BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS JASPER COUNTY, GEORGIA REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

**** COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM, GROUND FLOOR****

MONTICELLO, GEORGIA July 1, 2024 6:00 p.m.

*** The meeting will be live-streamed Via Facebook on the Jasper County Georgia Facebook Page.

1. Call to Order (6:00 p.m.)					
NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	LATE	ARRIVED	
DISTRICT 1 – SHEILA G. JONES					
DISTRICT 2 – BRUCE HENRY, CHAIR					
DISTRICT 3 – DON JERNIGAN					
DISTRICT 4 – ASHER GRAY					
DISTRICT 5 - STEVEN LEDFORD, VICE-CHAIR					
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II. Pledge of Allegiance –					
III. Invocation – District 4					
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IV. Approval of Agenda					

V. Consent Agenda –

- 1. Approval of Minutes:
 - Budget Work Session Minutes- April 19, 2024
 - Budget Work Session Minutes- May 31, 2024
 - Regular Meeting Minutes- June 3, 2024
 - Called Meeting Minutes- June 14, 2024
- 2. Check Register Check #'s 71313 71531

VI. Public Hearings with Business Action

Public Hearings are conducted to allow public comments on specific advertised issues such as rezoning, ordinances, policy development and other legislative actions to be considered by the County Commissioners, following the public hearing. The Board of Commissioners will act on each item presented below.

Proposed FY 2025 Fire Rescue Supplemental Budget and Proposed 2024 Countywide Special District Fire Rescue Millage Rate

Business Item 1: Proposed FY 2025 Fire Rescue Supplemental Budget and Proposed 2024 Countywide Special District Fire Rescue Millage Rate

VII. Presentations/Delegations

Presentation/Delegations allows scheduled speakers to address the Commission for not more than ten (10) minutes on specific topics or for recognition of citizens, county employees, or other events by the Commissioners.

VIII. Citizens Comments

The Citizens Comments section of the Agenda allows citizens who sign up to address the Commission

for not more than three (3) minutes on specific topics. The County Attorney will keep time. Please

be courteous of the <u>3-minute</u> time limit. Comments noted from citizens via the Jasper County FB Page.

IX. County Commissioner Items & Updates

X. Regular Agenda

Business Items:

- 2. Senior Center Parking Lot Grading and Paving Proposal
- 3. Adopt Special District Fire Protection Fee for 2024 Tax Billing
- 4. County Employees FY 2025 3% COLA Calculation Method
- 5. 911 Authority Board Restructuring
- 6. Schedule Work Sessions and Called Meetings as Needed

XI. County Attorney Items

XII. County Manager Update

XIII. Executive Session

Consultation with County attorney to discuss pending or potential litigation as provided by O.C.G.A. §50-14-2(1); Discussion of the future acquisition of real estate as provided by O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(4); and discussion on employment, compensation, or periodic evaluation of county employees as provided in O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(6)

XIV. Adjournment

Consent Agenda – Item 1:

Agenda Request - Jasper County BOC

Department: Board of Commissioners

Date: June 3, 2024

Subject: Approval of Minutes

Summary:

Minutes have been completed for the Jasper County Board of Commissioners:

- Budget Work Session Minutes- April 19, 2024
- Budget Work Session Minutes- May 31, 2024
- Regular Meeting Minutes- June 3, 2024
- Called Meeting Minutes- June 14, 2024

Background:

Cost: \$0

Recommended Motion:

Approve minutes for:

- Budget Work Session Minutes- April 19, 2024
- Budget Work Session Minutes- May 31, 2024
- Regular Meeting Minutes- June 3, 2024
- Called Meeting Minutes- June 14, 2024

Jasper County Board of Commissioners April 19, 2024 Budget Work Session Minutes 9:00 A.M.

Chairman Henry called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Present: Bruce Henry -Chairman, Steven Ledford -Vice Chairman, Don Jernigan, and Asher Gray.

Staff Present: Mike Benton, County Manager, Sheila Belcher, Administrative Services Director, Larissa Ruark, Chief Accounting Officer.

Work Session:

FY 2025 Budget:

Mike Benton discussed the digest summary. He stated that tax collection is around 97%. Staff was instructed to investigate whether we should collect the energy excise tax from additional energy providers.

Larissa Ruark presented the preliminary proposed budget for the Finance Department.

Sheila Belcher presented the preliminary proposed budget for the HR Department

The board was presented with proposed budgets from all other departments.

Magistrates projected revenue was lowered to \$2,500.

The Work Session was closed at	12:07 p.m.
Bruce Henry, Chairman	-
Sheila Jefferson, Clerk	_

Jasper County Board of Commissioners May 31, 2024 **Budget Work Session Minutes**

9:00 A.M.

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

Commissioners Present: Bruce Henry - Chairman, Steven Ledford - Vice Chairman, Don Jernigan, Sheila Pounds, and Asher Gray.

Staff Present: Mike Benton, County Manager, Sheila Belcher, Administrative Services Director, Larissa Ruark, Chief Accounting Officer.

Work Session:

FY 2025 Budget:

Mike Benton discussed the updated budget summary—the projected revenue is \$14,791,182, and projected expenditures are \$14,309,240.

Employee Insurance

Kelly Fox discussed the insurance options for Jasper County. He stated that our current provider ABA is requesting a 39% increase. He requested quotes from multiple carriers. Of the quotes that he received, Anthem provided the lowest quote.

Some highlights of what Anthem is offering

- Better claims paying experience
- EAP (Employee Assistance Program)
- \$5,000 deductible- \$1500 paid by the employee
- \$25 Copay
- \$75 Specialist co-pay
- \$350 ER copay after
- \$ 632 (Employee Only)
- \$244K increase

Azalea Regional Library

Mr. Benton stated that Superintendent Garland proposed that Ms. Brown of the Azalea Library send the BOE a funding request for \$15,000 instead of \$10K.

Chairman Henry stated that we could take out all of the increased requests from the library.

Commissioner Jernigan stated that we should give them the additional \$5K.

Mr. Benton stated that we have not budgeted any revenue for short-term rentals.

Commissioner Gray suggested that for the next fiscal year, we start doing 0-based budgets.

911

Commissioner Ledford discussed a message that he had received the previous day telling him that employees had to go purchase bathroom tissue with their own money. They are also purchasing other supplies with their own money. He discussed other issues that are going on with the employees at the 911 Call Center.

They also discussed the possible makeup of a new board.

There was a discussion of the 911 request. There is a discussion of items to remove from the 911 budget.

- Eliminate Laptops- move to capital
- Eliminate Uniforms
- Remove Consoles- discuss during capital outlay (\$4000)
- GCIC may not be necessary since the laptops are being denied.
- Remove \$1500 for Travel
- Give \$500 for uniforms

The board discussed the possibility of the 911 Communications being brought under the County Guidelines. They discussed how benefits would possibly work for the current employees.

The board discussed disbanding(restructuring) the current board. The board would be re-appointed with three board members.

Staff was instructed to make the cuts reach \$50K, with the understanding that we may have to make budget amendments in the future.

Commissioner Henry suggested that everyone go through the budget to see if there is anywhere else that cuts can be made in the budget.

Commissioner Ledford stated that it's a possibility that we take funds that we give to the hospital and give them to the Fire Department.

Commissioner Ledford stated that we will need to get the audited financial statements from the hospital.

Mr. Benton stated that we are getting close to the work on the COLA. We are working on the flat rate equivalent.

Chairman Henry stated that we should consider adjusting the amounts that the employees pay toward their insurance.

Commissioner Gray stated that we have to be careful with that since we are a lower-paid county as considering what surrounding counties pay employees.	no
Commissioner Gray suggested that the board consider giving a higher raise to Public Safety than everyone else.	
The Work Session was closed at 11:50 a.m.	
Bruce Henry, Chairman	
Sheila Jefferson, Clerk	

Jasper County Board of Commissioners June 3, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes 6:00 P.M.

