner Ledford motioned to approve the minutes for July 12, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jernigan motioned to approve Check Register Check #s- 62034-62231. Commissioner Ledford 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 stated that he know we recently purchased a Brush Cutting machine. He stated that we either need to buy another one or hire a contractor. Some of the roads in the county are getting impassable.

Commissioner Stunkel asked the county Manager if he has been able to get a quote. Mr. Benton stated that he is still waiting on the quote. Commissioner Stunkel stated that we should just put the work out for bids for other contractors to take a look at.

**Commissioner Jones-** None

**Chairman Henry- Absent**

**Regular Agenda:**

**Item 1: Alcohol License Transfer- Shane One Stop:**

Gautamkumar Patel has applied for a transfer of alcohol license for retail sales for beer and wine for the remainder of 2021 for Shane One Stop located at 8541 Hwy 142 Shady Dale, Ga 31085. The transfer would take place at the time of the sale of the business. The proposed sale is for mid to late August timeframe. The original application was 2021-A-008 and this new application for the transfer is 2021-A-011. A background check was performed on the applicant and came back with a clean record.

Commissioner Ledford motioned to approve the transfer of the alcohol license for retail of beer and wine from the current license holder to the applicant, Gautamkumar Patel for the establishment known as Shane One Stop located at 8541 Hwy 142, Shady Dale to be effective at the closing date of the sale of the business. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

**Item 2: Jasper County Library Board Appointments:**

Removed from the agenda.

**Item 3: Jasper County Water and Sewer Authority Board Appointment:**

Mr. Burch of Eagle Drive, Monticello stood before the board to express his interest and qualifications to serve on the Water Authority Board. He stated that he has water collection experience.

Commissioner Jernigan motioned to appoint Ron Burch to a 3-year term July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

**Item 4: Jasper County Recreation Association Board Bylaws Change from 9 to 7 Members:**

Mr. Benton stated that the current Recreation Bylaws calls for a 9 member board. The board has had conversation and feels that 7 is a better number for the Recreation Board. Commissioner Jernigan motioned to change the Jasper County Recreation Association Board By-laws from a 9 member to a 7 member board. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

**Item 5: FY2022 NEGRC AAA Contract- Senior Center:**

Tracy Norton stood before the board she stated that this is the annual contract for Aging Services. This service provide home delivered meals, congregate services, telephone reassurance. There is a small county match required of \$5546.

Commissioner Jernigan motioned to approve the FY22 NEGRC Contract for Aging Services. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

**Item 6: FY 2022 NEGRC Transportation Contract- Senior Center:**

Tracy Norton stated that Transportation contract is another way that we generate revenue. We provide contracted Aging Services through coordinated transportation, daily trips for congregant members, and provide aging trips to doctor appointments and pharmacy runs. We are a provider of secondary resource. Commissioner Stunkel stated that our insurance exceeds the requirements by the state. Commissioner Ledford motioned to approve FY 2022 NEGRC Transportation Contract and authorize Vice-Chairman to sign.

**Item 7: FY 2022 GA Foods Contract Amendment- Senior Center:**

Tracy Norton stated that groceries are going up. She stated that we some increases earlier on but GA Foods is requesting a 2% raise. This amount will be reimbursed through Federal and State reimbursements. It does not require that the County increase its portion by 2%. Commissioner Jernigan motioned to approve the GA Foods Contract Amendment to include meal cost changes and authorize Chairman/Vice Chairman to sign the contract. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

**Item 8: FY 2021 Budget Amendment- Remaining Fundraising Balance from FY 2020- Senior Center:**

Tracy Norton stated that FY 2020 had an ending balance of \$3,754.93. She is requesting to move that balance forward to the FY 2021 budget in the fundraiser line item. Commissioner Ledford motioned to approve Budget Amendment #2021.08.02A to move FY 2020 unspent fundraiser balance of \$3,754.93 from general fund balance to FY 2021 budget. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

**Item 9: FY 2022 Budget Amendment- Remaining Fundraising Balance from FY 2021- Senior Center:**

Dennis Pated stated that this is basically the same as the last item, moving fundraising balances over to the FY 2022. Commissioner Jernigan motioned to approve Budget Amendment #2021.08.02B to move FY 2021 unspent fundraiser balance of \$1,866.58 from general fund balance to FY 2022 budget. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

**Item 7: Schedule Work Sessions and Called Meetings:**

Mike Benton stated that a Work Session may need to be held to discuss the upcoming redistricting. The board agreed to tentatively have a Work Session, Monday August 23, 2021.

**County Attorney Items:**

None, but would like an Executive Session for potential Real Estate acquisition.

**County Manager Items:**

Mr. Benton stated that we have received six applications for the Recreation Director position. He and the HR director have had the first interview. We have received one application for the Senior Accountant Position. Mr. Benton stated that he heard back about the Truck route progress. GDOT has received bids but the bid has not been awarded yet. He spoke with Pittman about the most recent LMIG. They have had the utilities located. He has been assured that the construction will begin soon. Building Permits for July totaled 13 new construction. For the year to date the total is 91 new construction permits and 399 total permits.

Commissioner Jernigan requested that he is made aware when the construction start date is so that he can make residents aware and have it placed on the neighborhood website.

**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.

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Gerald Stunkel, Vice-Chairman

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Sharon Robinson, Clerk