

Jasper County Board of Commissioners Work Session Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2010
5:00pm

**Commissioners present: Vice-Chairman Carl Pennamon, Commissioner Alan Cox
Commissioner Mary Patrick, Commissioner Jack Bernard
Chairman Hill arrives at 5:10pm**

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

Minutes prepared by: Betty Moon

Vice-Chairman Carl Pennamon calls the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Commissioner Bernard we adopt the August 16th Work Session Agenda with stipulation under 2011 Budget process we also talk about budget reductions. Commissioner Patrick amends to add furlough and overtime for discussion and move EMS Grant Authorization as first item to be discussed. Seconded by Commissioner Cox. Passed Unanimously.

EMS Grant Authorization:

Jeff Bratcher, EMS Director informs the board this grant is fully funded and will cover equipment and first responder courses, this is to strengthen emergency medical services focusing on rural regions. No cost what so ever to the county. Grant totals \$676,889.63 Motion by Commissioner Bernard we authorize the chairman of the Board of Commissioners to apply for these (2) grants on behalf of Jasper County EMS. Seconded by Commissioner Cox. Passed Unanimously.

Public Works Equipment Trade In/Purchase:

William Brown, Public Works Director informs the board of taking (3) pieces of equipment that are unusable and trading in on a needed and versatile piece of equipment. Trade-in value \$74,000 Sell Price \$74,000 zero cost to county. Trading 12G Caterpillar 1980, 12H Caterpillar 1997 and 920 Caterpillar Inc (AA) 1984. Receiving 2004, 320CL Hydraulic Excavator Caterpillar.

NACO Prescription Discount Card Program:

Mr. Recker explains this discount card program saves money on prescription drugs any time they are not covered by insurance. The cardholder pays the negotiated discount price or pharmacy's retail price whichever is lower. Average discount is 22%. This is a federal program. Commissioner Patrick stated The State of Georgia has the same free card that does the same thing. Commissioner Bernard said if Health Department wanted to administer the program then county could apply for it. The board agreed.

2011 Health Care Coverage Issues-Kelly Fox-

Mr. Fox goes over the health plan again with the board. The \$50.00 a month for smokers annual savings

\$5,000. Expense to county \$960.00 covering spouses and the \$40.00 to employee for the employee to go on their spouses health plan saves the county \$21,610. Overall increase to county after these changes is \$10,215.00.

Logging Ordinance-Jim Alexander:

Much discussion-(6) Violation of the notice requirements of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine not exceed \$500.00. Correction needed-take out not exceed and enter \$500.00 per violation.

(A) board agrees language needs updated for road standards. Code Enforcement Raymond Rogers, Public Works Department Director William Brown and County Attorney Jim Alexander to work on this (Road Standards).

2011 Budget Process:

Mr. Recker informs the board of meeting with constitutional officers. They were very cooperative, they had feed back. Commissioner Bernard wants Sabrina Cape to compare Jasper County to other counties that are similar in population-the constitutional officers budget of same size, services provided that are similar, etc. Ms. Cape stated she has prepared options in ways to cut these budget without being too drastic, using \$700,000 cuts and \$500,000 cuts. Suggested the board needed to make cuts over a 2 or 3 year period to get back on track.

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

Charles Hill, Chairman

Betty Moon, County Clerk

Jasper County Board of Commissioners Called Meeting Minutes
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6:10pm

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

Staff: County Attorney James Alexander, County Manager Dennis Recker, County Clerk
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 with adding under Old Business # 2
2010 and 2011 budget reductions including Furloughs and Overtime. Seconded by Commissioner
Cox. Passed Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Commissioner Patrick to approve minutes of July 19, 2010 Called Board Meeting.
Seconded by Commissioner Bernard. Passed Unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Bernard to approve minutes of August 2, 2010 Board Work Session.
Seconded by Commissioner Patrick. Yes-Vote-Commissioners Bernard, Patrick, Cox, Hill.
No-Vote-Commissioner Pennamon due to being absent. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Bernard to approve the minutes of August 2, 2010 Regular Board Meeting.
Seconded by Commissioner Cox. Yes-Vote-Commissioners Bernard, Cox, Patrick, Hill. No-Vote-
Commissioner Pennamon due to being absent. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Bernard to approve the minutes of August 4, 2010 Special Called Meeting.
Seconded by Commissioner Patrick. Passed Unanimously.

Public Hearing will be held later on in the meeting-Holding for Raymond Rogers

Logging Ordinance:

**First Reading-Motion by Commissioner Cox approve the First Reading with change on Item #
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\$500. per violation. Seconded by Commissioner Bernard. As discussed in Work Session. Passed Unanimously.

Budget Amendments:

Commissioner Cox makes Motion we cap the 2011 budget at 7.7 million and that the 2011 budget be compared to the 2009 final budget to establish the reductions for all departments over that time period. Once established by department we give credit to the department on reductions they have enacted this will prevent anyone who has tried to cut to help us and prevent anyone who has resisted cutting from being rewarded. After further discussion, Commissioner Cox deferred this until after executive session.

