



Jackson County Board of Commissioners

January 23, 2023 at 6:00 PM
Jury Assembly Room - County Courthouse

MINUTES

1. Call to Order - Chairman Tom Crow

Chairman Tom Crow called the meeting to order at 06:00 PM.

Commissioners Present: Tom Crow, Chairman
Jim Hix, Commissioner District 1
Chas Hardy, Commissioner District 2
Chad Bingham, Commissioner District 3
Marty Seagraves, Commissioner District 4
Marty Clark, Commissioner District 5

Staff Present: Kevin Poe, County Manager
Gina Roy, Assistant County Manager
Jamie Dove, Public Development Manager
Ericka Johnson, Deputy Clerk

Press: Mike Buffington, Mainstreet News/ Jackson Herald

2. Invocation - Kevin Poe, County Manager

Kevin Poe, County Manager, gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Chas Hardy

Commissioner Hardy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes

**A. Consider approval of the minutes for December 19, 2022:
To approve the minutes for December 19, 2022**

Commissioner Seagraves moved to approve minutes for December 19, 2022.
Commissioner Hardy seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 6 – 0)

5. Citizen Input

Each speaker is provided up to four (4) minutes to address the board on any item that is not listed on this agenda.

There were no comments.

6. Reports

From Commissioner Bingham:

Commissioner Bingham stated this was his first meeting as the District 3 Commissioner. He looked forward to working with the board, serving the community and was grateful for the opportunity.

From Commissioner Seagraves:

Commissioner Seagraves moved to amend the agenda to discuss sending a recommendation to the Board of Tax Assessors changing the notification regarding CUVA renewal notices. This item will be added under New Business as Item 8F. Commissioner Bingham seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 6 – 0)

From Commissioner Marty Clark:

Commissioner Clark thanked Vulcan Materials Quarry for the donation of a truck to the Jackson County Agricultural Facility.

7. Recognitions, Appointments, and Special Items

A. 2023 Calendar for Jackson County Board of Commissioners:

To approve the 2023 Calendar for the Jackson County Board of Commissioners

Kevin Poe, County Manager reviewed the proposed calendar for 2023. He announced the County would adopt the state holiday schedule to include the addition of the Juneteenth holiday for 2023. Commissioner Clark moved to approve the 2023 Board of Commissioners' Calendar. Chairman Crow seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
(Vote 6 – 0)

B. Selection of a Vice-Chairman for 2023:

Appoint a Vice-Chairman for 2023 to perform the duties and to exercise the authority of the Chairman in his absence

Chairman Crow moved to approve the appointment of Commissioner Jim Hix to serve as Vice Chairman for 2023. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 6 – 0)

C. Jackson County Board of Adjustment - 3 Year Term:

To appoint an individual to the unexpired term as the District 1 representative to the Jackson County Board of Adjustment

- Joe Holt resigned January 5, 2023; District 1 (Term expires December 31, 2024)

Commissioner Clark moved to appoint Ross Harvin to Board of Adjustment . Commissioner Seagraves seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 6 – 0)

D. Jackson County Water & Sewerage Authority - 3 Year Term:

To appoint an individual as the District 3 representative to the Jackson County Water & Sewerage Authority to serve the balance of the unexpired term which ends on June 30, 2023

- Don Clerici - District 3 (Term expires December 31, 2023)

Chairman Crow moved to appoint Tommy Benton to the Jackson County Water & Sewerage Authority to fill the unexpired term. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. Chairman Crow called for discussion. It was confirmed the term will expire on June 30, 2023. Hearing no other discussion, the vote was taken and the motion passed.

Chairman Crow and Commissioners Bingham, Clark, Hix, and Seagraves voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Hardy abstained. (Vote 5 – 0 – 1)

E. Presentation - Gum Springs Elementary LEGO Robotics Team

A partnership between 4-H and Gum Springs Elementary, the Gum Springs Gizmos are competing in the FIRST LEGO League contest. As part of this contest, teams must research and present an innovation project which utilizes elements of the yearly theme to benefit their community. The Gizmos are a rookie team in their first year and are one of just a handful of rookie teams to not only win an innovation project award at a competition but also advance to the next level of competition.

Jonathan Page, 4-H Educator, spoke and introduced members of the 4H/Gum Springs Elementary Robotics Team. The children explained how they created and programmed a robot and created an innovative solution for the community. The group gave their presentation and afterwards, a group photograph was taken.

8. New Business

A. Health Service Agreement with Southern Health Partners for the Jackson County Jail:

To approve a medical contract for service with Southern Health Partners for the Jail and authorize the Chairman to sign

Sheriff Janis Mangum addressed the board and advised Genesis would terminate their contract in February 2023 due to staffing issues. She advised the service was placed out for bid. There were two (2) responses. After a review, Southern Health Partners was selected. Southern Health Partners will provide 16 hours of coverage and 12 hours on weekends. The contract cost was \$700,980 to provide care for an average of 75 inmates. There will be \$1.25 per diem for each inmate over 175. The other bid was \$900,000 and they offered 12 hour coverage or 24 hour coverage.

