

Jasper County Board of Commissioners
June 23, 2022
Public Hearing Minutes
6:00 P.M.

Bruce Henry called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Don Jernigan was in attendance. Gerald Stunkel attended via phone.

Public Hearing: FY 2023 Budget and 2022 Millage Rate

Chairman Henry noted the current as well as proposed budgets for all departments.

Proposed 2022 County Wide M&O Millage Rate- Rollback Rate of 12.159

Proposed 2022 Jasper Memorial Hospital Millage Rate- .678

Proposed FY 2023 General Fund Budget- \$12,839,371

Public Comments-

Ms. Jan Gaston, Jasper Health Services noted that the hospital thanks the BOC for the millage rate they allotted to the hospital. She requested that the BOC continue to pay the \$14,000 that was removed from the budget to help assist with the indigent care transports. Ms. Gaston further noted that if this money will be removed from the budget; then the county as the licensed agent for emergency transport service should pick up and deliver all inter facility and other medical transports to service the needs of all residents in the county. They respectfully request this small subsidy to continue without interruption or provide a basic amount of reimbursement.

They have another topic that has come up recently, regarding the use of the Helipad by EMS. This property is leased and their general liability insurance has increased in cost because they certify it for public use. In addition to the payment for indigent care for medical transport, Jasper Health Services respectfully request the county to cover the cost for the increase in cost associated with our use of the helipad. They desire to execute a license to use agreement to formalize this arrangement by August 1st to continue having access to the Helipad.

Chairman Henry reviewed the budget summary.

Chairman Henry declared the public hearing closed at 6:07 p.m.

Bruce Henry, Chairman

Clerk, Sharon Robinson