Chairman Bruce Henry called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Bruce Henry, Chairman; Steven Ledford, Vice Chair; Don Jernigan; Sheila Pounds and Asher Gray

Staff: Mike Benton, County Manager, Sheila Jefferson, Clerk- Administrative Services Director, Larissa Ruark, Chief Accounting Officer, Doug Attaway- Planning and Zoning Director,

Pledge of Allegiance:

Invocation: Chairman Henry District 2

Agenda Approval: Commissioner Jernigan motioned to table item 4 due to insufficient information. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda: Commissioner Jones motioned to approve the following minutes

- Budget Work Session Minutes- May 3, 2024
- Regular Meeting Minutes- May 6, 2024
- Budget Work Session Minutes- May 10, 2024
- Budget Work Session Minutes- May 17, 2024
- Budget Work Session Minutes- May 24, 2024

Commissioner Gray seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Commissioner Ledford motioned to approve **Check #'s 71057-71312** Commissioner Gray seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Public Hearings: None

Presentation/Delegations: Walter Smith spoke on behalf of Monticello Get Ahead House. Monticello's Get Ahead House is requesting funding from the County to help with operation costs. Mr. Smith started by thanking their supporters, he said they couldn't have survived without them. Monticello Get Ahead House was opened in 1995 to offer after-school care for at-risk children. Mr. Smith said they offer my programs through partnerships with different organizations. He said the partner with Oconee Behavior Service Organization to provide essential mental health services. They have seen a significant reduction in teen pregnancy since they opened thanks to Jasper County Carrera Grant in association with Dr. Langley and Morehouse College. Mr. Smith said that currently have a health and fitness program B.H.F.I.T. Mr. Smith said they have joined together with local churches, businesses, and the sheriff's department to provide community support and help children grow up to be successful. Mr. Smith said thanks to Superintendent Kenny Garland, they now have a wonderful relationship with the public school system. Commissioner Gray asked what amount they were asking the county for. Mr. Smith said that the City of Monticello contributes approximately \$60000.00 a year and he would like to request that the county consider a larger contribution. He said they put so much into the community and they need funding to continue to help children in Jasper County to continue to be successful.

Citizen Comments:

<u>James Belcher</u> thanked the Commissioners for the shelters built by the County at Sands Drive Park. Mr. Belcher requested that the county provide picnic tables at Sands Drive Park. He said we do not have a county park but the city parks are in the county. Mr. Belcher said it is a lot cheaper to help build up city parks versus building a county park.

<u>Andrea Gray</u> is the attorney for the JDA, she said that she would be standing in for Steve Jordan because he was on vacation. She said she was asked by the JDA to convey the message that they appreciate their long-standing partnership with Jasper County. She said the JDA is very excited about the investment return the county has received. Mrs. Gray said that the JDA started in 1999 with a tenmillion-dollar investment purchasing 1600 acres which is now Stanton Springs. That investment has a year-to-date return of forty million dollars. Mrs. Gray said that the JDA expects many more millions in the future.

Mary Patrick said she was glad to have Mrs. Gray at the meeting because she has questions she is hoping that she might be able to answer. She asked why the JDA is withholding 9.7 million dollars and planning to increase that amount by 6 million dollars according to their profit in their new budget proposal. She also asked why they needed \$25,000 for a memorial garden. Mrs. Patrick said that the JDA shows they expect to get 4.5 million dollars in Pilot payments but she believes they have received 6 million this year. She said she would like to know why the counties will only receive 2 million dollars of that money. Mrs. Patrick said she is hoping the JDA does not intend to continue to expand. She said the original plan was to develop just the 1600 acres. She said that the Rivian deal was a mess and in essence, the JDA withheld 23 million dollars from the counties to purchase that land. Mrs. Patrick said that the city is once again asking for money from the county. She said that she would like to know what the city contributes to the Chamber of Commerce. She has a copy of the city budget and she doesn't see where they contribute anything to them. She said the city increased their park budget by \$30,000 but the county paid for improvements to Sands Drive Park. She said the county can't afford a new code enforcement officer because we are paying for things that are not our responsibility.

<u>Dan Born</u> spoke about the backlog for Public Works. He said that he appreciates all that Public Works does with the employees and equipment they have. He said that he has seen several improvements in the past few years. He asked the Commissioners to look at the county backlog and keep it in mind when they go over the next county budget. He said there are things that we are behind on that require different equipment and more employees for Public Works. Mr. Born also said there is often discussion about improvements being made in heavily populated areas of the county. He said while he understands the decision to fix those areas first and that it takes time to get the project done he doesn't want the Commissioners to forget the less populated areas. He said citizens in those areas are taxpayers as well and they need roads and other improvements also.

County Commissioner Items & Updates:

Commissioner Ledford: None
Commissioner Gray: None
Commissioner Jernigan: None
Commissioner Pounds: None

<u>Chairman Henry:</u> Chairman Henry encouraged citizens to attend the Shady Dale Rodeo. He said that it was one of the top five outdoor rodeos in the state. He said he was sure those who attended would have a good time.

Business Items:

<u>Item 1: Memorandum of Understanding – Monticello-Jasper County Chamber of Commerce:</u>

Jackie Garland was in attendance to represent the Monticello-Jasper County Chamber of Commerce. Chairman Henry said this has been in the works for a while. County Manager Mike Benton said that he did have the County attorney review it and everything looks good legally. Commissioner Gray

asked if they have a MOU with the City of Monticello and if Mrs. Garland had a funding amount that the city contributes. Mrs. Garland said they do have a center as well as utilities. Commissioner Gray asked if she had an idea of what it would cost to lease that location. Mrs. Garland said she did not but could get that information. Commissioner Gray said that things just seem to keep coming up between the city and the county where the county seems to be providing the bulk of the funding. He said he was just trying to make sure everyone was on the same page.

Commissioner Jernigan motioned for Chairman Henry to sign the Memorandum of Understanding. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Item 2: FY 2025 Employee Health Insurance Program: County Employee Health Benefits presentation was given by Kelly Fox. The county currently has Assured Benefits Administrators (ABA) but due to high rate increases Mr. Fox suggested going with Anthem. He said they are offering a 2.25% discount on medical for a bundle package that would include medical, dental, vision, and basic life. There is a total annual increase of \$844 for the basic life insurance that the county pays for each full-time employee. Mr. Fox said he has also approved to reduce the monthly commission rates from \$40 to \$35 which will also save the county an estimated \$6000 a year.

Chairman Henry said before they make a motion on approving this insurance program he wanted to be very clear that the Commissioners had already gone over all the information Mr. Fox was presenting in detail during a previous work session.

Commissioner Ledford motioned to approve and move forward with Anthem. Commissioner Pounds seconded, motion passed unanimously.

<u>Item 3: Board of Elections and Registrations Formation – Senate Bill 212:</u> The board of Commissioners is required by the state to assemble a board of 3-5 members to hire an elections supervisor. Commissioner Gray recommended starting with three members. He said it is hard enough to get citizens to apply for boards as it is he believes it best to start with the minimum and increase the number if needed.

Commissioner Ledford agreed with Commissioner Gray saying if we could get three members in place by the November election they would know by January if additional members are needed.

Probate Judge Andrea Brown came forward to say she wants the Commissioner to work very hard to have equal representation on the board. She said she understands they can't force people to apply but equal party representation is very important. She said they must ensure that the election process in Jasper County continues to operate as equally and fair as possible. She said that our county has never had an issue and she would like to see the election process continue to be transparent and never be questioned. Judge Brown said she will be available to help through the transition process, but she wants to encourage them to have a board in place before the November elections as it is important for members to see the entire process. She said that she feels this election will be very contentious and she is expecting to have many poll workers. Judge Brown suggested starting with three members and adding more if needed. She said three opinions are easier to deal with than five.

