

**Jasper County Board of Commissioners Work Session Meeting Minutes
August 2, 2010
8:00am**

**Commissioners present: Chairman Charles Hill, Commissioner Alan Cox
Commissioner Mary Patrick, Commissioner Jack Bernard**

Absent: Commissioner Carl Pennamon

**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 Patrick to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Bernard.
Passed Unanimously.

2009 August Report: Presented by Mark Hardison-

Mr. Hardison reviewed the audit and much discussion followed.

2010 Budget Update-Sabrina Cape:

Ms. Cape reviewed the revenues, expenses and amounts left in each budget as of June 30 and July 31, 2010. It appears that revenues were down while expenses were on track, meaning the county is spending more than the revenues coming in. L.O.S.T. is about 4% behind in collections. EMS collections are behind also.

2010 Jail Budget Amendment-Sheriff Roper-

Much discussion on cost per day per inmate. Now \$12.00 per day. When the kitchen is completed the cost should be about \$9.00 per day per inmate.

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

Charles Hill, Chairman

Dennis Recker, County Manager

Jasper County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes
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10:10am

Commissioners present: Chairman Charles Hill, Commissioner Alan Cox,
Commissioner Mary Patrick, Commissioner Jack Bernard

Absent: Commissioner Carl Pennamon

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 Patrick to approve the agenda adding the following items. Alcohol Ordinance and Actuary (Retirement Plan) under New Business and Flat Assessment under Old Business. Seconded by Commissioner Bernard. Passed Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Motion by Commissioner Bernard to defer approval of Called Board Meeting of July 19, 2010. Seconded by Commissioner Cox. Passed Unanimously.

Public Hearing:

House Number Ordinance-Raymond Rogers-Mr. Rogers stated the corrections have been made. Paragraph 3 adding businesses and four inch height of numbers and deleted jail time. Chairman ask was anyone here for this ordinance-no response.

Against-Chuck Forsythe-Forcing us to buy something from the government.

Carol McElheney-Already have house number and reflector number in my yard.

Skip Nowetner-If no one pays attention to the numbers (emergency Services) don't do any good.

Chairman closes the Public Hearing.

2010 Budget Action:

Motion by Commissioner Patrick that we have a resolution written up that will move the lease money out of Capital Improvement Fund (\$400,000) special line item for those leases where we bought equipment. Seconded by Commissioner Bernard. Passed Unanimously.

Notice of Furlough:

After discussion-Motion by Commissioner Bernard to approve the (8) furlough/holidays to be unpaid for county employees directly controlled by BOC, dates to be established by County Manager and the budget of the constitutional officers be reduced by a like dollar amount. Seconded by Commissioner Cox. Yes-Vote-Commissioners Bernard, Cox, Patrick. Opposed-Commissioner Hill. Motion Carried. List of furlough days and holidays:

Friday, August 27th- F

Monday, September 6th- F

Friday, September 24th- F

Friday, October 22nd- F

Thursday, November 11th – H

Friday, November 19th- F

Friday, November 26th- H

Friday, December 31st- H

2010 Jail Budget Amendment-Inmate Meals:

Motion by Commissioner Bernard we accept this budget resolution as outlined with addition in last item where it says NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED add budget amounts to be added and these funds be allocated from elsewhere in the Sheriff's budget. Commissioner Patrick adds amendment after the word \$77,000 you take that out and leave out fund balance, etc. Seconded by Commissioner Cox. Passed Unanimously.

2011 Budget Timeline:

Mr. Recker reviews the revised plan which is-Advertise the 5 year History on August 12 and 19th, Certify & Sign the Mill Rate-August 26th-Submit to DOR on August 30th. Much discussion-Lynn Bentley-Appraiser explains to the board she has closed out 2010 and now working in 2011. There is no way to go back and add anything to the 2010 digest.

Millage Rate:

Motion by Commissioner Bernard that we propose a millage rate of 14.72 and that we establish a flat assessment of \$92.00 for all properties valued at more than \$20,000 in order to fund Jasper Memorial Hospital, EMS and Department of Public Health-millage rate to be reduced to 14.72 allocation to be as follows-\$365,000 EMS, \$320,000 Jasper Memorial Hospital and \$54,000 for Public Health. Seconded by Commissioner Cox. Commissioner Cox stated we adopt a mill rate of 16.01. Commissioner Bernard stated roll back the millage rate by the amount generated by the flat assessment. County Attorney to do the resolution. Yes-Vote-Commissioners Bernard, Cox. No-Vote-Commissioners Hill, Patrick. Motion Fails.

