

Jasper County Board of Commissioners
May 2, 2022
Regular Meeting Minutes
6:00 P.M.

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

Commissioners Present: Bruce Henry, 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: Chairman Bruce Henry

Agenda Approval: Commissioner Jernigan motioned to swap items 5 & 3. Commissioner Stunkel, seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Commissioner Stunkel motioned to approve the agenda with the changes. Commissioner Jones seconded them motion, passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Ledford motioned to approve the April 4, 2022-Regular Meeting Minutes and February 28, 2022 minutes. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jernigan motioned to approve Check #s 64181-64427. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Public Hearings: None

Presentations/Delegations-

1. Proclamation- Law Enforcement Week, May 11-17, 2022- Commissioner Don Jernigan read the proclamation for the Law Enforcement week in Jasper County.
2. Jasper County Water and Sewer Authority
Mr. Ron Burch (Chairman JCWSA) and Wanda Cummings stood before the board to request help from the Board of Commissioners and for ARPA money. They would like \$500,000 to complete projects such as secure easement to secure test wells, secure some property for some elevated water tower, and they need to replace 1500 feet of water main. They have been told that they are too small to get financing.

Commissioner Jernigan ask if the 5K to replace the water line.

Mr. Burch stated that it would cover part of it. He stated that they will have to do several studies.

Commissioner Jones asked if the board planned to borrow money from the BOC.

Mr. Burch stated that they are just asking for it not a loan.

Citizens Comments:

Mary Patrick (Hwy 212, Monticello) - Ms. Patrick stood before the board and stated that we have two water authorities in the county and we have some private systems. If they plan to give to one authority they should plan to give to the other.

David Thompson (Forsyth Street, Monticello) - The citizens should be very clear of whether the JCWSA are making a profit. It's really a bailout and they are not credible in their business and what they are presenting. He asked what happens after the last cell at the landfill is full.

Ann McMichael (Hwy 83 South, Monticello) - Ms. McMichael requested a sign be placed alerting drivers that there is a driveway to avoid a wreck.

Rick Williams- Stood to introduce himself, as he is running for State Senate.

County Commissioner's Items:

Commissioner Ledford- None

Commissioner Stunkel- None

Commissioner Jernigan- None

Commissioner Jones- None

Chairman Henry- Early voting started today. Please get out and vote. Had a request about our holidays. We should consider swapping out President's Day and Good Friday.

Regular Agenda:

Business Items:

Item 1: Jasper County Recreation Board Appointments:

Mr. Dan Shives stood before the board to express why he would like to be on the Recreation Board. He stated that he has always been involved, his is a US Marine and he think we can do some great things for the kids.

Commissioner Ledford motioned to appoint Dan Shives to the Recreation Board with the term expiring May 2025. Commissioner Stunkel seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Roger Minter stood before the board to express his reasons for wanting to serve on the Recreation Board. He have over 30 years in recreation. He would like to serve on the Rec Board for the kids.

Commissioner Ledford ask Mr. Minter if he was related to any county employee.

Mr. Minter stated that he is related to one person that he works with at Public Works.

Commissioner Ledford ask if Mr. Minter would have any problem with the board if they mentioned something that he did during his tenure as the Recreation director.

Mr. Minter stated that it would not affect him.

Chairman Henry stated that his concern is that we recently had someone who quit the position and started serving on the board which caused friction immediately.

Commissioner Jones motioned to appoint Roger Minter to the Recreation Board with a term expiring May 2025. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, passed 3-2 (Ledford, Henry opposed).

Item 2: New Alcohol License Application – Hillsboro Mini Mart: Judy Johnson stated that this was tabled during the April 4, 2022 meeting. The Hillsboro Mini Mart, Application number 2022-A-012 , located at 1750 State Hwy 11, Hillsboro GA 31038. The applicant is Nizamuddin Kalya.

Mr. Kalya stood before the board and stated that he wants to open another gas station.

Commissioner Jernigan motioned to approve the application. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 5: Clerk of Court Request for ARPA Funding – Scan & Index Records 1960-1979: LeAnn Airington stood before the board with her request for ARPA Funds.

The Clerk of Superior Court's office would like to get the entire span of 1960-1979, as far as deeds, scanned and indexed so that they can be put on the gsccca.org website. We would also like to have all of Jasper County's plats indexed as well. All of the images are on the website, but you can only look them up by page number, not by name. We would like them indexed so that they could also be found by name. This will make it possible for the public to do a 60-year search completely online. Our ultimate goal is to get all the deeds and liens in our office scanned and indexed. As of right now, if there is some sort of natural disaster or if the courthouse is compromised structurally, with fire or flooding, these records would more than likely be destroyed.

The Clerk of Superior Court's office is requesting the use of American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds for this project.

We had a sealed bid opening on March 30, 2022. I would like to get the winning bid approved so that I can get started with this project.

One Bid was received
Kofile, Inc. \$64,350

Commissioner Jones motioned to approved awarding the bid to Kofile, Inc. for \$64,350. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 4: Jasper County Water and Sewer Authority Request for Funding: Commissioner Ledford abstained from the conversation for this item since he is one the Water Board.

Commissioner Jernigan motioned to approve up to \$300,000 ARPA funds to replace water mains and hydrants. The motion failed for the lack of a second.

Item 3: Paving Project Bid Submittals – Purple Martin Drive, Partridge Court, Shoreline Drive and Ernest Gibson Rd:

Staff prepared and issued a bid for asphalt overlay and surface treatment for the following road project:

Purple Martin Dr .35 miles
Partridge Ct .13 miles
Shoreline Dr .44 miles
Ernest Gibson Rd 1.17 miles

County received four bids for asphalt overlay and zero bids for surface treatment.

Bid Results Asphalt Overlay Surface Treatment

Blount Construction \$337,163 No Bid
Pittman Construction \$405,980 No Bid
East Coast Grading \$427,620 No Bid
Jack Buckland Paving \$532,996 No Bid

Jordan Engineering suggest awarding the bid to Blount Construction.

Chairman Henry asked Michael Walsh if he had an estimate if Jasper County Public Works were to do part of the work on these streets. He stated that we can't move forward right now without that information.

Commissioner Jernigan stated that he would like to see us start a patching program where the patching machine is used year-round.

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Commissioner Ledford motioned to table the item until a later date. Commissioner Stunkel seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 6: FY 2022 3rd Quarter Financial Report: Larissa Ruark stood before the board to present the 3rd Quarter Financial Report:

	FY2022 BUDGET	FY2022 ACTUAL	% COLLECTED	% REMAINING
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUE	\$ 11,870,614	\$ 11,550,743	97.3%	2.7%

	FY2022 BUDGET	FY2022 ACTUAL	% EXPENDED	% UNENCUMBERED
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	\$ 12,046,643	\$ 8,548,755	71.0%	29.0%

Item 7: Schedule Work Sessions and Called Meetings:

The Following Work Sessions Have Been Scheduled for FY 2023 Budget Work:

Monday May 9, 2022 6:00 P.M.- Called Meeting
Monday May 9, 2022- Work Session
Monday May 16, 2022 6:00 P.M.
Monday May 23, 2022 6:00 P.M.

County Attorney Items: The board voted to participate in the opioid lawsuit a few years ago. Mr. Ozburn stated that he just receive a new agreement for the Chairman to sign.

County Manager Update: Mike Benton gave an update on the total permits for the month and year to date.

Executive Session:

Commissioner Jernigan motioned to go into Executive Session for personnel at 7:08 p.m. Commissioner Stunkel seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

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

Adjourn:

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

Bruce Henry, Chairman

Sharon Robinson, Clerk