

Jasper County Board of Commissioners

July 28, 2023

Called Meeting Minutes

9:00 A.M.

Chairman Jernigan called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

Staff: Mike Benton, County Manager, Sharon Robinson, Administrative Services Director, Larissa Ruark, Chief Accounting Officer.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Invocation: Sheriff Donnie Pope

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

Consent Agenda:

None

Public Hearings:

None

Presentations/Delegations:

None

Citizens Comments:

None

County Commissioner's Items:

None

Business Items:

Item 1: FY 2024 Capital Expenditures:

- **Animal Control-** Kristy Tribble stated that Animal Control is asking for a 2023 Ford F150xl 4x4 Super cab with and 8ft bed. This would not be a replacement. If approved they would need to add a dog box.

Commissioner Henry motioned that we approve the purchase of the 2023 Ford F150 truck with the 8ft bed for \$49,095 and the aluminum dog box for \$1155 to be funded with Impact fees. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

- **Planning & Zoning-** Ms. Johnson stated that P&Z is requesting to replace the Building inspector truck. She gave the reasons for needing the new truck compared to the value of the truck.

Commissioner Henry ask if we are all sticking to one color for all new vehicles.

Doug Attaway (Building Inspector) spoke about the ground clearance needed for the new vehicle.

Commissioner Jones motioned to approve the purchase of the truck for the Building Inspector in the amount of \$45,000 to be funded by ARPA funds. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

- **Public Works-** Mr. Walsh discussed his capital needs for the Public Works Department. They are requesting:
 - **2023 F150 Regular Cab .5 ton Pick-up truck-** Commissioner Ledford motioned to approve the purchase of the a '23 F150 for the Public Works department for 38,475 with funding coming from Impact Fees. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, passed unanimously.
 - **8ft Grader Box Blade Dirt Dog-** Commissioner Henry motioned to approve the purchase of a Dirt Dog for \$2950 to be funded with Impact Fees. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.
 - **Caterpillar Motor Grader-** Commissioner Henry motioned to approve the purchase of a Motor grader and asking for a demo to be funded by SPLOST. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.
 - **CAT D5 Dozer (used)-** Commissioner Ledford motioned to approve the purchase of a CAT D5 Dozer not to exceed \$150,000 with funding coming from SPLOST. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, passed unanimously.
- **Sheriff-** Sheriff Pope discussed their capital needs. He stated that there is a long wait for vehicles for their department as well. He stated that Dodge Chargers will start to be electric vehicles. There are 4 available right now. He is asking for 4 Fully Equipped Patrol Units at \$68,250 each.

Commissioner Jones motioned to approve the purchase of 4 fully equipped patrol units at \$68,250 for a total of \$273,000 to be funded with ARPA funds. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

- **Tax Commissioner-** Ms. Walsh discussed the Tax Commissioner need for new property tax software. Commissioner Jones motioned to approve the purchase of GA TCS Software license and installation for \$30,000 to be funded by ARPA funds. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.
- **Finance-** Ms. Ruark discussed the need for the Finance Department to purchase new software to reduce their manual processes and improve efficiency.

Commissioner Henry motioned to approve the purchase of the Edmunds Gov Tech Finance Super Suite for \$31,120 to be funded by impact fees for admin and ARPA funds. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

- **Government Buildings-** Mr. Benton stated that the phone system is very old. There will be little to no downtime for the switch.

Commissioner Ledford motioned to approve the purchase of VoIP Network Infrastructure Upgrades to be funded by ARPA. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

County Attorney Items:

None


County Manager Update:

None

Executive Session: Commissioner Ledford motioned to enter Executive Session for personnel and land acquisition at 10:18 a.m. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Commissioner Henry motioned to exit Executive Session at 11:55 a.m. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Adjourn: Commissioner Henry motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a.m. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.


Don Jernigan, Chairman
Sharon Robinson, Clerk