

Jasper County Board of Commissioners Work Session Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2010
9:00am

**Commissioners present: Chairman Charles Hill, Vice-Chairman Carl Pennamon
Commissioner Alan Cox, Commissioner Mary Patrick
Commissioner Jack Bernard**

**Staff present: County Manager Dennis Recker, County Attorney James Alexander
Betty Moon**

Minutes prepared by: Betty Moon

Chairman Hill calls the meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Bernard to adopt the agenda with one modification to move Sheriff Roper from Presentation to be first on the Work Session remove Health Board regarding Heating/Air at Health Department and move 2010 Budget Amendments to County Manager's Items, Commissioner Bernard withdraws his motion and the new, Motion by Commissioner Bernard to adopt the agenda with Sheriff Roper as # 1, # 2 Logging & Road Damage Issues and # 3 Subdivision Road Acceptance Policy. Seconded by Commissioner Pennamon. Passed Unanimously.

Sheriff Roper-Budget Discussion/Law Enforcement Services to the City of Monticello:

Sheriff Roper gives the commissioners copies of his budget. Concerns are not enough money in budgets for the Jail, Sheriff Department and Courthouse Security. Jail budget for salaries is increased from \$323,875 to \$373,380 and Food from \$82,891. to \$148,551. Sheriff Department Part-time help adding \$32,500 Total budget from \$1,458,620 to \$1,491,120. Courthouse Security \$56,718.00. We are having a food service come in to do the meals, this figure will go from \$12.00 a day to \$9.00 a day for each inmate. Question asked was "Where is the money coming from?" Much discussion. When the food service contract is available, it will have a 30 day cancellation clause.

Sheriff Roper informs the board that as of July 1st the City police department will be disbanded. The Sheriff is to go to the City council for money to run his department with the added service he will have to provide. The sheriff suggested the commissioners and city council get together and discuss all the issues brought up today. It was suggested that the Sheriff get figures together and give them to the County Manager as to cost for City coverage.

Logging & Road Damage Issues:

Commissioner Patrick states we have had an awful lot of road complaints produced because of the loggers. Goolsby Road, Jordan Road, Pitts Chapel Road to name a few. Commissioner Cox stated Pitts Chapel was just paved and where the logging trucks are coming out, is tearing the road up. Commissioner Cox also stated our enforcement is not doing their job, the county manager is to look into this also. County Manager feels higher bond amounts would help.

Many avenues were talked about. The county manager and county attorney are to look into additional stronger enforcement language for the ordinance and return for the commissioners to review.

Subdivision Road Acceptance Policy:

County attorney stated once you are done issuing building permits on that road you effectively committed to the public especially those that have build a home in there, it is a public road. He said he felt very strongly about not backing up on that commitment. Commissioner Cox stated when he was at the last ACCG training that dealt with road acceptance, he asked the attorney there that when we issue the plat we have accepted the roads. I was told absolutely not! They said the law is very specific, the owner of that road has to bring it before the BOC and the BOC has the final say whether that road is accepted or not.

Commissioner Patrick stated she has the Development Ordinance, Section 4-10, Item B states final approval of the plat by the Planning & Zoning Committee DOES NOT constitute acceptance of any dedications to the public. After Final Plat approval by the P & Z Commission, the subdivider must prepare appropriate documents and plans as constructed, if required, and request Jasper County and other appropriate authorities to accept dedicated streets, other public spaces and utilities. Much discussion.

Motion by Commissioner Cox to adjourn the Work Session. Seconded by Commissioner Bernard. Passed Unanimously.

Charles Hill, Chairman

Dennis Recker, County Manager

Jasper County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2010
10:00am

Commissioners present: Chairman Charles Hill, Vice-Chairman Carl Pennamon
Commissioner Alan Cox, Commissioner Mary Patrick
Commissioner Jack Bernard

Staff: County Attorney James Alexander, County Manager Dennis Recker, Betty Moon

Minutes prepared by: Betty Moon.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation:

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Commissioner Cox, Seconded by Commissioner Bernard to delete Sheriff Roper under Presentation, add 2010 Budget Amendments under County Manager Items and Jasper County Water/Sewer Authority under New Business. Discussion. Commissioner Cox withdraws his motion.

