

Jasper County Board of Commissioners

May 31, 2022

Work Session Minutes

6:00 P.M.

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

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

Work Session:

1. FY 2023 Budget:

FY 2023 Budget Agency Appropriation Requests- Jan Gaston stood before the board on behalf of Jasper Memorial. She stated they are asking for the same level of funding as they had last year. She stated they are having significant challenges with workforce stability

Employee Health Insurance Proposals, Kelly Fox- Kelly Fox stood before the board to present options available through Apollon Wealth. Aetna came in with the lowest cost option. Staying on the reference based cost would create a \$72K savings. The challenge is there is no contract in place with the provider. Kelly recommend that we remain with ABA using the Cigna Network. Kelly explained that Fully Insured is the most ineffective way to structure health insurance because there is not information to that is accessible on a month to month basis.

Budget Line Item Cuts Recommendations Continued- Mike Benton stated that we have not done a lot of budget cuts yet. The remove one health insurance from the 911 Authority (\$12,072 deduction). Planning and Zoning (\$33,455 net change) difference in what they turned in. The contractor amount was higher.

Capital Expenditures Requests Review- Chairman Henry stated that this does not have to be complete in order to finalize the budget.

Mike Benton stated that the Fund 235 (American Rescue Plan Fund) are available for any purpose. There were some thresholds but since we are under those thresholds. When we send in the data of what we spend the money on we do not have to send any detail. The funds are available for any purpose that we so choose. We have \$417,000 that has not been committed so far and is available in cash. The next deposit should be done in the July/August timeframe \$1,798,000 will be available for all projects.

Impact fees do time out.

SPLOST is available for the multi-purpose building, Jail, and Roads and Bridges.

Chairman Henry asked if Impact Fees can be used to purchase equipment. Mike Benton stated yes.

Commissioner Stunkel stated that the fees that P&Z Collect cannot exceed their operating cost. The impact fees can be increased and we can have a better impact.

Curbside Contract Review- Mike Benton stated that he should have a proposal from Ryland this week.

Executive Session – Chairman Henry announced that the board would enter an Executive Session at 6.37 p.m. regarding personnel.

Bruce Henry, Chairman

Sharon S. Robinson, Clerk