

Jasper County Board of Commissioners
December 11, 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; Bruce Henry; Steven Ledford and Asher Gray

Staff: Mike Benton, County Manager, Sheila Belcher, Interim Clerk- Administrative Services Director, Larissa Ruark, Chief Accounting Officer, Doug Attaway- Planning and Zoning Director, Keldrick Davis- Recreation Director.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Invocation: Commissioner Steven Ledford, District 5

Agenda Approval: Commissioner Gray motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of 911 Presentation/update. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Ledford motioned to approve the following minutes

- Regular Meeting Minutes – October 2, 2023
- Called Meeting Minutes- October 20, 2023
- Regular Meeting Minutes- November 6, 2023

Commissioner Gray seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Commissioner Gray motioned to approve Check #s **069639-069935**. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed 3-0 (Commissioner abstained).

Public Hearings: The tract of land is 80.68 acres designed as a Conservation Subdivision with a total of 34 lots and 40.1% (33.19 acres) of greenspace. The property has road frontage on both County Line Road and Rocky Creek Road (north end of the road). Rocky Creek Road is a local unpaved road which requires improvement along the road frontage where it adjoins the existing property per Sec. 105- 222 (a). The approximate amount of road frontage along Rocky Creek Road is approximately 801.75+- feet

Developer BCA Enterprises, LLC. is requesting to subdivide two contiguous parcels of land zoned RES (residential) into 34 lots as a Conservation Subdivision. The property has road frontage on both County Line Road and Rocky Creek Road (north end of the road). The size of property is 80.68 acres (shown as 85 acres on QPublic).

Business Item 1: Twinpond Subdivision Preliminary Plat - Approval Request: Commissioner Ledford motioned to approve the preliminary plat as presented. Commissioner Henry seconded the motion, passed 3-1 (Commissioner Gray opposed).

Presentations/Delegations:

Citizens Comments: -

David Thompson: Mr. Thompson asked about zoning moratoriums. He requested that the board extend the moratorium if so. He also asked about greenspace being taxable.

Bill Nash- Mr. Nash stood to let the board know that he is in favor of the grant approval for the Food Bank.
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County Commissioner's Items:

Commissioner Ledford- Commissioner Ledford asked about the progress of the 4-way to be placed at Henderson Mill and County Line Roads.

Commissioner Jernigan- Commissioner Jernigan stated that he agrees that the boards need follow-up and updates regarding things that are supposed to be done.

Commissioner Jones- Absent

Commissioner Henry- Commissioner Henry made mention of the zoning moratorium. He also stated that we should do away the yield plan.

Commissioner Gray- Commissioner Gray mentioned that staff is not keeping up with list of things that are supposed to be completed.

Business Items:

Item Added: 911 Authority- Gail Harrell and Kimberly LeCroy presented the contract that was presented previously. They noted that the contractor would not agree to changing the contract to make Georgia the venue for disagreements or legal issues.

Commissioner Ledford motioned to approve the funding for the contract with APCO. Commissioner Gray seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 2: Renewal of 2024 Alcohol Licenses

- **Tyson's Country Store, Application number 2023-A-001** located at 22044 Hwy 11 North., Monticello, GA 31064. Name of applicant: Lisa Whitaker Wilkerson – Retail sales of beer and wine – Renewal:

Commissioner Ledford motioned to approve the license renewal. Commissioner Gray seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

- **Frank's Restaurant, Application number 2023-A-002** located at 11818 Hwy 212 West Covington, GA 30014. Name of applicant: Vivian Castellana Fuller – Pouring license for distilled spirits, beer, and wine. – Renewal

Commissioner Ledford motioned to approve the license renewal. Commissioner Gray seconded the motion, passed unanimously

- **Lakeview Marina, Application number 2023-A-003** located at 8726 Jackson Lake Road Monticello, GA 31064. Name of applicant: Shabanali Jabbarcheloei – Retail sales of beer and wine – Renewal

