

Jasper County Board of Commissioners
June 16, 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 (by phone), Commissioner Stunkel.

Staff: Mike Benton, County Manager, Sharon Robinson, Administrative Services Director, Larissa Ruark, Chief Accounting Officer, and Barry Fleming, Fleming Nelson Attorney Group

Pledge of Allegiance:

Invocation: Chairman Don Jernigan, District 3.

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

Consent Agenda: None

Public Hearings: None

Presentations/Delegations- None

Citizens Comments:

Mark Ware: Mr. Ware suggested that the board consider retracting the mileage rate. He stated that we have a lack of fire protection. Take the little bit of money and put it towards good. Put it towards equipment or retaining employees.

Gail Harrell: Ms. Harrell stated that she is asking that the one full time position for communications officers be placed back in the budget.

County Commissioner's Items:

Commissioner Ledford- None

Commissioner Stunkel- None

Commissioner Jernigan- None

Commissioner Jones- None

Commissioner Henry- None

Business Items:

Item 1: FY 2024 General Fund Revenue and Expenditures Budget Discussion:

Mr. Benton stated that there have been some updates to the budget. The funds for the 3% merit will be added to the budget as a payroll contingency line item.

Larissa Ruark stated that the IRMA policy increased by 25%. She believes that this is due to the increase in our fleet.

Mike Benton stated that once we add in the corrections and then merit increase our budget comes to \$13,753,830. With the advertised rollback of 10.364 that leaves us with a balance of \$377,133. With the rollback of 11.114 we would have \$155,859 remaining.

Executive Session:

Commissioner Stunkel motioned to go into Executive Session at 9:20 a.m. Commissioner Henry seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Commissioner Stunkel motioned to exit Executive Session at 10:16 a.m. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 2: Adopt/Approve Jasper County Wide M&O Millage Rate for 2023 Tax Billing:

Commissioner Henry motioned to advertise 10.864. Commissioner Stunkel seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 3: Adopt/Approve FY 2024 General Fund Expenditures Budget:

Commissioner Stunkel motioned that based on the executive session this item should be tabled until the July Meeting. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 4: Adopt Jasper Memorial Hospital Millage Rate for 2023 Tax Billing:

Commissioner Henry motioned to adopt Resolution #2023.06.16B authorizing the Jasper County Tax Commissioner to levy Hospital Millage Rate of .620 for the 2023 Tax Billing. Commissioner Stunkel seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 5: Adopt Fire Protection Special District Fee for 2023 Tax Billing:

The Jasper County BOC collects a Fire Protection Special District Fee on behalf of the Jasper County Water and Sewer Authority for all parcels located within the Fire Protection Special District being served fire protection by fire hydrants owned by the Jasper County Water and Sewer Authority. An annual payment made by the Jasper County BOC to the Jasper County Water and Sewer Authority pursuant to an MOU is funded by this fire protection special district fee.

Commissioner Henry motioned to approve the Fire Protection Special District Fee of \$28.63 for the 2023 Tax Billing for all parcels located within the Fire Protection Special District. Commissioner Stunkel seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 6: Adopt Solid Waste Curbside Fee for 2023 Tax Billing:

Current Contract Fee \$15.42 per cart per month – Annual Fee - \$185.04

Three Year Contract Effective July 1, 2022.

CPI Rate Adjustment effective 7-1-2023 – 5.4%

New Cost $\$185.04 + \$9.96 = \$195.00$

\$20,000 - BOC Employee Admin Cost Allocated to the Curbside Fund for Customer Service Support.

Total Cart Units Currently Billed by Waste Management – 5462

$\$20,000.00$ distributed over 5462 = \$3.66 Admin Cost per Cart

Amended Contract Annual Cost with 5.4% CPI increase	\$195.00
BOC Employee Admin Allocated Cost	<u>\$ 3.66</u>
Total Annual Cost per Cart to County	\$199.32

Commissioner Henry motioned to increase the Solid waste Curbside Fee for 2023 Tax Billing to \$195.00. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

County Attorney Items: None

County Manager Update:

Mr. Benton gave an update on the debris removal process and progress.

Adjourn:

Commissioner Stunkel motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:48 a.m. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

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Don Jernigan, Chairman

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Sharon Robinson, Clerk