

Jasper County Board of Commissioners
June 30, 2022
Called 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 Chair (via phone), Don Jernigan, Sheila Jones and Steven Ledford.

Staff Present: Sharon Robinson, County Clerk, Larissa Ruark, Chief Accounting Officer, Mike Benton, County Manager, and David Ozburn, County Attorney.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Invocation: Commissioner Steven Ledford

Agenda Approval: Commissioner Ledford motioned to approve the agenda with the changes. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda: None

Public Hearings: Commissioner Ledford motioned to go into Public Hearing for the Extension of Existing Moratorium on the acceptance of Residential Plat applications. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Judy Johnson presented information to the board regarding the extension of the Moratorium that is currently in place for Residential Plat applications which is scheduled to expire July 5. She suggested October 3, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. as the new deadline which will give us time to get amendments updated. The extension requires us to allow the public to speak if they have any input.

Bill Nash spoke in favor of the moratorium- He stated the zoning department has had some ongoing personnel challenges. It's important to do any changes in an appropriate manner and he agrees with the timeline that has been suggested.

Presentations/Delegations- None

Citizens Comments:

Sandra Carter-Monticello- Ms. Carter thanked all of the commissioners for their hard work. She thanked the Public Works department for cutting the grass on her road. She asked Commissioner Jones to stand and she thanked her for organizing the county's first Juneteenth celebration.

Robert Cumbie- Mr. Cumbie requested that the BOC continue to pay the \$14,000 that was removed from the budget to help assist with the indigent care transports. He 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.

County Commissioner's Items:

Commissioner Ledford- None

Commissioner Stunkel- None

Commissioner Jernigan- None

Commissioner Jones-

Chairman Henry-

Regular Agenda:

Business Items:

Item 1: Extension of current Moratorium on Accepting Subdivision Preliminary Plats: Commissioner Ledford motioned to approve Resolution#2022.06.30A to extend the existing moratorium on the acceptance of Residential Subdivision Preliminary Plats until October 3, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. Commissioner Stunkel seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 2: Waste Management Contract Amendment: Mike Benton stated that the Waste Management Contract expires today. Waste Management has submitted a contract amendment, 3 year contract, renewable annually, 60 day get out clause. There is an increase in the cost of \$15.42 per cart per month. The contract will be effective July 1.

Chairman Henry asked Mr. Steve Edwards how long he thinks this is going to hold.

Mr. Edwards stated that the "Out Clause" is included for that reason. Everything is so uncertain right now.

Commissioner Ledford motioned to approve Waste Management Amended Contract as presented. Commissioner Stunkel seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 3: Adopt FY 2023 Curbside Budget: Commissioner Henry motioned to adopt Resolution #2022.06.30B setting the Jasper County BOC FY 2023 Solid Waste Curbside Fund Budget in the amount of \$1,044,846.00 as presented. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 4: Adopt Solid Waste Curbside Fee for 2022 Tax Billing: Commissioner Stunkel motioned to adopt solid waste curbside fee for 2022 tax billing at \$190 per year. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 5: Adopt FY 2023 General Fund Budget: Commissioner Jones noted that the numbers advertised in the newspaper and the number shown now are different.

Commissioner Jernigan ask if this includes the 4% COLA for all employees except the two departments that were taken care of earlier in the fiscal year.

Mike Benton stated that it does not. There were four individuals who were not included in the cost originally. That cost is \$10,872.34.

Commissioner Jones asked who made the decision to leave out the four employees.

Commissioner Jernigan stated that this matter should be discussed in Executive Session.

Commissioner Jernigan motioned to add \$10,872.34 for the four employees left out of the 4% increase. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, passed 4-1, Chairman Henry opposed.

Mike Benton stated that he met with the Sheriff today to go through his budget. He recommended reducing the cut to the Sheriff's budget on from \$85,000 to \$45,437. He stated the Sheriff is asking for \$50,000 total to be added back to his budget.

Commissioner Jernigan motioned to add \$50,000 back to the Sheriff budget using Fund Balance. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Commissioner Stunkel motioned to adopt Resolution #2022.06.30C setting the Jasper County BOC FY 2023 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$12,904,634.00 as presented. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 6: Adopt FY 2023 Landfill Budget: Commissioner Stunkel motioned to adopt Resolution #2022.0630D setting the Jasper County BOC FY 2023 Landfill Fund Budget in the amount of \$267,915.00 as presented. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 7: Adopt Jasper County wide M&O Millage Rate for 2022 Tax Billing- Commissioner Jernigan motioned to adopt Resolution #2022.06.30E authorizing the Jasper County Tax Commissioner to levy a Jasper County Wide M&O Millage Rate of 12.159 for the 2022 Tax Billing. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 8: Adopt Jasper Memorial Hospital Millage Rate: Commissioner Jernigan motioned to adopt Resolution #2022.06.30F authorizing the Jasper County Tax Commissioner to levy a Hospital Millage Rate of .678 for the 2022 Tax Billing. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 9: Adopt Fire Protection Special District Fee for 2022 Tax Billing: Commissioner Ledford motioned to approve the Fire Protection Special District Fee \$28.63 for the 2022 Tax Billing for all parcels located within the Fire Protection Special District. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 10: LOST Renegotiation: LOST is renegotiated every 10 years. The participants in the negotiation are Jasper County Board of Commissioners, City of Monticello, and City of Shady Dale. There is a work session scheduled for July 1 from 9am-11 am. Chairman Henry stated that he thinks a committed from the BOC should be chosen to attend negotiations. He suggested that the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and County Manager represent the BOC on that committee.

Commissioner Jones stated that she would like to be present for the meetings.

Commissioner Jernigan stated that he would like to sit on the committee as well. He suggested that they all meet with the committee on tomorrow to decide on a number of representatives from each entity.

Item 11: Schedule Work Sessions and Called Meetings: The board will discuss the need for additional meetings during the July 11 Regular Meeting.

County Attorney Items: None

County Manager Update: None

Executive Session: None

Adjourn:

Commissioner Ledford motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m. Commissioner Jernigan seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Bruce Henry, Chairman

Sharon Robinson, Clerk