

Jasper County Board of Commissioners Called Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2010
6:00pm

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

Staff: County Attorney James Alexander, Interim County Manager Betty Moon

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Rev. Jimmy Horton

Motion by Commissioner Pennamon to adjourn to the courtroom to hold the Public Hearing on the 2010 Budget. Seconded by Commissioner Cox. Passed Unanimously.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Commissioner Bernard to add Item # 1 Discussion of CFO under new business , # 2 approval of Broom Sweeper rental under new business and remove Jasper County Water/Sewer Authority-Invoice Fire Hydrant Contract and remove Referendums on Ballot Chairman elected at large. Seconded by Commissioner Cox. Commissioner Patrick stated she would like for this to be left on the agenda for discussion, I think the people should have a chance to vote on this. Yes-Vote-Commissioners Bernard, Cox, Pennamon, Hill. Opposed-Commissioner Patrick. Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Commissioner Pennamon to approve minutes of February 1, 2010 Board Work Session. Seconded by Commissioner Cox. Passed Unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Pennamon to approve the minutes of Regular Meeting February 1, 2010. Seconded by Commissioner Cox. Passed Unanimously.

Public Hearing:

Chairman Hill opened the Public Hearing on the 2010 Budget in the large courtroom and he announced comments would be limited to three minutes per person and a total of 30 minutes. Many citizens talked to the board about their budget cuts. The commissioners listened to several speakers on several budgets.

Old Business:

SPLOST Roads-Commissioner Pennamon stated we needs a Called Meeting on this.

Road Maintenance Plan-Logging, Heavy Trucks-Commission Patrick stated concerns about logging going on in rainy weather tearing up our roads. We have asked for a maintenance plan. Our PWD

runs from one end of the county to the other end of the county and it wears out the equipment. Have asked for PWD to have a folder on each road and the maintenance done on each road. Commissioner Pennamon stated we need to stop micromanaging. PWD needs equipment so they can work these roads. Commissioner Patrick stated this is a good time to purchase equipment with company's going out of business, etc. PWD had over \$200,000.00 in their budget last year that was never spent.

New Business:

Referendum on Ballot-Sunday Sales of beer and wine-Commissioner Patrick stated Frank's Restaurant came before the board asking for this. Discussion. Interim County Manager is to see what needs to be done in order to have a referendum on the ballot.

Broom Sweeper for PWD-Motion by Commissioner Pennamon go the cheapest route for quote for 30 day lease-rental for a 3 point hitch broom sweeper. Commissioner Bernard amends the motion to eliminate 3 point hitch go with motorized. Seconded by Commissioner Cox. Passed Unanimously.

CFO-Motion by Commissioner Bernard for the county manager to advertise for a CFO for Jasper County. Seconded by Commissioner Pennamon. Commissioner Cox stated when we interviewed for county manager we ask each one could they do the financial and all said they could. Before giving the new county manager a chance to see if he can do this, you are wanting to hire a CFO. Commissioner Bernard wants to use salaries of existing salaries to hire a CFO. Commissioner Patrick feels we could use a CPA firm to come in do our books. Yes-Vote-Commissioners Bernard, Pennamon, Hill. Opposed-Commissioners Cox, Patrick. Motion Carried.

Contracts:

Landfill Engineering Contract-PBS&J-Motion by Commissioner Cox for the chairman to sign this contract. Seconded by Commissioner Bernard. County Attorney stated he has read the contract and it is fine. Passed Unanimously.

Clifton, Lipford, Hardison & Parker, LLC-Engagement Letter-Motion by Commissioner Patrick to approve the engagement letter for the chairman to sign. Seconded by Commissioner Bernard. Passed Unanimously.

Finance:

Bid Tabulation-Sheriff Department-Commissioner Cox excuses himself from this bid. The sheriff feels they short changed themselves on these bids. The money comes from a grant. The sheriff asked for more time to review these bids. Motion by Commissioner Pennamon to defer the bid tabulation for time for the sheriff to review. Seconded by Commissioners Bernard. Commissioners Pennamon, Bernard, Hill, Patrick. Commissioner Cox abstained from the vote. Motion Carried.

Commissioners Items-

FollowUp-Commissioner Patrick stated we discussed the purchasing policy, the new Alcohol Beverage policy, we have not followed through and it has not been put back on the agenda.

Post Road/Shiloh Baptist Church Recreation Area-Much discussion concerning. Commissioner Cox stated there has been two (2) wrecks out there and one car ran into the dug out. Pastor Sorrell stated we need some protection in the way of signs, speed breakers, guard rails. Motion by Commissioner Cox place sign 500 feet from curve to reduce speed to 35MPH, 250 feet from curve place sign 35 MPH, a large sign stating Recreation Area and reflectors on the other side of the road.

Seconded by Commissioner Patrick. Passed Unanimously

Town Hall Meeting: Commissioner Patrick was are we going to have a town hall meeting or not. Can we set a date now. If not, I would like to have one myself. Commissioners to look at sometime in March. Commissioners to let county manager know their dates.

2010 Budget: Motion by Commissioner Bernard add the 2010 Budget to the next agenda March 1st. Seconded by Commissioner Patrick. Passed Unanimously.

General Comments:

Chuck Forsythe-CFO/2010 Budget

Juanita Gazaway-SPLOST/Larry Kaiser

Skip Nowetner-Larry Kaiser

Gene Welsh-Commended Commissioner Patrick for LARP money for Jackson Lake Road

Carol McElheney-Library

Keith Dillon-SPLOST Roads

William Gibson-Library

Rev. Horton-Hospital

Chairman Hill left meeting

Tracy Norton-Keeping jobs

Jim Walsh-Hospital

Mike Johnson-Hospital, budget, doesn't want tax increase as taxpayer

Steve Benton-Hospital, Sheriff Dept

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

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

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

