

Jasper County Board of Commissioners
May 19, 2023
Called Meeting Minutes
9:00 A.M.

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

Commissioners Present: Don Jernigan, Chairman; Sheila Jones, Vice-Chairman; Bruce Henry; Gerald Stunkel (via phone); and Steven Ledford.

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Invocation: Commissioner Steven Ledford, District 5.

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

Consent Agenda:

None

Public Hearings: None

Presentations/Delegations:

None

Citizens Comments: None

County Commissioner's Items

None at this time

Business Items:

Item 1: Discuss Culvert Replacements and Gravel Repair for Contractor Bidding:

Public Works Director, Michael Walsh noted due to flood damage Aldridge Road, Gay Road, Cook Road, and Greer Road need culvert replacements and rebuilding of roads with gravel. He suggests going with the next size up pipe on Greer Road. Mr. Walsh suggests that this be contracted out.

Chairman Jernigan asked about culverts on Lane Road. Mr. Walsh noted they were clogged up and they cleaned them out, so they are in good shape.

Commissioner Henry made motion to put the 4 culverts out to bid on Aldridge Road, Gay Road, Cook Road, and Greer Road; Commissioner Ledford seconded; passed unanimously.

Item 2: Discuss Repaving Miss Sarah Rd for Contractor Bidding:

Mr. Benton noted staff is requesting to develop and publish a bid for commercial FDR paving of 600' of Miss Sarah Drive. The 600' section of Miss Sarah Drive begins at the intersection of SR 212 West and travels 600' toward Blue Heron Drive.

Mr. Benton noted the road is 11-foot wide.

Commissioner Henry noted that at one point we had discussed closing part of the road; is that still an option.

Mr. Benton noted after conferring with Michael Walsh, Finch, and Robert Jordan, Engineer; we would agreed that by abandoning the road with no turn around; we would create a public hazard.

Commissioner Stunkel suggested once paving and patching are done; we install speed bumps to eliminate the speed issue.

Chairman Jernigan questioned if we are going to follow the Speed Bump Policy.

Commissioner Stunkel suggested from a public safety standpoint we should make it part of the project.

Mr. Benton noted we do have a policy and he thinks what Commissioner Stunkel is asking is compatible.

Chairman Jernigan questioned if they will be put in the bid.

Mr. Benton noted we actually have some in stock and could save a little money installing them ourselves.

Commissioner Stunkel made motion to instruct staff to get bids for this project; Jernigan seconded; Stunkel, Jernigan vote yes. Henry and Ledford vote no; Jones abstained. Tie vote.

Commissioner Ledford noted he would like to make it a one-way street at the entrance of Hwy 212 to Blue Heron.

Commissioner Stunkel made motion to go out for bid and make it a one-way from Hwy 21 to Blue Heron, Ledford seconded; passed 4 to 1; Jones abstained.

County Attorney Items: None

County Manager Update: None

Executive Session:

None

Adjourn: Commissioner Ledford motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 a.m. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

After the Budget Work Session:

Commissioner Henry Motioned to go back into the called meeting at 12:19 p.m. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Fire Rescue Presentation for the need for three cardiac monitors:

Chief Finch stated that the state came out with a new provision that the cardiac monitors must be able to transmit. The current monitors transmit but are on an older platform to is becoming obsolete. He is requesting to

purchase three new monitors with an approximate cost of \$100K with the possibility of up to two of the monitors being demo models and a lessor cost.

Commissioner Ledford motion to approve the purchase of three new heart monitors for \$101,000 with funds coming from ARPA Funds. Commissioner Henry seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Commissioner Henry motioned to adjourn the called meeting. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

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Don Jernigan, Chairman

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Sharon Robinson, Clerk