Motion by Commissioner Patrick we set the proposed millage rate at 16.01 with roll backs as discussed by our Tax Commissioner 1.53 for the City and 2.03 for the County which we cannot exceed. Seconded by Commissioner Hill. Commissioner Bernard amends this motion that a special tax district be created to consist of the City of Monticello and 1/2 mills be levied to defray the extra

cost of law enforcement Commissioner Cox seconded . County Attorney reminds that public hearings will have to be held because of additional tax increase. Commissioner Bernard withdraws amendment and changes to 2 mils for the city law enforcement. Seconded by Commissioner Cox. Commissioner Patrick questions if it is legal. Vote-Yes-Commissioners Bernard, Cox. No-Vote-Commissioners Hill. Abstained Commissioner Patrick. Discussion. Commissioner Patrick asks for revote. Vote-Yes-Commissioners Bernard, Cox and Patrick. No-Vote-Commissioner Hill. Amendment passes. Commissioner Patrick's original motion-Vote-Yes-Commissioner Patrick. No-Vote-Commissioners Bernard, Cox, Hill. Motion Fails.

House Number Ordinance (Second Reading)

Motion by Commissioner Bernard we approve the ordinance as stated. Seconded by Commissioner Patrick-Commissioner Patrick amends to state wording After August 1st. Passed Unanimously.

Alcohol Ordinance:

Mr. Alexander presents the resolution: Motion by Commissioner Bernard we accept the resolution calling a referendum on permitting sales by the drink of alcoholic beverages for beverage purposes by the drink. This would be Sunday sales of alcohol by the drink. Seconded by Commissioner Cox. Yes-Vote-Commissioners Bernard, Cox, Hill. Opposed- Commissioner Patrick. Motion Carried.

Motion by Commissioner Bernard we accept the resolution calling a referendum on permitting sales by the drink of distilled spirits consumed on premises. Seconded by Commissioner Cox. Yes-Vote-Commissioners Bernard, Cox, Hill. Abstained-Commissioner Patrick. Motion Carried

Motion by Commissioner Bernard to move into executive session in the Law Library. Seconded by Commissioner Patrick. Passed Unanimously. 11:45am

Motion by Commissioner Cox to come out of executive session. Seconded by Commissioner Bernard. Passed Unanimously. 12:48pm

Alcohol Ordinance:

Commissioner Patrick brought to the boards attention several section of this ordinance that needs to be revised. Sec-6-325, 6-355 6-109, 6-55, 6-327, 6-114, 6-364. Discussion-No Action

Commissioner Bernard wants to revisit Health Care/Flat Tax. Discussion-Motion by Commissioner Cox we set our proposed millage rate at 16.01 gross which would not be a tax increase but in doing so we retain the right to vote for the option of a flat assessment of \$92.00 on properties over \$20,000 market value and or place a 2 mill special assessment on incorporated Monticello for law enforcement. Seconded by Commissioner Bernard. Commissioner Patrick stated for the record-based on this motion the flat assessment does not mean its going to happen. We have to set the millage rate, because of that I will vote for this. The flat assessment will have to be voted on when the millage rate is set on August 26th. Vote-Yes-Commissioners Cox, Bernard, Patrick. Opposed-Commissioner Hill. Motion Carried

Logging Ordinance Update:

County Attorney Alexander is not ready.

Furlough Policy:

Commissioner Bernard stated I make a motion to approve the furlough policy. Seconded by Commissioner Cox. Passed Unanimously.

General Comments:

Chuck Forsythe-SPLOST—Finance should be hired out. No cash audit in the audit. For 13 mills what do I get?

Carol McElheney-24% of our taxes (city) goes to the sheriff department. Flat Assessment, we already pay tax

Skip Nowetner- FlatTax

Mary Murphy-FlatTax

Lenson Osborne-Flat Tax

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

Charles Hill, Chairman

Dennis Recker, County Manager