

Jasper County Board of Commissioners
August 7, 2023
Regular Meeting Minutes
6:00 P.M.

Chairman Jernigan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.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: Commissioner Steven Ledford, District 5

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

Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Jones motioned to approve the following minutes as presented:

- July 10, 2023 - Regular Meeting Minutes
- May 15, 2023 - Work Session Minutes
- May 17, 2023 – Work Session Minutes
- May 19, 2023 - Work Session Minutes
- May 30, 2023 – Work Session Minutes -corrected
- May 30, 2023 – Called Meeting Minutes
- June 12, 2023 – Public Hearing Minutes 10 AM
- June 12, 2023 - Public Hearing Minutes 6 PM

Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Commissioner Ledford motioned to approve Check #s **68242-68425**. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, passed 4-0.

Public Hearings:

None

Presentations/Delegations:

None

Citizens Comments:

- **Mark Logan (Mallard Drive)**- Mr. Logan ask about police presence on Jackson Lake. He asks why is there so little and who is responsible.
- **Mary Patrick (Monticello)**- Ms. Patrick stated that citizens should have a say in the fitness court. She feels would be a waste of taxpayer money. She also spoke in opposition to the Senior Center Vaccine.

County Commissioner's Items:

Commissioner Ledford- Commissioner Ledford ask if we could require developers to build amenities in the areas where green space is required.

Commissioner Jernigan- None

Commissioner Jones- None

Commissioner Henry- Commissioner Henry ask if there is way the board could increase impact fees for the developers in new subdivisions where kiosk is required.

Business Items:

Item 1: Mobile Home Decal Resolution:

Lynn Bentley, Chief Appraiser noted Georgia code requires that mobile homes are to be inspected for proper display of decals. If the decal is not displayed, a list should be furnished to the Tax Commissioner for possible non-payment of taxes. Additionally, a fine can be levied by the county for non-display of the decal. In 2022, the legislature recognized these are antiquated laws and that most counties do not abide by them. A Senate bill was passed allowing counties to not require mobile home decals. Ms. Bentley requested that the Board of Commissioners accept the provided resolution.

Commissioner Henry motioned to not approve Resolution 0223.08.07, Mobile Home Decal Resolution. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion for discussion. Motion failed 1(Henry)-3 (Ledford, Jernigan, Jones)

Commissioner Ledford motioned to approve Resolution 0223.08.07, Mobile Home Decal Resolution. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, passed 3-1 (Commissioner Henry Opposed).

Item 2: 2009 Ford E-350 Van Bids- Senior Center:

The Jasper County Senior Center advertised to accept sealed bids for the Senior Center's 2009 Ford E-350 15 Passenger Van.

An advertisement for bids was been placed in the Monticello News, July 27th and August 3rd editions.

The Bids were opened on Friday, August 4th at 10:00 a.m. The bids received included:

Carl Smith \$500
Vintage Ways (Ed Washington)\$2,500

Commissioner Jones motioned to accept the bid from Mr. Washington in the amount of \$2,500 for the 2009 Ford E-350 Van, VIN # 4857. Commissioner Henry seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 3: Senior Center Vaccine Initiative Grant:

The Jasper County Senior Center is requesting permission to proceed with a health initiative to serve the individuals of Jasper and the surrounding counties. Jasper County Senior Center endeavors to partner with local health departments to bring this endeavor to full fruition. The County will receive a\$10,000 grant This project requires that we assist 100 seniors or individuals with receiving a COVID or Flu Vaccine by April of 2024.

Commissioner Henry asked if Seniors had to get vaccinated 3 years ago to return to the Senior Center.

Ms. Jacobs reminded Commissioner Henry that she was not an employee at that time and therefore could not answer his question. She explained that this is an initiative to get the word out to people in the community about the COVID and Flu vaccines. The initiative is not just for the participants of the Senior Center.

Commissioner Jernigan motioned to table the item until a later date after we have an answer of whether we would have to return the funds if the goal of 100 people is not met. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, passed 3-1 (Commissioner Henry opposed).

Item 4: 2023 ACCG Legislative Leadership Conference Business Session Delegate: The 2023 Legislative Leadership Conference will take place October 11-13 at the Jekyll Island Convention Center in Glynn County.