Motion by Commissioner Pennamon to add 2010 Budget Amendments under County Manager Items and Jasper County Water/Sewer Authority under New Business. Seconded by Commissioner Bernard. Yes-Vote-Commissioners Pennamon, Bernard, Hill. Opposed: Commissioners Cox, Patrick. Motion Carried

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Commissioner Bernard to approve the minutes of March 15, 2010 Board Work Session. Seconded by Commissioner Pennamon. Passed Unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Bernard to approve the minutes of March 15, 2010 Regular meeting with one change, on page 2 Town Hall Meeting Date. The statement "Commissioner Bernard stated as long as the chairman establishes the format" comes after Discussion. Seconded by Commissioner Cox. Passed Unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Bernard to approve the minutes of March 22, 2010 with one change, Page 2, Jackson Lake Road. Instead of " would cost \$84,000 total. Should be reclamation preferrable" Seconded by Commissioner Pennamon. Yes-Vote-Commissioners Bernard, Pennamon, Hill, Patrick. Abstained: Commissioner Cox. Motion Carried

Presentation:

Jasper County Library Budget-Jeff Tomlinson-Mr. Tomlinson presented the commissioners several documents outlining funding needs and shortfalls. The Library is open 2 days a week. They need

\$35,000 to be open more days and \$11,458. Monthly to be open seven days a week. Much discussion-Suzanne Lindsey and Carol McElheney also spoke concerning funding of the Library. The Library reserve is down to about \$12,000.

New Business:

Request for \$1,100. Change order for Upgrade to the "AirRide" lift system-EMS-Ed Westbrook. Remounting the ambulance we have run into the problem of the AirRide system. We go over much rougher terrain than most ambulances. The change over will cost \$1,100 and we can take this from Line item Repairs to Capital Improvements. By replacing this, our repairs will really come down. Motion by Commissioner Cox we accept Mr. Westbrook's proposal on the AirRide System with the condition that the \$1,100.00 will be moved out of repairs budget and into capital expenditures. Seconded by Commissioner Bernard. Passed Unanimously,

Finance:

Request permission to proceed with bidding for two "Tornado Sirens"- Ed Westbrook. We are raising \$10,000 for this grant. Mr. Westbrook is asking for permission to proceed with bidding for two Tornado Sirens. Motion by Commissioner Bernard to give Mr. Westbrook permission to go for bids for two Tornado Sirens. Seconded by Commissioner Cox. Passed Unanimously.

Animal Control Ordinance Amendment: Second Reading-

Motion by Commissioner Bernard to accept the Animal Control Ordinance Amendment-Second Reading. Seconded by Commissioner Cox. Passed Unanimously.

Resolutions:

Resolution Equipment Lease Addendum and Resolution Authorize Master Lease Equipment Lease-County Attorney Jim Alexander informs the board of condition of this lease by Wells Fargo through ACCG. It is a 5 year lease at 4.47% interest with monthly payment of \$3,732. After discussion, Motion by Commissioner Patrick we accept the resolution for the lease of the equipment for PWD as outlined which includes the (2) Mack Trucks, Truck and dump trailer, lowboy, to move \$29,856.08 out of line item Capital Improvement into Lease/Rents as required by this resolution and authorize the chairman to executive the lease documents. Seconded by Commissioner Bernard. Passed Unanimously.

Contracts:

Technical Services Support Agreement-EMS-Lifepaks-Motion by Commissioner Cox that we accept this agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Bernard. Passed Unanimously.

Fire District Tax:

Commissioner Cox stated he got a legal opinion from the General Council of the Georgia Legislature which said our way of doing it was incorrect. The way the county did it, we went in and set an amount based on a number of fire hydrants and we billed the people in District 5. The law says you can have a separate fire district, it has to be applied equally and for the actual cost of the service and a reasonable amount for maintenance. It was not applied equally and has to be the exact cost of providing the service. The law was not followed. Commissioner Patrick stated through the State Legislature I received the Attorney General's opinion 70-225 stating the county cannot donate money to a water authority. After further discussion, the county attorney is to give the commissioners a report at the next meeting (April 19th).

