

Jasper County Board of Commissioners
Budget Work Session
May 10, 2024
9:00 A.M

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

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

Staff Present: Mike Benton, County Manager, Sheila Belcher, County Clerk, Larissa Ruark, Chief Accounting Officer

The Board of Commissioners heard from Department Heads that requested budget increases.

Elections

The main increase comes from the cost of the election supervisor. A board will have to be established. The other increases included upgrading cameras that are not FCC compliant and Dominion increased their fees.

Clerk of Courts

Increases come from more interpreters being requested. Annual technology fee for upgraded tech in courtroom. There was an overall increase of \$1,618.

911 Authority

The 911 director is requesting 3 additional full-time employees, 3% COLA, 3% merit.

EMA

911/EMA Director discussed the increases for the EMA budget which included laptops, vehicle, and uniforms.

Sheriff/Jail/Courthouse Security

Sheriff Pope discussed his need for increases in his budget. The square footage of the jail has increased. There are 36 beds added.

Public Works

Mr. Walsh discussed his budget requests which included increase gravel costs and uniforms.

The Work Session was closed at 12:06 p.m.


Bruce Henry, Chairman


Sheila Belcher, Clerk