Commissioner Ledford agreed saying he wants representation from both sides and transparency. Commissioner Ledford then told Mr. Belcher and Mrs. Patrick he did not want them on the board. He said he wants their opinions and someone to represent their political parties but as leaders for their party, he doesn't feel like they should be on the Board of Elections and Registrations Formation.

Commissioner Ledford motioned to advertise to and three-member board. Commissioner Gray seconded the motion passed unanimously.

<u>Item 4: Senior Center Grading and Drainage Project Proposal:</u> Commissioner Jernigan motioned to table due to insufficient information. Commissioner Ledford seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

<u>Item 5: Joint Development Authority FY 2025 Budget Review:</u> Attorney Andrea Gray represented the JDA. County Manager Mike Benton said that the county missed the objection timeline by two days and asked if the JDA would still consider the objections the county had. Mrs. Gray said she would have to defer to the board, but she would relay the concerns the county had with the JDA.

Commissioner Gray asked why the report shows a total income of 4.8 million dollars but only 2 million dollars is going back to the counties. Mrs. Gray responded by saying that the 2 million is a conservative estimate, so they can amend their budget as they go along. She said there are a lot of unknowns right now so they are keeping more reserve funds than they expect to in the future. She said that the JDA has also taken ownership of the four-lane frontage road that GDOT just built so they now have financial responsibilities for road maintenance, insurance, and future paving responsibilities. She said they are gathering cost information and in the future, the reserve fund would be less because they will know what to expect.

Commissioner Gray said the million dollars in litigation expenses is outrageous and he wants to know why they expect litigation fees to be so high. Mrs. Gray said the JDA spent 1.4 million dollars on litigation for 2022 and 2023. The Anti-Rivian group filed nine different lawsuits against the JDA. Outside counsel was needed including two law firms and lawyers hired by the state of Georgia. She said they hope to never have a situation like that again but there is no way to know so they must be prepared.

Commissioner Gray said that he thinks the next litigation will be against Rivian for not upholding their end of the deal. Mrs. Gray said they have until September 23rd to make good on their commitment to Georgia. Commissioner Gray said that withholding a million dollars from the counties is outrageous. He said he understands the need to prepare in case of another lawsuit but if deals were not made being shady they would not need to sock away a million dollars. Mrs. Gray responded by saying that if frivolous lawsuits had not been filed they would not need to sock away a million dollars. Commissioner Gray said he did not feel like the lawsuits were frivolous. Mrs. Gray said Judges have thought otherwise. Commissioner Gray said he would too if he was trying to get appointed to something. Commissioner Gray then asked why they needed \$60,000 for public relations. Mrs. Gray stated the JDA has no employees or staff, so they need help with public relations because of the magnitude of the project and the misinformation being spread on various anti-Rivian, other Facebook groups, and local communities including Jasper County.

Commissioner Gray asked why they needed \$200,000 for maintenance. Mrs. Gray said that is to cover the future cost of repaving the four-lane road she mentioned previously. They intend to withhold \$200,000 a year until they have enough to cover that expense. Commissioner Ledford asked why the JDA would take responsibility for the road. Mrs. Gray said GDOT was not willing to take the road they spent tens of millions of dollars building if for the JDA using GDOT funds. Revenue sharing also was a factor. The JDA assumed responsibility for keeping Social Circle and Morgan County from absorbing 100% of the cost. Mrs. Gray explained the \$20,000 for training is for board members as some training is normally required. Two separate utilities are for street lights and security lights. They have \$25000 set aside for a memorial garden to honor the original members such as Commissioner Carl Penniman who passed away. She said she doesn't believe it will cost \$25000 but it was set aside as a gesture to honor those people.

Commissioner Gray said that there is \$5000 unaccounted for but when the JDA is withholding two million dollars \$5000 seems like pennies. He said overall, he thinks there is more money that could be coming to the counties. Mrs. Gray said the is to goal to have more money for the counties.

Chairman Henry said the county got involved in this project in 1999 and they have caught grief every time they check into the budget. He said people would say we are never going to see any returns for it now the county is seeing a return and it's not enough he said they will never please everyone. He said you can buy stock in a company, but you can't tell them how to run their business.

Commissioner Gray said that he finds it frustrating that the JDA is projecting \$4.8 million but only distributing two million for a board that has no employees that's a lot of money to withhold.

Item 6: Sands Drive Park Pavilion Picnic Tables and Benches: County Manager Mike Benton said that the Pavilion is complete and even with a higher cost for the construction the picnic tables and benches can be purchased and still be within the approved amount. Mr. Benton said that normally cost increases over time but in this case, the cost has decreased. Chairman Henry asked Mr. Benton to ask the city if they would be responsible for assembly and installation if the county purchases picnic tables and benches.

Commissioner Jernigan motioned to approve the purchase of the picnic tables and benches for Sand Drive Park if the City of Monticello agrees to provide assembly and installation. Commissioner Pounds seconded to motion for discussion. She asked what would happen if the city refused. She said this was a county project and it has already been delayed, if it is put off any longer they are possibly looking at an increased cost. Commissioner Gray said the county should abandon the project if the city refuses. He said there have been too many times when the county has had to pay for things that should have been funded by the city. Commissioner Pounds asked who he was referring to when he said city. Is he talking about the Mayor and City Counsel or the citizens? Commissioner Gray said the Mayor, City Council, and the citizens. Commissioner Pounds stated that is District 1, and the city sits in the county not the county in the city. Commissioner Gray said it was a city park. Commissioner Pounds said no it's a public park. She said it's not the commissioner's money, they are just overseeing it. After discussion, the motion passed four to one with Commissioner Gray opposed.

<u>Item 7: Human Resources and County Boards Report:</u> Sheila Jefferson gave an update on the number of employees and job openings as well as board openings.

Item 8: Ocmulgee Circuit Public Defender's Office - Georgia Indigent Defense Services

Agreement: Clerk of Superior Court, LeAnn Airington, presented. Mrs. Airington said that the amount has increased by \$2813.30 since last year. The county is required by law to provide a public defender for criminal cases if the defendant qualifies. The fees are not negotiable but unused funds are returned to the county at the end of the year.

Commissioner Jernigan motioned to approve as written. Commissioner Ledford seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Item 9: FY 2025 Proposed Budget, 2024 Millage Rates, and 2024 Digest- Consensus to Advertise: The County Manager said the total budget is \$14,789,706 with the county taking the rollback. It does

not include additional staffing to EMS and a new ambulance. Fire chief Chris Finch was asked how many EMS calls they responded to year to date. Chief Finch said just over 3000. He was asked to give the cost to staff a third ambulance. He said \$473000 for staff only.

Commissioner Ledford wants to drop funding for the hospital and use those funds for EMS or add a special tax for Fire/ EMS. Chief Finch was asked how many times patients are transported to our hospital. Chief Finch said very few due to lack of resources and staff. Chief Finch said on average there are 120 times per month where no ambulance is available in the county.

Commissioner Gray suggested looking at for-profit organizations to cut funding to. He said that he had mentioned the Family Connections and the \$8500 given to them. He asked what it was for. Chief Finance Director Larissa gave a breakdown of where those funds were spent (backpack buddies & bookbags for students). Commissioner Pounds said that Commissioner Gray was borderline discriminating against her constituents as he continued to make comments against the city and programs that benefit those citizens. Commissioner Gray said there are three districts in the city including his own. He said he mentioned before that the Family Connection website is discriminating but he was ignored. Chairman Henry said the conversation was getting them nowhere.

Commissioner Ledford motioned to advertise the FY 2025 proposed budget of \$14,789,706. Commissioner Pounds seconded, motion passed unanimously.

<u>Item 10: Schedule Work Sessions and Called Meetings as Needed:</u> Work Session Scheduled for June 14 at 10 a.m.