Commissioners Items:

Follow-Up-Commissioner Pennamon stated Work Session are for clarification and fact finding in order to make resolution in the regular meeting and move forward, then if something needs to be added we can add it to the work session and go from there. Motion by Commissioner Pennamon Restructure the work session for things on the current meeting agenda starting at next meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Cox. Yes-Vote-Commissioners Pennamon, Cox, Patrick, Bernard. No-Vote-Commissioner Hill. County Attorney to do a resolution. Passed Unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Bernard to defer this action. Seconded by Commissioner Hill. Yes-Vote Commissioners Bernard, Hill. No-Vote-Commissioners Pennamon, Patrick, Cox. Motion fails.

Motion by Commissioner Pennamon to remove Commissioners Items from the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Hill. Passed Unanimously.

147th Street-Commissioner Patrick stated 147th Street is not a county road, yet PWD has repaired this Street several times. Question is, do we bill the city for repairs? County Manager will look into this.

SPLOST-Commissioner Pennamon stated Feldspar Road and East Bullard Road needs to be next in paving. Motion by Commissioner Pennamon we pave Feldspar and East Bullard Roads. Seconded by Commissioner Patrick for discussion. Commissioner Bernard stated he would support this if they added Commissioner Hill's two (2) roads, Davidson and Jefferies Road and spend the remaining funds on Jackson Lake Road. Yes-Vote-Commissioners Bernard, Hill. No-Vote-Commissioners Cox, Patrick, Pennamon. Motion Fails. Commissioner Pennamon repeated his motion to do Feldspar Road and East Bullard Road with SPLOST funds. Seconded by Commissioner Patrick. Yes-Vote-Commissioners Pennamon, Patrick. No-Vote-Commissioners Cox, Bernard, Hill. Motion Fails.

EMS Committee Report:

County Attorney reads the committee's report. They came up with (6) six problems they recommend be fixed from lack of qualified leadership, personnel evaluation, training. Education, patient care and equipment with medical director over sight. Have a working relationship with the hospital, have enough funding from the county. Points not agreed upon by the all members: Privatization of the EMS service, some felt this would be detrimental to the citizens of this county and itself. Some felt the county could not financially support the EMS service. After discussion, Motion by Commissioner Bernard we accept this report from the committee and send them a letter commending them for the service to the county. Seconded by Commissioner Cox. Passed Unanimously.

Update on Zoning Amendments:

County Attorney discussed Home Occupation, Final Plat provision and that the commissioners have the final approval and private road ordinance-up to 5 acres. No action was taken by the Planning and Zoning Committee. Motion by Commissioner Pennamon to advertize for the 1st of May a Public Hearing on these amendments. Seconded by Commissioner Cox. Motion withdrawn.

Motion by Commissioner Cox to accept the suggestion and do a public hearing on May 17 at the night meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Patrick. Yes-Vote-Commissioners Cox, Patrick, Bernard, Hill. No-Vote-Commissioner Pennamon. Motion Carried.

Solid Waste and Capital Improvements Element--County Manager said our CIE was deemed incomplete. There will be a meeting April 8 at 6:00pm at the P&Z office with the committee.

CPA Services-Sabrina Cape: She has sent in a report this morning, but the County Manager has not had time to review.

Jackson Lake Road-Deep patching for LARP, authorization to go out for bid. County Manager said he had engineer, Larry Kaiser, mark Jackson Lake Road's bad areas. Discussion about the cost of patching. DOT had estimated \$48,000 while Kaiser's report says \$136,000. Commissioner Patrick said we needed the opinion of a second engineer. Commissioner Cox said we can not afford reclamation. Commissioner Bernard had major reservations about our Public Works department doing the patching. Commissioner Patrick said at the last meeting we agreed on a motion that we would contract with whoever DOT contracted with to do Jackson Lake Road. Commissioner Bernard agreed.

General Comments:

Chuck Forsythe-Open records request on paving equipment; no revenue report

Keith Dillon-Follow up on SPLOST

Gene Welch-County Wide election on Commission Chairman

Craig Salmon-Jasper County Water/Sewer Authority

Brack Pound-Jasper County Water/Sewer Authority

Juanita Gazaway-Roads

Carol McElheney-Library

Suzanne Lindsay-Library

Motion by Commissioner Cox to go into executive session. Seconded by Commissioner Bernard. Passed Unanimously

Motion by Commissioner Bernard to come out of executive session. Seconded by Commissioner Cox. Passed Unanimously

Motion by Commissioner Bernard to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Cox. Passed Unanimously. 12:39pm

Charles Hill, Chairman

Dennis Recker, County Manager