Commissioner Ledford motioned to approve the license renewal. Commissioner Gray seconded the motion, passed unanimously

- **Lakeview Restaurant, Application number 2023-A-004** located at 8726 B Jackson Lake Road Monticello, GA 31064. Name of applicant: Shabanali Jabbarcheloei – Pouring license for distilled spirits, beer, and wine. – Renewal

Commissioner Ledford motioned to approve the license renewal. Commissioner Henry seconded the motion, passed unanimously

- **Convenience Stores, Inc dba Larry's 4-Way, Application number 2023-A-005** located at 9160 Hwy 212 West Monticello, GA 31064. Name of applicant: Joann Hedrick – Retail sales of beer and wine. – Renewal

Commissioner Ledford motioned to approve the license renewal. Commissioner Henry seconded the motion, passed unanimously

- **Turtle Cove POA, Application number 2023-A-006** located at 222 Clubhouse Drive Monticello, GA 31064. Name of applicant: David Michael Levee – Pouring license for distilled spirits, beer, and wine. – Renewal

Commissioner Ledford motioned to extend the current license until the first meeting in January to allow for time for appropriate advertising with the updated information. There will be a 10% penalty along with a penalty equaling any cost that the county may incur related to the extension and advertising. Commissioner Henry seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

- **Sac O Suds, Application number 2023-A-008** located at 54 Hwy 16W Monticello, GA 31064. Name of applicant: Cholista Owens - Retail sales of beer and wine – Renewal

Commissioner Gray motioned to approve the license renewal. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously

- **Shane One Stop, Application number 2023-A-009** located at 8541 GA Hwy 142 Shady Dale, GA 31085. Name of applicant: Gautamkumar P. Patel - Retail sales of beer and wine – Renewal

Commissioner Gray motioned to approve the license renewal. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

- **Hillsboro Mini Mart, Application number 2023-A-012** located at 1750 Hwy 11 S, Hillsboro, GA 31038. Name of applicant: Nizamuddin Kalya - Retail sales of beer and wine – Renewal

Commissioner Gray motioned to approve the license renewal. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 3: Jasper County Family Connection Grant Opportunity from the Department of Family & Children Services & Community Prevention Support - Fiscal Agent Request

The Jasper County Family Connection is requesting permission for Jasper County BOC to serve as fiscal agent for Department of Family & Children Services & Community Prevention Support Grant in the amount of \$15,000. This is a three-year commitment from the county from FY 2024 to FY 2026. Jasper County Family Connection will be expected to complete a mid-year and end-of-year report. Jasper County Family Connection will receive half of the approved funds as soon as proposal is approved and second half of funds after approval of mid-year report. Funding is provided annually for the county at a maximum of \$15,000. \$10,000 is for strategy development and implementation and \$5,000 for concrete support for families (food, utilities, etc.)

Commissioner Ledford motioned to table the item until the January 12th meeting. Commissioner Gray seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 4: Recreation Park New Dugouts Construction Bid Results

Bid submittals received for constructing eight new dugouts at the Jasper County Recreation Park:

Paul Fields Construction\$88,480.00
The Trezz Group\$58,000.00
Wade Homes\$60,000.00
Atlanta Fire & Restoration\$74,049.44
Southern State Services\$74,800.00

Contractor Scope of Work:
Installation of Concrete Pad, Chain-link Fencing and Roof Structure

County Obligation:
Demolition and Removal of Existing Dugouts
Site Grading and Drainage

Commissioner Ledford motioned to award the Recreation Dugouts bid to the The Trezz Group in the amount of \$58,000. Commissioner Henry seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 5: Recreation Department New Vehicle Request

Recreation Director Keldrick Davis presented his request for a new vehicle for his department.

F-150 -2023 4x2 Super crew
145” Wheelbase -5.0L V8 engine- Elec Ten-Speed Auto W/Tow M

Staff was advised to get bids. If bids could not be obtained, get multiple quotes on state contracts.

