

Jasper County Board of Commissioners

Work Session

September 16, 2024

6:00 P.M.

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

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

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

County Manager Mike Benton began the Work Session by explaining the CIE Update. He stated that there are four components; Financial Report, report of accomplishments, impact fee and the Short-term work program. He stated that the library is still one of our facility areas. The beginning balance for the start of the year, which was, say, July 1, 2023, \$4,292.71. During the year, we collected impact fees. The impact fee is added to a billing permit; it's the amount of each impact fee, \$1,376.70. The ending balance for the library is \$4,962.88. Mr. Benton went through the report and discussed the balances for the different areas. He stated that we had to undo some things that we did a couple of years ago. He stated that a line can be used to pay for the program update.

He stated that the Report of accomplishments are basically what the impact fee has been used for the previous five years. He listed a few things that were funded by impact fees (dugouts, pavilion shelter).

The next document impact fee capital project list for the next five years. Some of those projects are books for the library, a multipurpose building for recreation, and completing the jail project.

There is a formal process to amend the impact fee program.

The board suggested some minor changes to the Short-term work program.

- Line 1- remove the word "sewer" from the project description
- Line 4- Remove Impact fees from the funding column
- Line 19- Remove Animal Shelter Incinerator as a project

Mr. Bill Ross spoke to the board. He stated that it is more difficult than it has been in the past to amend the impact fee program. He is suggesting that Jasper County starts from scratch with the Impact Fee program. He mentioned that there can be a column for the consultant in addition to the Admin area which is directly related to the impact fee. This includes considering inflation. He stated that the report that the county receives this time will be much more elaborate. Changing the impact fee in the ordinance will require going through the adoption process.

Commissioner Ledford ask how often should the Impact fee program be updated.

Mr. Ross stated that most update every five years. Some go about 8 years.

Mr. Attaway stood before the board to discuss the short-term rental application and inspection process. He stated that the ordinance states that we have to inspect before issuing a license, so I just wanted to come before the board and see what they think. The health department prefers to have the applicant schedule with him and pay his fees. He stated that the building Inspector is compiling a deficiency report.

Commissioner Ledford suggested we check with David Mercer to see how often the septic tanks should be pumped.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Commissioner Henry stated that they will enter an executive Work Session.



Bruce Henry, Chairman



Sheila Jefferson, Clerk