

Jasper County Board of Commissioners  
Budget Work Session  
May 24, 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

EMA

- EMA has been asked to audit the 911 lines that are being paid for by EMA
- Items that were to be removed from EMA budget request
  - Food
  - 2 laptops
  - Per Commissioner Henry eliminate travel and reimbursement
  - Commissioner Ledford suggested leaving education and training at \$3k
  - Equipment Maintenance
  - Commissioner Gray suggested removing the \$500 advertising budget
  - Commissioner Henry suggested removing the vehicle gas line since there is no vehicle

911 Authority

- Only allow 1 hire
- Remove 6% in raises (these will be addressed when BOC employees are addressed)
- The board is requesting more information regarding the request for uniforms for EMA

Sheriff

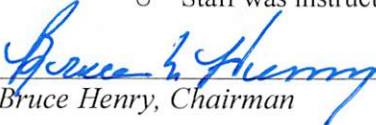
- Remove \$10k from the gas budget line
- Remove Health Preparedness supplies line from the budget

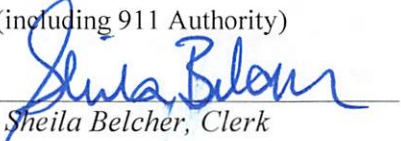
Jail

- Lower the physicians, hospital, prescriptions budget line to \$100k
- Chairman Henry would like to see the water and electricity lines broken down
- Chairman Henry suggested cutting the increase for food by \$10k

Other

- Mike Benton instructed to speak with the School Superintendent about cutting the Excise tax to Board of Education and give the additional \$10k to the library
- Commissioner Ledford suggested taking millage from the hospital and give that to Fire & EMS.
  - Commissioner Henry isn't sure we can do this but staff will have to find out if this was voted on.
- Staff was instructed to bring back options for COLAs (including 911 Authority)

  
Bruce Henry, Chairman

  
Sheila Belcher, Clerk