Motion by Commissioner Bernard we set a budget meeting this week. The board decided on Wednesday, August 18, at 5:00pm for (3) hours. Seconded by Commissioner Patrick. Yes-Vote-Commissioners Bernard, Patrick, Cox, Hill. Abstained-Commissioner Pennamon due to time frame. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Cox that we cap the 2011 budget at 7.7 million. Seconded by Commissioner Bernard. Yes-Vote-Commissioners Cox, Bernard, Patrick. No-Vote-Commissioners Hill, Pennamon. Passed Unanimously.

Overtime:

Commissioner Patrick addresses the issue of overtime. She stated last year a motion was made that there would be no overtime. Only in emergency situations. It has continued, and it has to stop. Discussion-Motion by Commissioner Pennamon that Jasper County eliminate all paid holidays for all county employees for the remainder of 2010 and this motion will supercede the previous motion earlier about furloughs and holidays. Seconded by Commissioner Patrick. Passed Unanimously.

Public Hearing:

Raymond Rogers presents this application-Special Exception to allow for a Recycling Center-Howard Jackson Planning and Zoning Committee has approved this application. Currently zoned M-2. Chairman calls for anyone in favor of this application-Howard Jackson speaks – this would be a recycling center to be a drop off location for customers to come and sell recyclable metals and aluminum to be transported to a larger facility in Atlanta. Ken McMichael speaks for this recycling center-It will bring 5 or 6 jobs, will be a cleaner county.

Against-Chuck Forsythe-Concerned about toxic material, oil etc. Chairman closes the Public Hearing; Motion by Commissioner Pennamon we approve application 2010SE02. Seconded by Commissioner Cox. Passed Unanimously.

2010 Budget Amendments Public Work Department (Capital Leases/SPLOST/Genl Fund)

After discussion-Motion by Commissioner Patrick we accept the Budget Resolution taking money out of Capital into line items for Capital Leases. Seconded by Commissioner Bernard for discussion-Ms. Cape explains the \$118,633 you already have in your budget, you will be adding debt service payments in the amount of \$10,500, \$12,400 and \$12,300 for three new leases entered into during FY 2010 for principal and interest payments. Passed Unanimously

Motion by Commissioner Patrick we accept this budget resolution expenses into the SPLOST fund for expenditure made out of general fund for Bullard Road Project \$3,721.50 and Hodges Farm Road Project \$7,102.80. Seconded by Commissioner Cox. Passed Unanimously.

NEGRC Transportation Planning Resolution:

Mr. Recker stated the Northeast Georgia Regional Commission will undertake the preparation of Plan 2030, the plan for the 12 county region served by the Regional Commission. Motion by Commissioner Bernard we approve our participation contingent on them obtaining 2010 Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program. Seconded by Commissioner Cox. Passed Unanimously.

Public Works Equipment:

Motion by Commissioner Pennamon we declare Motor Grader 12-G 1980, Motor Grader 12-H 1997, and Motor Grader 920, 1984 as surplus and trade for Caterpillar 320 Excavator with 90 day warranty. Surplus property value \$74,000 and 320 Excavator \$74,000 for an even trade for the county. Seconded by Commissioner Patrick. Passed Unanimously.

EMS Grant Authorization:

Motion by Commissioner Pennamon we approve the EMS Grants for equipment and first responder. Seconded by Commissioner Bernard. Passed Unanimously.

Financial Consulting Agreement:

Motion by Commissioner Patrick to authorize the chairman to sign the financial contract with Sabrina Cape through August 2010 for \$12,000. Seconded by Commissioner Bernard. Passed Unanimously.

Performance Partnership Agreement:

This agreement awards Jasper County to receive annually from GEMA \$5,000 for meeting GEMA Emergency Management requirements. Motion by Commissioner Bernard authorize the chairman to sign the \$5,000 matching grant. Seconded by Commissioner Cox. Passed Unanimously.

Recreation Commission By Laws:

Mr. Recker reviews the letter from the Jasper County Schools concerning recreation. He stated basically it states their interest in participating in any kind of future meetings to discuss recreation issues and how the Recreation Commission will operate going forward and what needs to be done to implement any agreed upon changes

2010 Georgia Pacific Bucket Brigade Grant-Jasper County Fire services:

Jasper County Fire Services has applied for the 2010 Georgia Pacific Bucket Brigade Grant, which is 100% funds up front grant. This grant is only available to communities where Georgia Pacific Plants are located. The county submitted an application for (7) Automated External Defibrillators. Total cost of AED's is \$12,978 to be funded by Georgia Pacific grant. Motion by Commissioner Bernard we apply for the 2010 Georgia Pacific Bucket Brigade Grant. Seconded by Commissioner Cox. Passed Unanimously.

General Comments:

Chuck Forsythe-Taxes

Juanita Gazaway-Commends board

Motion by Commissioner Bernard to go into executive session. Seconded by Commissioner Patrick. 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.

Charles Hill, Chairman

Betty Moon, County Clerk