Chairman Crow moved to approve a contract with Southern Health Partners for the Jackson County Jail. Commissioner Hix seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 6 – 0)

B. Language Access Plan (LAP) for the CDBG Senior Center Project:

To consider the Chairman to sign the Language Access Plan (LAP) required by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs in conjunction with the Award of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds for the expansion of the Senior Center.

Gina Roy, Assistant County Manager, addressed the board. She explained this was a part of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and the plan has to be submitted to the state. She further explained that with the increased population and census count, the County must allow for different language access.

Commissioner Hix moved to authorize the Chairman to sign a Language Access Plan for the CDBG for the Senior Citizen's project. Commissioner Hardy seconded the motion.

The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 6 – 0)

C. Request to Abandon a Portion of Bill Wright Road:

To request of the Jackson County BOC a public hearing for the abandonment of a portion of Bill Wright Road. The BOC determined at their December 19, 2022 meeting that the subject portion of Bill Wright Road met criteria for abandonment and allowed for staff to initiate abandonment proceedings, including advertisement in the Jackson Herald and notice to abutting property owners. The subject portion of Bill Wright Road comes off of Valentine Industrial Parkway. The portion of the roadway has varying right-of-way. Please see the attached Exhibit "A" for visuals of the abandonment proposal. The proposed abandonment is shown highlighted in red.

Jamie Dove, Public Development Director, presented the staff report. She explained the board initiated staff to begin the road abandonment process for a portion of Bill Wright Road. Staff sent notices to the newspaper and to abutting property owners. Ms. Dove reviewed the diagram titled "Exhibit A" which showed the proposed abandonment and realignment. Jeff Strickland, County Attorney, explained the public hearing procedures. He then opened the public hearing for comment.

Terena Huffman, 1015 Bill Wright Road, lived on the road and questioned if she would lose any land. No one spoke in opposition and the public hearing was closed. Chairman Crow moved to approve the request to abandon a portion of and adopt the resolution.

Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 6 – 0)

**D. Create new Facilities Maintenance Manager position for Parks and Recreation
To request approval to add a Facilities Maintenance Manager position to the Parks & Recreation Department**

Kevin Poe, County Attorney, addressed the board and explained this was a request to add a Facilities Maintenance Manager position in the Parks and Recreation Department.

Mr. Poe said with the increased number of facilities and usage, staff requested an additional position. He reviewed the duties and responsibilities and advised the position will report to the Parks and Recreation Director.

Chairman Crow moved to approve the creation of a new Facilities Maintenance Manager for the Parks and Recreation Department. Commissioner Hardy seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 6 - 0)

E. Approve contract with Precision Planning, Inc. for professional design services for the Jackson County Transfer Station expansion project.

To approve contract with Precision Planning, Inc. for professional design services

Kevin Poe, County Manager, addressed the board and advised the County needed to hire a professional design services consultant to complete the plans for the expansion of the Transfer Station, specifically Phase 2. He said moving forward, staff would like to use the contractor and architect for the Administrative Building for this project. The cost was \$210,020. The current estimated cost for the Phase 2 expansion was \$3.5 million dollars. Mr. Poe asked for approval to contract with Precision Planning to complete the design services so staff could work with a construction manager to obtain a guaranteed maximum price on the project.

Commissioner Hix moved to approve a contract with Precision Planning, Inc. for

professional design services for the Jackson County Transfer Station expansion project. Commissioner Hardy seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 6 – 0)

Agenda Item 8F: - Changing Notification of CUVA:

Commissioner Seagraves said each member had a copy of the letter to the Board of Tax Assessors. He explained that citizens placed their land in CUVA for approximately (10) years. When a program ended, a letter was sent to the citizen to renew in October of the following year. Commissioner Seagraves reported there were some individuals who claimed they did not receive the letter, which ultimately resulted in significant costs.

Commissioner Seagraves suggested sending the renewal letters out by certified mail. He thought this would be a good remedy for this issue. Commissioner Seagraves moved to approve sending the letter to the Board of Assessors regarding CUVA renewal notices. Chairman Crow seconded the motion. Chairman Crow then called for discussion. Commissioner Hix asked what, if any, the additional cost was. Commissioner Seagraves said it was a nominal fee. Commissioner Hardy asked for clarification on the purpose of the request. Hearing no other questions, the vote was taken and the motion passed. Chairman Crow and Commissioners Bingham, Clark, Hix, and Seagraves voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Hardy voted nay. (Vote 5 – 1 – 0)

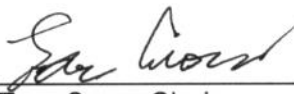
9. Adjournment

Chairman Crow moved to adjourn. Commissioner Bingham seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 6 – 0)

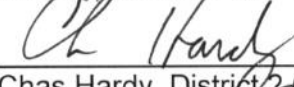
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Approved: February 6, 2023



Attest: 
Ericka Johnson, Deputy Clerk

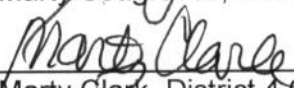

Tom Crow, Chairman


Jim Hix, District 1 Commissioner


Chas Hardy, District 2 Commissioner


Chad Bingham, District 3 Commissioner


Marty Seagraves, District 4 Commissioner


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