

Jasper County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes  
May 3, 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 Bernard to approve the agenda adding the following items to County Manager Items:

Personnel Policy Update, Morgan County Landfill, Logging Ordinance Update, and Sheriff/City Update. Also add 2010 Budget Resolution to Budget items.

Seconded by Commissioner Cox. Passed Unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Commissioner Cox to approve the Work Session Minutes of April 19, 2010. Seconded by Commissioner Bernard. Passed Unanimously

Motion by Commissioner Bernard to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2010. Seconded by Commissioner Cox. Passed Unanimously.

**2009 Budget Amendments-Resolution:** Commissioner Pennamon made motion to approve 2009 Budget Resolution as outlined by Mark Hardison, CPA and to attached a copy to the 2009 audit when it is completed. Seconded by Commissioner Bernard. Discussion—County Manager Recker is to meet with those that overspent. Mr. Recker said BOC will have good reports next week and so will departments. Commissioners Cox, Bernard, Hill, and Pennamon Yes vote. Commissioner Patrick abstains. Passed.

**2010 Budget Resolution:** Commissioner Cox made the motion to approve a resolution with the 2010 budget line items. Seconded by Commissioner Bernard. Passed Unanimously.

**Board Appointment Policy-Resolution:** Commissioner Pennamon makes motion to accept policy resolution with changes to item 3. Those wishing to be considered shall attend unless agreed by Board to waive requirement. Seconded by Commissioner Cox. Passed Unanimously.

**Sheriff Department-Subgrant Adjustment Request-Request for Funds:**

Motion by Commissioner Bernard to give authorization for the chairman to sign Subgrant Request. Seconded by Commissioner Pennamon. Grant is for \$45,754. County must spend money first and then be reimbursed. Budget to be amended to income both grant income and grant expense. Passed Unanimously.

**County Manager Items:**

**SPLOST/Roads Issues Update:** County Manager Dennis Recker said master road plan with tiers & prioritization was being worked on. Commissioner Cox made Motion that we proceed to bid to triple surface SPLOST roads Hodges Farm Road and that we have Public Works place stops signs in both direction at the 90° turn. That we follow Hodges Farm Road with East Bullard Road and Feldspar Road. Seconded by Commissioner Patrick. Yes-Vote-Commissioners Cox, Patrick. No-Vote-Commissioners Hill, Bernard. Abstained-Commissioner Pennamon. Motion fails. County Attorney stated to abstain is a no vote.

**County Wide Staffing Report: County Manager asked that this be moved to end of County Manager items.**

**Personnel Policy Update:**Discussion-County Manager Dennis Recker informs the board that he has sent a letter to the constitutional elected officials notifying them of our plan to review the Jasper County Personnel Policy. He invited them to appoint a representative to participate in this policy review process with the goal of creating one county policy applicable and equitable for all county employees and appropriate for all departments. Following the commission's guidance to appoint a senior supervisory and senior hourly, the following personnel have been invited to participate- Department Head-Ken Tillman-Landfill Director, Hourly employee Phyllis Norwood-Tax Assessor's Office-Alternate-Raymond Rogers-Code Enforcement and EMS-Ronnie Franklin  
The letter included a fill in the blanks form for the constitution officials to elect to participate or decline participation and a blank to fill in their representative.

**Morgan County Landfill-**Mr. David Dammann represented the county at the DRI Committee meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup> and the letter was read into the committee's report record. The vote was 3-2 that the project was not in the best interest of the region. The report will go before the NEGRCC on May 20<sup>th</sup>. The council has Chairman Charles Hill and David Dammann as representative of Jasper County. The Regional Commission will forward its determination to Morgan County BOC. Morgan County BOC has to consider the non binding report but have full autonomy of deciding this issue. The City of Madison also submitted to DRI input recommending against the Banks Landfill application. Tentatively this is to go before the Morgan County BOC July 6<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Commissioner Patrick to send the same letter we sent to DRI after NEGRC opinion is received to Morgan County Board of Commissioners, Morgan County Planning and Zoning. Seconded by Commissioner Bernard. Passed Unanimously.

**Logging Ordinance Update:**Discussion-Being reworked with staff to be much tougher. Should be placed on work session agenda May 17 and also place on the regular agenda, then advertise for June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting for a 1<sup>st</sup> reading and the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading June 21.

**2010 appropriations:**

**Law Enforcement: City of Monticello-** County Manager Dennis Recker stated the proposal before you has been accepted by the City for consideration. The city indicated their Safety Services Committee of the City Council would study the proposal and prepare a recommendation to the whole council and Mayor about the first week in May and act about the end of May. Services to date have cost about \$8000 per month and by July 1<sup>st</sup> City will owe County \$32,000.

**General Comments:**

**Rufus Whitlock**-Youth Basketball Program/Facility Use

**Tyron Dennis**-Presentation of letter of interest-Recreation board

**Chuck Forsythe**-County Manager to pick CFO/Agenda-Adding items at meeting/EMS/Public Hearings to quick not time to review/What level of law enforcement to city.

**Skip Nowetner**-Deerfield Farm Road in bad shape/Concerned about fire department , emergency units getting to residence on these roads/SPLOST.

**Kathy Mudd:** What happened to County Staffing report?

**County Staffing Report:** Motion by Commissioner Bernard to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Commissioner Pennamon. Determined after discussion that Executive Session not necessary. Mr. Recker handed out staffing report and said there was approximately \$200,000 in salaries budgeted more than actual current salaries. Commissioner Patrick said do a comparison with 2009 budget and 2010 budget so board can see differences. County Manager Dennis Recker said there was a good possibility we can hire EMS Director and CFO without cutting current personnel.

Motion by Commissioner Bernard to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Cox. Passed Unanimously.

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Charles Hill, Chairman

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Dennis Recker, County Manager