Addendum: 911 Authority Board Restructuring: Commissioner Ledford stated the 911 Authority Board has been an ongoing issue. Members of that board have talked about dissolving it. We cannot dissolve the board right now because the County could not assume those positions without making a lot of changes. He feels a 5-member board would be better than an 11-member board. He would like to make the board a five-member Jasper County 911 Authority Board. He would like to have a public hearing regarding restructuring the board.

After much discussion and a need for clarity, Commissioner Ledford motioned to table until June 14th Called Meeting. Commissioner Gray seconded, motion passed unanimously.

County Attorney Items: None	
County Manager Update: None	
Executive Session: None	
Adjourn: Commissioner Jernigan motioned to adjomotion passed unanimously.	ourn at 7:53 p.m. Commissioner Pounds seconded
Bruce Henry, Chairman	Sheila Jefferson, Clerk

Jasper County Board of Commissioners June 14, 2024 Called Meeting Minutes 9:00 a.m.

Chairman Bruce Henry called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Commissioners Present: Bruce Henry, Chairman; Steven Ledford, Vice Chair; Don Jernigan by phone; Sheila Pounds and Asher Gray

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Invocation: Commissioner Pounds District 1

<u>Agenda Approval:</u> Commissioner Ledford motioned to approve. Commissioner Pounds seconded the motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda: None

Public Hearings: None

Presentation/Delegations: None

Citizen Comments:

<u>Randy Parker</u> spoke against taking funds from the hospital. He said he had an LDL heart attack in 2020 and the hospital staff saved his life. Mr. Parker said he would be very disappointed if the commissioner decided to remove funding from the hospital.

Susan Holmes spoke against taking funds from the hospital. She said the hospital saved her life. She said that the hospital is vital to our community.

Sheila Collins spoke against taking funds from the hospital. She said that it is important that we have a local hospital.

Mark Logan said the commissioner needs to change how the prioritize budget spending. He said the hospital should be self-sufficient and the county should not be funding it unless there is money left over in the budget. He said the commissioners should be considering a fourth ambulance not a third. He asked if they were going to wait for someone to die before they did something to fix the situation. He said we don't have a money problem we have a spending problem.

Mary Lou Jordan spoke against taking funds from the hospital. She said that taking funds would have a domino effect on the retreat the doctor's office and the therapist. She said that the staff is always professional and helpful and provides needed services. She asked that the commissioners please continue to support the hospital.

James Belcher spoke against taking funds from the hospital. He said losing the hospital could cause an increase in calls for an ambulance. He asked the commissioner to find another way to fund a third ambulance.

Mary Patrick said the commissioners should have given more information about their intentions. She said providing all the facts could have helped avoid some of the upset in the community. Mrs. Patrick said that what the county gives to the hospital will not defund them. She said that it is important for the county to have a third ambulance for the north side of the. She suggested adding a part-time EMS and splitting the funds between EMS and the hospital.

County Commissioner Items & Updates:

<u>Commissioner Pounds</u>: Commissioner Pounds said she is against taking funds from the hospital. She said they saved her father's life. She said there are other ways to get funding for a third ambulance.

<u>Chairman Henry:</u> Chairman Henry said the Board of Commissioners never discussed closing the hospital just possibly using those funds for EMS. He said he was glad people were showing up but hated that it was due to misinformation.

Commissioner Jernigan: None

<u>Commissioner Gray:</u> Commissioner Gray said there was a large crowd for this meeting and he is always saying citizens need to get more involved and attend meetings. He said that there was a lot of miscommunication with the funding for the hospital. He said all non-profits were asked to show what funding was used for. He said that he does not believe the County should be giving money to non-profit organizations at all. He said we need to be proactive, not reactive. He said there are essential and non-essential organizations and the focus needs to the essential first.

Commissioner Ledford: None

Business Items:

Item 1: Jasper Memorial Hospital Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rate Justification

Robert Cumbie presented statics and the number of visits. He said they have 165 employees most live and spend money in our community. He said they provide care for the jail at a discounted rate. He said they give the county a good rate for drug screening. They have provided free physicals for students. Mr. Cumbie said most of the money from the county is used for ER services but all is used for the hospital. He said the improvements to the hospital were possible because of COVID funds. Commissioner Jernigan asked if more patients were transported to Jasper Memorial would that help provide funding. Robert said it was possible. Commissioner Jernigan said more patients should be transported to Jasper Memorial. Commissioner Ledford said a work session needs to be scheduled for discussion with Chief Finch and Robert Cumbie. Commissioner Jernigan Motioned to collect a .571 millage rate for Jasper Memorial Hospital. Commissioner Ledford seconded, motion passed unanimously.

<u>Item 2: Adopt Countywide M&O Millage Rate for 2024 Tax Billing;</u> Commissioner Ledford motioned to accept rollback millage rate of 9.999 Commissioner Pounds seconded, motion passed unanimously.

<u>Item 3: Adopt General Fund Expenditures Budget for FY 2025:</u> Commissioner Ledford motioned to adopt the Budget for FY 2025 of \$14,789,706. Commissioner Gray seconded, motion passed unanimously.

<u>Item 4: Adopt Solid Waste Curbside Fee for 2024 Tax Billing:</u> Waste Management has increased its prices by 5.3% raising them from \$195 to \$205.33 per cart per year. Commissioner Ledford said he would like to have a cost study done for convenience centers throughout the county. Commissioner

Gray said that he would like to leave it up to the citizens to choose their trash service. The county has a three-year contract and is going into the second year of that contract.

Commissioner Gray motioned to approve a curbside fee of \$205.33. Commissioner Ledford seconded, motion passed unanimously.

<u>Item 5: Adopt Special District Fire Protection Fee for 2024 Tax Billing:</u> County Manager Mike Benton explained.

Commissioner Ledford motioned to table the item until we have more information. Commissioner Gray seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

<u>Item 6: Countywide Special District Fire and EMS Tax:</u> Chairman Henry stated that the operating cost for a third fire station would be \$535,355 and a capital outlay total of \$401,069.

Commissioner Gray stated that he would like to see us be proactive instead of reactive. He would like a discussion of a fourth staffed station.

Chief Chris Finch stated that one thing that many people forget is that all of his staff is cross-trained. They serve as firefighters and EMT. He stated that if a fourth station is added it would need to be placed further out in the county.

Mr. Benton stated that the millage rate would need to stay separate from the rollback.

Chairman Henry stated that he's not sure how he feels about jumping from two to four stations at once.

Chief Finch gave some statistics on the call history of his department. He gave his reasoning for not taking patients to Jasper Memorial.

Commissioner Ledford motioned to advertise a .700 millage rate for the Countywide Special District Fire and EMS. Commissioner Gray seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

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County Attorney Items: None	
County Manager Update:	
Executive Session: None	
Adjourn: Commissioner Gray motioned to adjo	urn the meeting at 11:10 a.m.
Bruce Henry, Chairman	Sheila Jefferson, Clerk

Consent Agenda – Item 2:

Agenda Request - Jasper County BOC

Department: Board of Commissioners

Date: June 3, 2024

Subject: Approval of Check Register

Summary:

A check register will be generated by the finance department on the meeting day for signature and approval to process the checks.

Background:

Cost: \$0

Recommended Motion:

Approve processing of check #'s 71313 - 71531

Public Hearing – Jasper County BOC

Department: Fire Rescue

Date: July 1, 2024

Subject: Proposed FY 2025 Fire Rescue Supplemental Budget and Proposed 2024 Countywide

Special District Fire Rescue Millage Rate

Summary:

The BOC approved a motion at a called Meeting on June 14, 2024, to advertise a .700 Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rate to fund an additional Fire Rescue Station with a full-time ambulance service. The FY 2025 supplemental operations budget for the additional Fire Rescue Station is \$535,355.

A called meeting has been scheduled for Friday, July 12 at 9:00 A.M. to consider the adoption of a .700 Millage Rate for Advalorem Tax to fund the additional Fire Rescue Station.

