



Jackson County Board of Commissioners

February 21, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.
Jackson County Agricultural Facility

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Tom Crow, Chairman

Chairman Tom Crow called the meeting to order 1:00 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Kevin Poe, County Manager
Gina Roy, Assistant County Manager
Jamie Dove, Public Development Director

Press: Mike Buffington, Mainstreet News/Jackson Herald

II. New Business:

1:00 p.m. Update on Developments in the County – Jamie Dove

Jamie Dove gave a summary on residential development in unincorporated Jackson County. The group also reviewed maps depicting with school districts in the county.

1:30 p.m. Water and Sewer Capacity Report – Joey Leslie

The board heard a report from Joey Leslie, Manager of the Jackson County Water & Sewerage Authority. Mr. Leslie reported that more water was needed by 2040 due to the county's increased growth. There was additional discussion on the cost of the future waste-supply. They were also briefly reviewed the Water Distribution 10-Year Plan, wastewater treatment, and collections.

Magistrate Court

Judge Ben Green consulted the BOC regarding the position of the Magistrate Judge. There is no requirement to have a law degree however, it is very highly recommended with the growth in the community, legal research that is required and the cases that are presented in Magistrate Court. He did want to caution regarding making this a local requirement because of the salary associated with the position. There were some questions from the BOC.

2:00 p.m.

Update on New Administration Building – Precision Planning & County staff

The group reviewed design plans for the new County Administrative Building. Liz Hudson and Kent Snyder, with Precision Planning, were present to answer questions.

- 3:00 p.m. **FY 2022 Year-End Financial Update – Kevin Poe**
Kevin Poe, County Manager, gave a financial update. The County collected \$20.1 million in revenues over expenses. Approximately \$14.1 million of that was from the ARPA funds. Expenses were \$2.2 million under budget for the year while revenues were over budget by approximately \$4 million dollars.
- 3:30 p.m. **Discuss Use of Economic Development Bond Funds Kevin Poe**
The commission asked staff to come up with a plan and scenarios on how to spend the remaining economic development funds and be able to help the community as a whole. Matt Benson, IDA Chair and Steve Wittry-IDA Member, and Pricilla Murphy, City of Jefferson Manager, were in attendance.
- 4:00 p.m. **Discuss IGA with Jackson County School System for Joint Use of Athletic Facilities/Discuss Proposal Regarding City of Commerce Recreation Program**
There was a discussion regarding the need to update the IGA's between the School System and the County for joint-use of facilities. There was also a brief discussion regarding the possibility of the City of Commerce ending its recreational programs. The County's recreation program has expanded, to include the acquisition of additional park property, to accommodate for the increased participation due to rapid growth.
- 4:30 p.m. **Capital Projects Update – Kevin Poe**
Kevin Poe, County Manager, gave a brief update on the County's current capital projects.

III. **Adjournment:**

Chairman Crow adjourned the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

Minutes Approved: Monday, March 6, 2023

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Attest:

Ericka Johnson
Ericka Johnson, Deputy Clerk

Tom Crow, Chairman

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Jim Hix, Commissioner District 1

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