The Business Session will be held on Thursday, October 12. The exact time of the Business Session and details about voting credentials pickup will be announced once the conference agenda is finalized.

The BOC needs to appoint their county voting delegate by Friday, August 25th, to ensure Jasper County is represented during this important session.

The 2023 ACCG Legislative Leadership Conference Voting Delegate Form is attached.

Commissioner Ledford motioned to appoint Commissioner Bruce Henry as the Jasper County Delegate to the 2023 ACCG Legislative Leadership Conference on October 11, 2023. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 5: FY 2023- 2024 Joint Use Agreement- Jasper County Board of Education and Jasper County Board of Commissioners:

2023 – 2024 Joint Use Agreement has been developed to govern shared facility usage for Jasper County Recreation and Jasper County Charter School System programs.

Commissioner Henry motioned to authorize Chairman to sign the 2023-2024 Joint Use Agreement between Jasper County Board of Education and Jasper County Board of Commissioners as long as the BOE is okay with the suggested changes. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 6: National Fitness Campaign- Community Wellness Program- Fitness Court:

Commissioner Henry stated that this opportunity was brought to him. He stated that the project is eligible for a CDBG grant. This could possibly be placed behind the Senior Center.

Commissioner Jernigan stated that one of the requirements is that the pad be in a highly visible area. It would not meet those requirements being placed behind the Senior Center.

Item 7: Release & Settlement Agreement- Henderson Mill Road Culvert Washout:

Resource Environmental Solutions, LLC is proposing to perform repairs to the failed culvert area on Henderson Mill Rd at RES's expense. The culvert is partly on private property and partly on County Right-of-way.

The Scope of Work details the work to be performed by RES thru its affiliate, HGS, LLC and the limited responsibilities of Jasper County toward the repair project.

Mr. Benton stated that the county will have the primary responsibility of hauling the debris to the landfill. They estimate the county will haul a maximum of eight dump truck loads. If there are more than eight loads of debris the county will haul the loads with no tipping fee.

Commissioner Henry motioned to authorize Chairman to sign the Release and Settlement Agreement between Jasper County Board of Commissioners, Rocky Creek Mitigation, LLC, Resource Environmental Solutions, LLC and HGS, LLC for the improvement for the culvert washout area on Henderson Mill Road as presented. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 8: Additional Funding Request for Public Works to purchase a 2023 Ford 250 Diesel Truck:

Michael Walsh stated that he has had a truck on order for about a year. He was able to locate a truck on the lot at Aikenton Ford. The truck is \$4,770 more than originally approved for the truck that is on order. He is requesting the additional funds in order to purchase the truck that is on the lot.

Commissioner Ledford motioned to approve the additional \$4,770 to purchase the truck for Public Works from the American Rescue Plan Funds. Commissioner Henry seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 9: Four Culverts Replacement Project- Bid Results:

Recent storms caused failure of culverts, culvert infrastructure and road sections on the following roads:

Aldridge Rd at Robinson Creek

Gay Rd at Blackwell Creek

Cook Rd at Persons Creek

Greer Rd at King Branch

Received Four Bids

Barksdale Contracting & Supply \$847,950.00

Mark Burrow Grading \$215,679.83

D.E.P. Hauling & Grading \$208,881.41

J. Wyatt Clearing & Grading \$288,000.00

Robert Jordan stated that he did research and finds D.E.P. to be a reputable company and recommends awarding them since they are the lowest bid.

Commissioner Ledford motioned to award the low bid of \$208, 881.41 from D.E.P Hauling and Grading for the Four Culverts Replacement Project to be funded by SPLOST. Commissioner Henry seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 10: Schedule Work Sessions and Called Meetings as Needed: Discussion Only


County Attorney Items: None

County Manager Update: Mr. Benton gave the monthly permit updates. He stated that the invitation to bid for the Food Bank project went out. The pre-bid will be held onsite. Construction is on schedule for the Sheriff's Office and Jail project. The Highway 380 project is on schedule as well. The road is scheduled to open by the end of September.

Executive Session: None

Adjourn: Commissioner Jones motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.



Don Jernigan, Chairman

Sharon Robinson, Clerk