.700 Millage Rate would generate \$572,285 in ad valorem taxes

Background:

Jasper County Fire Rescue is a combined service providing fire protection and 911 ambulance service to residents of Jasper County. Currently, Jasper County currently operates two Fire Rescue Stations.

Cost:

FY 2025 Supplemental Fire Rescue Operating Budget \$535,355

02550	FIRE RECOUR OPERATIONAL COCT FOR 2RD MED LINIT	FY 2025
03550 00051	FIRE RESCUE OPERATIONAL COST FOR 3RD MED UNIT PERSONAL SERVICES AND EMP BEN.	Request
511100	SALARIES & WAGES	330,541
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512150	LIFE INSURANCE	300
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SUBTOTAL:	PERSONAL SERVICES AND EMP BEN.	497,210
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523200	COMMUNICATION (T/C/P)	720
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Business Item 1:

Agenda Request – Jasper County BOC

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Discussion has also been requested regarding funding the additional Fire Rescue Station with a fee instead of ad valorem tax.

Ad Valorem Tax Method

Market Value	40% Assessed Value	<u>Homestead</u>	Taxable Value	<u>Millage</u>	Ad Valorem
\$50,000	\$20,000	\$8000	\$12,000	.700	\$8.40
\$100,000	\$40,000	\$8000	\$32,000	.700	\$22.40
\$250,000	\$100,000	\$8000	\$92,000	.700	\$64.40
\$500,000	\$200,000	\$8000	\$192,000	.700	\$134.40
\$750,000	\$300,000	\$8000	\$292,000	.700	\$204.40

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Fee Method

Jasper County has a total of 10,469 tax parcels. FY 2025 Supplemental Fire Rescue Budget \$535,355 \$535,355 divided by 10,469 = \$51.14 The fee would be \$51.14 for each parcel.

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Recommended Motion:

Board Discretion

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		Jasper County - FY 2025 Budge	t	
Capital Outlay Request - Fire Rescue				
			FY 2025	
Fire Rescue	Department Number	Capital Outlay Description	Total Cost	
	New Me	d Unit	330,000.00	
	Stretche	r/Load	50,000.00	
Lucas Chest Compression System		hest Compression System	10,225.00	
	Stair Ch		4,844.00	
	Video La	aryngoscope	6,000.00	
Grand Total			401,069.00	
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Comments*				



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JASPER COUNTY FIRE RESCUE

2025 Fire Rescue Budget Request

Item 1: Capital Expenditure - Med Unit / Tanker

This request is based on if a decision is made to staff a 3rd ambulance and at which time that would be put into place.

Goal: Replace old wore out tankers (1994 models)

-Tankers are a vital piece of equipment to haul water for incidents requiring such since much of the county does not have a water system or a system to meet the needs for fire suppression. Every Fire Station has 1 Fire Engine and 1 Tanker to meet the needs of the department and has a direct reflection on our ISO rating. Shall be noted that some insurance look at our water on hand rather then the ISO rating.

Aged Fleet / High Repair Costs / unreliable / Lack of Parts / Extended Down Time / Trucks were not designed to be tankers / Unsafe / lack safety features

Our Current Tanker Fleet:

Station 1 – 2022 Super Tanker	Age:2yrs.
Station 2 – 2004 Tanker	Age:20yrs
Station 3 – 2024 Super Tanker	Age:2yrs
Station 4 – 2001 Tanker	Age:23yrs.
Station 5 – 1994 Tanker	Age:30yrs
Station 6 – 1994 Tanker	Age:30yrs
Station 7 – 2 1994 tankers	Age:30yrs. (both)

Requesting to replace Tanker 7 and 7A with a new Super Tanker.

Received 1 quote from the supplier that provided us with our last purchase of tankers to provide an estimated cost.

Fouts Bros. – Estimated cost \$421,717 per quote with the same specs as prior purchase.

Estimated purchase of new equipment for the new tanker - \$22,000

Equipment would include: New Deck Gun – New Nozzles for 2 speedlays / 1 booster reel nozzle / 1- 2.5 smooth bore nozzle / 1- 2.5 combination nozzle / new hose / misc. adaptors / hand tools / foam

New Med Unit

Current Fleet:

Frontline Medic 1 – 2017 Ford 197,000 miles
Frontline Medic 3 – 2021 Chevy 79,421 miles
Spare Medic 2 – 2014 Chevy 239,428 miles
Spare Medic 7 – 2014 Chevy 273,345
** Medic 7 was in the shop for over 9 months waiting on parts**
*** New Ambulance should be delivered first part of May 2024***
We are averaging around 95,000 miles a year.

Received 1 quote from supplier Ten-8 which supplied our newest ambulance for a price. Price estimate is \$330,000 with an ETA of October 2025.



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JASPER COUNTY FIRE RESCUE

2025 Fire Rescue Budget Request

<u>Item 2 – Capital Expenditure – Extrication Equipment</u>

Jasper County Fire Rescue is seeking funding for the purchase of new extrication equipment to full fill mission critical operations.

History: Jasper County Fire Rescue currently has 2 full sets of extrication equipment that are currently up to date in regards to the advance steel and materials used in new vehicles. These 2 sets are currently at Station 1 and Station 3. 8 years ago, Walton County Fire Rescue donated multiple sets of extrication equipment when they swapped to the newer tools due the advance metals used in new vehicle construction. However, due to the age and condition of these tools they have become obsolete. Due to the age we are unable to fix these tools since the manufactures no longer support or service these tools. (parts are no longer available) Jasper County Fire Rescue is currently down 3 sets. The other 2 sets will not be able to fixed once they become inoperable and 1 set is not practical due to the set up and length it can operate from the truck.

Jasper County Fire Rescue is requesting funding for 1 full set (which would include a Portable Cutter, Portable Spreader and a Portable Ram with chains) and 2 Combi Tools which are a cutter and spreader combined.

The full set would be placed at Station 7 and the Combi Tool would be placed at Station 6 and Station 4. This would leave us with only 2 Stations to replace in the future. The cutter is required by ISO for truck equipment as well.

Price:

Our last 2 sets are Hurst Edraulics and to be consistent, we request to stay with same manufacture which is a sole vendor for these products.

Cost of 1 full set is: \$43,658.00

Cost of 2 Combi Tools is: \$38,166

Total cost to outfit 3 Stations with up to date extrication equipment is \$81,824.



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JASPER COUNTY FIRE RESCUE

2025 Fire Rescue Budget Request

Item 3: Capital Expenditure Turn Out Gear

Jasper County Fire Rescue is seeking funding for new turnout gear to replace outdated turnout gear. Turnout gear is the personal protective equipment we wear in hazardous environments such as fires, structure fires and crash sites.

Turnout gear includes the pants, jacket, helmet, boots, gloves and hood. All of which per NFPA standards is only good for 10 years. Turnout gear is sized for the individual. Once a year we perform gear inspections for dates relating to the standard and personnel inspect their gear after use. Our last major purchase took place in 2014. We have identified that we need to purchase 18 new sets of turnout gear to provide our personnel with the required equipment to perform their jobs functions safely and effectively.

Requesting:

18 sets of turn out gear

13 sets of new boots

11 new helmets

17 new pairs of gloves

20 new hoods

Estimated cost -

Boots – Last purchase for set was \$562.00 each - \$7,306.00 Helmets – List Price \$ 620.00 each \$6,820.00 Turnout Gear-Globe – Estimated List \$2,600.00 – \$46,800.00 ***Last set of gear purchased in 2021 at \$1,978.00 set*** Gloves – Last Purchase \$70.00 each - \$1,190.00 Hood – Last Purchase \$40.00 each - \$800.00

Total Estimated Cost - \$62,916 *Not a quoted price*

Business Item 2:

Agenda Request - Jasper County BOC

Department: Senior Center

Date: July 1, 2024

Subject: Senior Center Parking Lot Grading and Paving Proposal

Summary:

Staff was asked to obtain a cost proposal for paving the Senior Center parking lot from the contractor providing construction services for the Jasper County Sheriff's Office and Jail Addition and Renovation Project.

