

Jasper County Board of Commissioners
November 1, 2021
Regular 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, Sheila Jones and Steven Ledford.

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Invocation: Commissioner Don Jernigan

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

Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Jernigan motioned to approve the minutes for October 4, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Commissioner Ledford motioned to approve Check Register Check #- 62740-62949. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Public Hearing: None

Presentations/Delegations- The new Senior Center Director was formally introduced to the Board of Commissioners. Ms. Jacobs stood before the board she stated that she is enjoying working at the Senior Center.

Citizens Comments:

Gail Harrell- Ms. Harrell stated that the founding documents will be installed at the City Hall of Monticello. She wanted to make sure that all of the Commissioners had received their invitations.

Mandi Tanner- Mandi stood to give an update for the Chamber of Commerce. Hauticello was very successful. The Deer Festival will be held next Saturday. The Netflix film “Boo” will be filmed on the square. The traffic will have a steady flow and school buses and emergency vehicles will be able to flow easily. The Seven Little Johnstons will be filming during the Deer Festival on Saturday.

County Commissioner’s Items:

Commissioner Ledford- Commissioner Ledford asked whether the traffic counters had been ordered by the Public Works Department. Mike Benton stated that two counters have been ordered.

Commissioner Stunkel- None

Commissioner Jernigan- Commissioner Jernigan stated that there has been some tree trimming on Jackson Lake Road. He also mentioned that work had started on Pintail Road and should be completed soon.

Commissioner Jones- None

Chairman Henry- There is a City election tomorrow.

Regular Agenda:

Item 1: Jasper County Board of Health Appointment: Mike Benton stated that we have one term that is about to expire. The seat is filled by Carole Norris. Ms. Norris wishes to be reappointed.

Ms. Norris stood before the board and discussed her willingness to serve on the Health Board.

Commissioner Stunkel motioned to reappoint Carole Norris to the Jasper County Health Department Board for the term January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2027. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 2: Jasper County Recreation Board Appointment: Mike Benton stated that we have two vacancies on the Jasper County Recreation Board. We have two people interested. Ms. Kendall is not present.

Commissioner Ledford motioned to table the appointment of Catherine Kendall. Commissioner Stunkel seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Mr. Robert Rosser stood before the board to discuss why he would like to serve on the Recreation Board. He stated that he feels we should be able to put in place system to sustain and continue growth in our county. He feels that the Rec could be the source of an Athletic Renaissance.

Commissioner Ledford motioned to appoint Robert Rosser to the Jasper County Recreation Board for a 3-year term ending November 2024. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 3: CGEMC Agreement for Expediting Expansion of High Speed Internet Service: Mr. Herschel with Central GA EMC stood before the board.

Commissioner Ledford questioned if Herschel felt confident that CGAEMC would be able to get started in April of next year. Herschel stated yes.

Herschel stated that they have to visit 12,000 poles in Jasper County and they expect to have to change out 1100 of those poles. They expect to have to rearrange things on 1800 poles. He stated that they have a contractor that will be doing some of this work on their behalf.

Commissioner Ledford motioned to authorize Chairman to sign the “Agreement for Expediting Expansion of High Speed Internet Service to Jasper County, Georgia” between Jasper County BOC and Central Georgia Electric Membership Corporation. Commissioner Stunkel seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 4: Revenue Sharing Agreement- Stanton Springs and Stanton Springs North: Attorney Ozburn discussed the purpose of this current agreement. He stated that the original agreement was created in 2016. Since then a few things have changed. More parcels have been added to Stanton Springs (Stanton Springs North). Part of this property is in the City of Social Circle which now makes them a party to the new agreement. The percentages and shares for the portion that is in Social Circle the original parties lost about ½ point.

Commissioner Stunkel motioned to authorize Chairman to sign the Resolution to approve and the Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Contract “Revenue Sharing Agreement for Stanton Springs and Stanton Springs North”. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 5: 2022 LMIG Application Project Approval: Robert Jordan stood before the board to discuss cost proposals for Jackson Lake Road. He provided options for 2.36 miles (From Hwy 11 to ~Grandview Road) and 4.1 miles (From Hwy 11 to Larry’s 4-way). He recommend FDR and 2ft widening.

Option 1

Length 2.36 Miles
 Engineering Cost Estimate per Mile \$323,507
 Total Engineering Cost Estimate \$763,477

Option 2

Length 4.1 Miles
 Engineering Cost Estimate per Mile \$322,536
 Total Engineering Cost Estimate \$1,322,398

The second Option requires additional funding of \$561,494 over 2022 LMIG Minimum project cost. These are the engineer’s estimates. They are based on our most recent projects.

Commissioner Ledford motioned to approve the Jackson Lake Road Project for 2.36 miles Full-depth Reclamation method. Commissioner Stunkel seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 6: Fire Rescue Department- Request for New Ambulance: Chief Finch stood before the board to ask for approval on his recommend for a new fire truck. He recommends the 2021 Chevy 4500 with new box for \$236,505.00. This is the only truck they can physically touch right now.

Commissioner Stunkel motioned to approve the purchase of a new ambulance from Custom Truck and Body Works in the amount of \$236,505 using the \$180,000 previously approved for the purchase and the available impact fees. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 7: 2021 Capital Improvements Element Annual Update: Mike Benton stated that a work Session was held on October 25, 2021 to review and discuss updates to the 2020 CIE Reports. We incorporated changes from the Chamber of Commerce and the Development Authority. He stated that we do need to have one Public Hearing to give the Public a chance to view the changes.

Commissioner Jones motioned to adopt the 2021 Capital Improvements Element Annual Update. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 8: Open New Bank Account for the Food Bank- 2021 CDBG Grant: Dennis Pate stood before the board to request approval to open a bank account for the recently awarded CDBG Grant for the Food Bank with the Bank of Monticello. The last two accounts that were opened were opened with Ameris Bank.

Commissioner Stunkel motioned to authorize Chairman to sign the Bank of Monticello new account agreement. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 9: FY 2022 1st Quarter Financial Report: Dennis Pate gave the first quarter financial report.

	FY 2022 BUDGET	FY 2022 ACTUAL	% COLLECTED	% REMAINING
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE	<u>\$ 11,870,614</u>	<u>\$ 3,455,257</u>	<u>29.1%</u>	<u>70.9%</u>

	FY 2022 <u>BUDGET</u>	FY 2022 <u>ACTUAL</u>	% <u>EXPENDED</u>	% UNENCUMBERED
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	\$ <u>12,038,246</u>	\$ <u>2,536,085</u>	<u>21.1%</u>	<u>78.9%</u>

Item 10: Schedule Work Sessions and Called Meetings as Needed: The Board scheduled a meeting for November 22nd to discuss Capital Expenditures for Public Works Equipment and Animal Control, Review Future Land Use Map, and update Service Work area for impact fee.

County Attorney Items: None

County Manager Items: Mike Benton stated that Post Road has been completed. The crew will work on building the shoulder work. Once the finish there they will move to Pintail. There has been 3/10 of a mile each day of Tree trimming on Jackson Lake Road. We have been getting a fair amount of road closure request. We need a process and procedure for having this done.

Executive Session:

Commissioner Ledford motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:03 p.m. to discuss personnel. Commissioner Stunkel seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Commissioner Stunkel motioned to exit Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Adjourn:

Commissioner Stunkel motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Bruce Henry, Chairman

Sharon Robinson, Clerk