Item 6: 2023 State Economic and Infrastructure Development Grant Application Submittal Approval – Food Bank Project

A SEID grant, if awarded, would be used to supplement Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)federal funding to construct a new Jasper County Community Food Bank. The Northeast Georgia Regional Commission (NEGRC) submitted a pre-application to SCRC in September and were invited to submit a full application for the consideration of funding in the amount of \$350,000. The full application is due January 11, 2024.

Commissioner Ledford motioned to authorize Chairman to sign resolution# 2023-1211-1 approving submission of Southeast Crescent Regional Commission grant application by the NEGRC. Commissioner Henry seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 7: 2024 Board of Commissioner Meeting Dates Approval:

The meeting dates for 2024 are listed as follows:

Monday, January 8th
Monday, February 5th
Monday, March 4th
Monday, April 1st
Monday, May 6th
Monday, June 3rd
Monday, July 1st
Monday, August 5th
Monday, September 9th

Monday, October 7th
Monday, November 4th
Monday, December 2nd

Commissioner Ledford motioned to approve the 2024 meeting dates as presented. Commissioner Henry seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 8: 2024 Holiday Approval

The BOC has provided county employees with 13 paid holidays each year.

See proposed list of Tentative Holidays for 2024.

- New Year’s Day Monday, January 1, 2024
- Martin Luther King Day Monday, January 15, 2024
- President’s Day, Monday, February 19, 2024
- Good Friday, March 29, 2024
- Memorial Day Monday, May 27, 2024
- Juneteenth, Wednesday, June 19, 2024
- Independence Day Thursday, July 4, 2024
- Labor Day Monday, September 2, 2024
- Veterans Day Monday, November 11, 2024
- Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 28, 2024
- Day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 29, 2024
- Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24, 2024
- Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25, 2024

Commissioner Henry motioned to approve the 2024 Holidays as presented. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion passed unanimously.

Item 9: Human Resources and County Boards Report

HR Director Sheila Belcher presented the quarterly Human Resources report.

Current Open Positions

EMT
Paramedics
911 Dispatchers
Building Inspector
Code Enforcement Officer
Public Works Mechanic

New Hires/Transfers

Administration-1
Sheriff Office – 2
Public Works/ Landfill– 1
Human Resources (Role Change)- 1
Senior Center- 2
Recreation– 1
P & Z (Role Change)- 1

Terminations/Resignations

Administration (HR)- 1
Fire Rescue- 1
Jail- 7
P&Z- 1
Public Works – 1
Recreation-1
Sheriff – 1

Total Employees = 155

Full-time = 108

Part-time = 47

Upcoming Board Appointments Needed:

Jasper County Water and Sewer Authority- 1
Jasper County Recreation Board - 1

Item 10: Schedule Work Sessions and Called Meetings as Needed

The previously scheduled Work Session that is scheduled for January 12th was changed to a Called Meeting. A tentative Work Session was scheduled for December 29th to discuss the Impact Fee percentages.

County Attorney Items: None

County Manager Update:

Executive Session: Commissioner Ledford motioned to enter Executive Session at 7:49 pm for personnel. Commissioner Henry seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

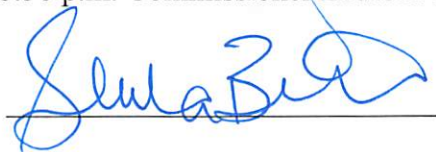
Commissioner Ledford motioned to exit Executive Session at 8:35p.m. Commissioner Henry seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Green Space Item: After Executive Session the Board had discussion concerning the ad valorem exemption of subdivision and developments green space and community space. The board discussed concerns that the Tax Assessor's office does not tax Green space or community space. The Turtle Cove Golf course was names as an example. The County Manager was directed to send a letter to the Board of Assessors Chairperson to inquire about the legality and the economic justification for these types of exemptions from ad valorem taxation.

Adjourn: Commissioner Henry motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.



Don Jernigan, Chairman



Sheila Belcher, Interim Clerk