Quote from J Wyatt Clearing & Grading \$104,000
Grading work and stormwater control improvements
Install parking lot base
Asphalt overlay

Background:

The Senior Center needs improvements in the following two areas

Grading to prevent stormwater drainage from pooling under the Portico and entering the building at the front

Resurfacing parking lot

Cost:

Quote from J Wyatt Clearing & Grading \$104,000

Recommended Motion:

Board Discretion



J Wyatt Clearing & Grading

BID To: Mike Benton - County Manager Jasper County Senior Center 1617 GA 212 Monticello, GA 31064

Bid FROM:

J. Wyatt Clearing & Grading 22805 North Main Street Shady Dale, GA 31085 706-819-9370 j.wyatt48@yahoo.com

- 6" HDPE gutter drain 40 foot
- 12" HDPE culvert 120 foot
- 18" HDPE culvert 120 foot
- 24" HDPE culvert 20 foot
- 2 24" grate inlets
- 6" thick 10x10 concrete pad for dumpster
- 1800 sq yards of asphalt paving
- 2" of F toppings and tack
- crusher run base
- stripping parking spaces and using existing signs
- taking trees in front of building and parking lot out
- grading parking lot and front of building to control and divert water to grate inlets
- seeding and strawing disturbed areas
- all excess dirt and debris hauled to landfill and extra dirt (if needed) included

TOTAL BID:

\$104,000

Christy Wyatt (706)-816-2068 J. Wyatt Clearing & Grading 22805 North Main St. Shady Dale, GA 31085

Business Item 3:

Agenda Request - Jasper County BOC

Department: Board of Commissioners

Date: July 1, 2024

Subject: Adopt Special District Fire Protection Fee for 2024 Tax Billing

Summary:

The Jasper County BOC needs to set the Annual Fire Protection Special District Fee for the 2024 Tax Billing.

Total parcels in the Fire Protection Special District for 2024 2159

2023 Fire Protection Special District Fee \$28.63

Background:

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.

Single BOC Appropriation to JCWSA

The Jasper County BOC made a one-time appropriation on August 14, 2014, of \$50,000 to the Jasper County Water and Sewer Authority due to a funding shortfall.

Each year beginning in FY 2015, additional monies have been received by Jasper County greater than the annual expenditure to the JCWSA of \$42,900. These additional monies in total have now allowed Jasper County to recoup the one-time appropriation of \$50,000.

Estimated Total Monies to be Collected for FY 2025 using a rate of \$28.63 \$28.63 x 2159 (# of parcels) = \$61,812 x 96.5% (Collection Rate) = \$59,648.

Cost:

Annual Payment to the Jasper County Water and Sewer Authority per Intergovernmental Agreement - \$42,900. Funded by the Special District Fire Protection Fee.

Recommended Motion:

Board Discretion

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF JASPER

INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT

FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES IN PORTIONS OF JASPER COUNTY, GEORGIA

THIS AGREEMENT is made effective August 12, 2014, by and between the Jasper County Water & Sewerage Authority (hereinafter referred to as the "JCWSA"), a Public Authority created by Act of the Georgia General Assembly, and Jasper County, Georgia (hereinafter referred to as the "County"), a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, acting through the Board of Commissioners of Jasper County;

In order to promote and in the interest of serving the needs Jasper County citizens in providing fire protection, the parties have entered into this Agreement as provided for in Article IX, Section IV, Paragraph II and Article IX, Section III, Paragraph I of the 1983 Georgia Constitution and Section 15-10-150 et seq. of the Official Code of Georgia.

Whereas, the JCWSA has at its expense installed and maintained water lines in Jasper County together with fire hydrants which are available for use in fire suppression and fighting in portions of the County; and

Whereas, the parties are desirous of providing for a method of payment to compensate JCWSA for installing and maintaining lines, hydrants, and water pressure within the lines; and

Whereas, Jasper County, by Resolution of its Board of Commissioners, has previously established a Fire Protection District (hereinafter "FPD") covering the area in which JCSWA is currently providing fire protection through such improvements and an assessment for each tax parcel served by the fire protection; and

Whereas, prior to this agreement, all assessments from the FPD have been delivered to the JCWSA as compensation for its expenses (both Capital and Operational) in delivering and maintaining water lines and fire hydrants in the FPD; and

Whereas both JCWSA and County desire to provide a clearer and more direct method of payments to JCWSA for the delivery of these fire protection services;

Now, therefore, in consideration of the mutual benefits and promises herein contained, it is agreed as follows:

1. Term. This Agreement shall be binding on the parties hereto for the period commencing upon the date hereinabove stated and ending at 12:00 a.m. on December 31, 2045.

- 2. Provision of Fire Protection Services. JCWSA shall continue operation and maintenance of not less than 329 fire hydrants in the FPD with sufficient water pressure so as to qualify properties within the District to meet Georgia Insurance Service Office (hereinafter "ISO") standards for such devices. Not less than once per year and at such other times as the ISO may require, each hydrant shall be pressure tested by the authority and the results of each such test delivered to the County. JCWSA shall also provide at no additional cost to County such volume of water as may be reasonably necessary to provide effective fire suppression in the FPD.
- 3. Payment. In consideration of the services to be provided as hereinafter described and as a partial reimbursement for JCWSA's capital expenditures in installing the water lines, valves, fire hydrants and other equipment necessary to deliver such services, County shall pay to JCWSA an annual payment equal to the sum of \$42,900.00, with the first such annual payment becoming due on December 31, 2014 and continuing on the anniversary date thereof through the payment due on December 31, 2045.

In addition, County shall pay a one-time payment of \$50,000, to JCWSA contemporaneously with the execution of this agreement for services rendered to the Fire Protection District by JCWSA prior to this date for which it has not been compensated.

- 4. Release of Prior Claims. Each party to this agreement hereby releases the other party from any and all claims of any nature from any matters arising prior to the date of this Agreement, including but not limited to any claims arising out of any actions taken by either party with respect to the provision of fire protection services including installation and maintenance of fire hydrants and any payment therefor.
- 5. Future Expansion. It is anticipated that JCWSA may at some time during the term of this agreement expand the area in Jasper County to which it can provide fire protection services by installation of additional water lines and fire hydrants. Should such an expansion occur, JCWSA shall notify County of the area in which it intends to expand so that the Fire Protection District can be expanded. The parties agree to then negotiate in good faith amendments to this agreement and take such other actions as may be required to expand the Fire Protection District and to compensate JCWSA for its expenses in installing and maintaining hydrants and water lines necessary to provide such protection. No compensation for Fire District Expansion shall be due JCWSA from County unless County and JCWSA have executed an amendment to this agreement in writing.
- 6. Co-Ordination. The County Manager or his/her designee shall be the County liaison with the JCWSA pertaining to the administration of this agreement. The Chairman of the JCSWA or his/her designee shall be the JCWSA liaison for such purposes.
- 7. Payment of FPD Assessments. Prior to the date of this agreement, all assessments collected by the Jasper County Tax Commissioner relating to the FPD have been remitted directly to the JCWSA as compensation for the services to be provided under this Agreement in accordance with the Resolution of County creating the FPD. From and after the date of this Agreement, all such assessments collected by the Tax Commissioner, without regard to the date of the initial Assessment, shall be remitted to County including any assessment collected for prior years.

- This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding of the parties to this 8. Entire Understanding. Agreement and supersedes any other agreement or understanding. Any amendment to or modification of this Agreement shall not be enforced unless made in writing and signed by the parties to this Agreement.
- 9. Authority. Each of the parties represent that their execution of this Agreement has been approved by a majority vote of their respective governing authorities in an open meeting properly noticed and duly constituted. A copy of this agreement shall be attached to the minutes of the meetings of each party at which such approval was made.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED:

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By: May Alice Conti-

Title: Chairman

Jasper County, Georgia

Name: Gene Trammell

Title: Chairman

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County Collections Thru Special District Fire Protection Fee

FY	2014	None
FY	2015	\$ 44,854.75
FY	2016	\$ 46,497.81
FY	2017	\$ 46,611.89
FY	2018	\$ 45,549.47
FY	2019	\$ 44,353.74
FY	2020	\$ 48,057.25
FY	2021	\$ 52,427.13
FY	2022	\$ 50,361.65
FΥ	2023	\$ 49,376.42
FY	2024	\$ 57,280.55
		\$ 485,370.66

County Payments to JCWSA

Less: One-time payment

Net

12/12/2014 \$ 42,900.00 12/22/2015 \$ 42,900.00 12/28/2016 \$ 42,900.00 12/20/2017 \$ 42,900.00 12/28/2018 \$ 42,900.00 12/19/2019 \$ 42,900.00 12/11/2020 \$ 42,900.00 12/16/2021 \$ 42,900.00 12/8/2022 \$ 42,900.00 12/7/2023 \$ 42,900.00

\$ 429,000.00

8/14/2014

	Collections		Payments		Net Remaining Toward Reimbursement		
FY 2015	\$	44,854.75	\$	42,900.00	\$ 1,954.75		
FY 2016	\$	46,497.81	\$	42,900.00	\$ 3,597.81		
FY 2017	\$	46,611.89		42,900.00	\$ 3,711.89)	
FY 2018	\$	45,549.47	\$	42,900.00	\$ 2,649.47	7	
FY 2019	\$	44,353.74	\$	42,900.00	\$ 1,453.74	ŀ	
FY 2020	\$	48,057.25	\$	42,900.00	\$ 5,157.25	5	
FY 2021	\$	52,427.13	\$	42,900.00	\$ 9,527.13	3	
FY 2022	\$	50,361.65	\$	42,900.00	\$ 7,461.65	5	
FY 2023	\$	49,376.42	\$	42,900.00	\$ 6,476.42	<u>.</u>	
FY 2024	\$	57,280.55	\$	42,900.00	\$ 14,380.55	5	
	\$	485,370.66	\$	429,000.00	\$ 56,370.66	;	
Total Addi	tiona	I Collected			\$ 56,370.66	5	

(50,000.00)

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Agenda Request – Jasper County BOC	
Department: Board of Commissioners	
Date: July 1, 2024	
Subject: County Employees FY 2025 3% COLA Calculation Method	
Summary:	
BOC adopted the FY 2025 Budget in the amount of \$14,789,706 at the Called Meeting on June 14, 2024.	
The FY 2025 Adopted Budget contains a 3% Cost of Living.	
Staff was asked to compare the COLA using the budgeted 3% percent for each employee to a flat rawhere each employee receives the same amount as every other employee.	ıte
Using the same budgeted cost of the 3% COLA, the flat rate for each employee would be a \$1,480 annual increase for each employee.	
Background:	
Cost:	
3% COLA Cost is included in the FY 25 Adopted Budget of \$14,789,706	
Recommended Motion:	
Board Discretion	

Business Item 4:

	F	/25 3%			
	(COLA	FY	25 Flat	
FY24	Н	lourly	Н	ourly	
Hourly Rate		Rate	ı	Rate	Change
24.41	\$	25.14	\$	25.12	0.02
19.63	\$	20.22	\$	20.34	(0.12)
10.00	\$	10.30	\$	10.71	(0.41)
	•	13.05	\$	13.38	, ,
11.23		11.57		11.94	(0.37)
10.00	\$	10.30	\$	10.71	(0.41)
13.79	\$	14.20	\$	14.50	(0.30)
47.50		10.00		40.04	(0.40)
17.50		18.03		18.21	(0.18)
16.70		17.20		17.41	(0.21)
15.70		16.17		16.41	(0.24)
40.56		41.78		41.27	0.51
19.36		19.94		20.07	(0.13)
24.01		24.73		24.72	0.13)
24.01		24.75		27.72	0.01
17.77		18.30		18.48	(0.18)
11.14		11.47		11.85	(0.38)
11.14		11.47		11.85	(0.38)
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32.37		33.35		33.09	0.26
21.64		21.04		21.14	(0.10)
18.03		18.57		18.74	(0.17)
18.75		19.31		19.46	(0.15)
19.74		20.33		20.45	(0.12)
17.61		18.14		18.32	(0.18)
11.71		12.06		12.42	(0.36)
10.00		10.30		10.71	(0.41)

30.40	39.03	39.19	0.44
18.57	19.13	19.28	(0.15)
18.57	19.13	19.28	(0.15)
17.10	17.61	17.81	(0.20)
14.33	14.76	15.04	(0.28)
17.10	17.61	17.81	(0.20)
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Business Item 5: Agenda Request – Jasper County BOC		
Department:	911 Authority Board	
Date:	July 1, 2024	
Subject:	911 Authority Board Restructuring	
Summary:		
Discussion Re	equested	
Background:		
The Jasper Co	unty 911 Authority Board is an eleven-member board comprised of the following:	
Three member on member a Jasper County Jasper County	appointed by the Jasper County Board of Commissioners rs appointed by the Monticello City Council appointed by the Shady Dale City Council Sheriff Director of Emergency Medical Services	
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DIVISION 2. - 9-1-1 JOINT AUTHORITY

Sec. 2-169. - Created.

The Jasper County, Monticello and Shady Dale Joint 9-1-1 Authority is created, and is referred to in this division as the 9-1-1 joint authority.

(Code 2000, § 2-151; Res. of 11-7-1996)

Sec. 2-170. - Membership.

- (a) The 9-1-1 joint authority shall be a joint body representative of Jasper County, the City of Monticello and the City of Shady Dale. It shall consist of 11 members, each of whom shall be residents of the county and who shall serve without pay.
- (b) The county shall be entitled to appoint five members, the City of Monticello shall appoint three members and the City of Shady Dale shall appoint one member. In addition to these appointments, the sheriff of the county shall serve as a member and the director of emergency medical service shall serve as a member.

(Code 2000, § 2-152; Res. of 11-7-1996, §§ 1, 3)

Sec. 2-171. - Terms of office; vacancies.

The terms of office shall be four years or until their successors are appointed. Vacancies occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled by another appointment for the unexpired term.

(Code 2000, § 2-153; Res. of 11-7-1996, § 2)

Sec. 2-172. - Contracts.

The 9-1-1 joint authority shall be authorized to contract with the counties or municipalities which formed the authority to operate an emergency 9-1-1 system for such local governments throughout the corporate boundaries of such local governments. Pursuant to such contracts, the local governments shall be authorized to provide funding to the authority from the emergency telephone system fund

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maintained by each local government. No authority shall be formed until each local government forming the authority has imposed a monthly 9-1-1 charge.

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(Code 2000, § 2-154; Res. of 11-7-1996, § 5)

Sec. 2-173. - Powers.

The 9-1-1 joint authority shall have all of the powers necessary or convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of this division, including, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the power to:

- (1) Bring and defend actions;
- (2) Adopt and amend a corporate seal;
- (3) Make and execute contracts and other instruments necessary to exercise the power of the authority;
- (4) Receive and administer gifts, grants, and devises of any property;
- (5) Operate emergency call answering services for law enforcement, emergency management, fire, and emergency medical service agencies 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year;
- (6) Acquire, by purchase, gift, or construction, any real or personal property desired to be acquired to operate the emergency 9-1-1 system;
- (7) Sell, lease, exchange, transfer, assign, pledge, mortgage, dispose of, or grant options for any real or personal property or interest therein for any such purposes; and
- (8) Mortgage, convey, pledge, or assign any properties, revenues, income, tolls, charges, or fees owned or received by the authority.

(Code 2000, § 2-155; Res. of 11-7-1996, § 6)

Sec. 2-174. - Election of officers; hiring and compensation of employees; annual budget.

The 9-1-1 joint authority shall elect a chairperson and such other officers as deemed necessary by the authority. The authority shall select a director who shall be responsible for establishing operating standards and procedures and overseeing the operations of the emergency

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9-1-1 system. The director may be an employee working in the operation of the emergency 9-1-1 system. The authority shall be responsible for hiring, training, supervising, and disciplining employees working in the operation of the emergency 9-1-1 system. An appropriate number of full-time and part-time employees shall be hired to operate the emergency 9-1-1 system. The authority shall determine the compensation of such employees and shall be authorized to provide other employee benefits. The authority shall submit its annual budget and a report of its financial records to the local governments which created the authority.

(Code 2000, § 2-156; Res. of 11-7-1996, § 7)

Sec. 2-175. - Authorized to contract with service suppliers.

The 9-1-1 joint authority may contract with a service supplier in the same manner that local governments are so authorized under the provisions of this division.

(Code 2000, § 2-157; Res. of 11-7-1996, § 8)

Secs. 2-176—2-203. - Reserved.

FINANCING AGREEMENT for the JASPER COUNTY JOINT 911 AUTHORITY

This agreement is for the sole purpose of providing financial support to the Jasper County Joint 911 Authority in accordance with the Resolution entitled 9-1-1 JOINT AUTHORITY ordained or resolved by The Commissioners of the County of Jasper and Council members of the City of Monticello and Council members of the city of Shady Dale

The funds provided by this agreement are for the sole use of the Jasper County

Joint 911 Authority to finance that portion of funds needed that is not provided

by the monthly fee collected from telephone customers in Jasper County. These

funds are to be used to provide emergency call answering services and day to day

radio communications dispatch services for law enforcement, emergency

management, fire, and emergency medical service agencies 24 hours a day, seven

days a week, 365 days a year.

This agreement is based upon the percentages used in the division of the Jasper County

Local Option Sales Tax monies as stated on the Local Option Sales Tax Certificate of

Distribution. At present these percentages are as follows; Jasper County 62%, City of

Monticello 35% and the City of Shady Dale 3%. This percentage will be used as the sole

means to determine each jurisdiction's funding responsibility. This percentage can be

changed only if it is superseded by a new Local Option Sales Tax Distribution agreement

or a new Financing Agreement for the Jasper County Joint 911 Authority. This agreement

will expire on June 30, 1999 or when a Service Delivery Strategy Agreement
has been ratified by the City and County, whichever occurs first.

Finance responsibilities and Services provided:

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(1) Jasper County: Jasper County Board of Commissioners will provide 62% of financing to the Jasper County Joint 911 Authority.

Jasper County Joint 911 Authority will provide emergency telephone call answering services for the Jasper County Sheriff's Department, Jasper County Emergency Management Agency, Jasper County Emergency Medical Services, all Jasper County Fire Departments, Jasper County Public Works, State Law Enforcement Agencies operating in Jasper County (DNR, GBI, GEMA, EPD, etc.) and all other emergency calls that require prompt and immediate action. Furthermore, the Authority will provide and maintain central two-way radio communication and support for all mobile and field units on a day to day basis, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. This will include Jasper County Public Works on an as needed basis.

(2) Monticello : Monticello City Council will provide 35% of financing to the Jasper County Joint 911 Authority.

Jasper County Joint 911 Authority will provide emergency telephone call answering services for the Monticello Police Department, Monticello Fire Department, Monticello Public Works and Utility Department and all other emergency calls that require prompt and immediate action. Furthermore, the Authority will provide and maintain central two-way radio communication and support for all Law Enforcement, Fire and Emergency Medical Services mobile and field units on a day to day bases, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. This will include Monticello Public Works and Utilities Department.

(3) Shady Dale: The Shady Dale City Council will provide 3% of financing to the Jasper County Joint 911 Authority.

Jasper County Joint 911 Authority will provide emergency telephone call answering services for the Shady Dale Fire Department and all other emergency calls that require prompt and immediate action. Furthermore, the Authority will provide and maintain central two-way radio communication and support for all mobile and field units on a day to day basis 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

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RESOLUTION AND/OR ORDINANCE

9-1-1 JOINT AUTHORITY

BE IT ORDAINED OR RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF JASPER AND COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF MONTICELLO AND COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF SHADY DALE

- 1. This shall be a joint body representative of Jasper County, the City of Monticello and the City of Shady Dale. It shall consist of eleven (11) members, each of whom shall be residents of Jasper County and who shall serve without pay.
- 2. The terms of office shall be four (4) years or until their successors are appointed. Vacancies occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled by another appointment for the unexpired term.
- 3. The County of Jasper shall be entitled to appoint five (5) members, the City of Monticello shall appoint three (3) members and the City of Shady Dale shall appoint one (1) member. In addition to these appointments, the Sheriff of Jasper County shall serve as a member and the Director of Emergency Medical Service shall serve as a member.
- 4. The following named persons are hereby appointed effective <u>7TH</u> day of <u>November</u>, 19<u>96</u>, as members of this 9-1-1 Joint Authority.

JOINT AUTHORITY

COUNTY OF JASPER

COUNTY OF MONTICELLO

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	CITY OF SHADY DALE
Mack Tillman	SHERIFF
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- 5. This authority shall be authorized to contract with the counties or municipalities which formed the authority to operate an emergency '9-1-1' system for such local governments throughout the corporate boundaries of such local governments. Pursuant to such contracts, the local governments shall be authorized to provide funding to the authority from the Emergency Telephone System Fund maintained by each local government. No authority shall be formed until each local government forming the authority has imposed a monthly '9-1-1' charge.
- 6. This authority shall have all of the powers necessary or convenient to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of this part, including, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the power:
 - (a) To bring and defend actions;
 - (b) To adopt and amend a corporate seal:
 - (c) To make and execute contracts and other instruments necessary to exercise the power of the authority;
 - (d) To receive and administer gifts, grants, and devises of any property;
 - (e) To operate emergency call answering services for law enforcement, emergency management, fire, and emergency medical service agencies 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year;
 - (f) To acquire, by purchase, gift, or construction,

 any real or personal property desired to be
 acquired to operate the emergency '9-1-1'
 system;
 - (g) To sell, lease, exchange, transfer, assign, pledge, mortgage, dispose of, or grant options for any real or personal property or interest therein for any such purposes; and
 - (h) To mortgage, convey, pledge, or assign any properties, revenues, income, tolls, charges, or fees owned or received by the authority.
 - 7. The authority shall elect a chairperson and

such other officers as deemed necessary by the authority. authority shall select a director who shall be responsible for establishing operating standards and procedures and overseeing the operations of the emergency '9-1-1' system. The director may be an employee working in the operation of the emergency '9-1-1' system. The authority shall be responsible for hiring, training, supervising, and disciplining employees working in the operation of the emergency '9-1-1' system. An appropriate number of full-time part-time employees shall be hired to operate the emergency '9-1-1' system. The authority shall determine the compensation of such employees and shall be authorized to provide other employee benefits. The authority shall submit its annual budget and a report of its financial records to the local governments which created the authority.

- 8. The authority may contract with a service supplier in the same manner that local governments are so authorized under the provisions of this part.
- 9. All ordinances. resolutions or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions and intent of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

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- 9. All ordinances, resolutions or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions and intent of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 3 DAY OF December 1996.

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Page Three - RESOLUTION AND/OR ORDINANCE

Business Item 6: Agenda Request – Jasper County BOC		
Department:	Board of Commissioners	
Date:	July 1, 2024	
Subject:	Schedule Work Sessions and Called Meetings as Needed	
Summary:		
Work Session	s Needed	
FY 2025 Capi	tal Expenditures	
Background: Cost:		
Recommende	ed Motion:	