



Jackson County

Board of Commissioners - Called Meeting

September 6, 2023 at 6:00 PM
Jackson County Administrative Auditorium

MINUTES

1. Call to Order - Chairman Tom Crow

Chairman Tom Crow called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

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

Staff Present:	Kevin Poe, County Manager
	Gina Roy, Assistant County Manager
	Alisha Gamble, Finance Director
	Kenneth Morris, Budget/Purchasing Manager
	Ericka Johnson, Deputy Clerk

Press:	None
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2. New Business

A. Presentation and Review of Proposed FY 2024 Preliminary Budget

Kevin Poe, County Manager, presented the proposed budget for FY 2024. He recommended reducing the millage rate to a full roll-back. The FY 2024 General Fund Budget was balanced with revenues in the amount of \$84,454,126 and expenditures in the amount of \$81,585,823. The balanced budget had a surplus of \$2.8 million dollars. Mr. Poe reported the budget included a proposed 5% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for all employees effective the first of the year.

Mr. Poe reviewed healthcare costs for 2024 and noted the employee's share will increase by 5%. The group also reviewed several handouts, which were the FY 2024 Budget Notes, Equipment and Vehicle requests, Capital Projects and Staffing requests. It was reported the County's Fund Balance was in excess of \$33 million dollars. Additionally, Mr. Poe presented a request for the purchase of new stretchers for EMS. The stretchers were state-of-the-art, with power lifting.

Mr. Poe added the stretchers would help with recruitment of new paramedics and decrease the number of worker's comp claims by limiting injuries to employees. The estimated cost was \$434,000. Lastly, Mr. Poe recommended

the buy-down of vacation time from employees. He added this put additional money in the hands of employees and reduced the county's liability by reducing the amount of unused leave time on record. He explained employees would have to have a minimum of forty (40) hours remaining, if they elected to get paid for their unused leave.

3. Adjournment

Chairman Tom Crow declared the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Minutes Approved: Monday, September 18, 2023

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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

Attest:


Ericka Johnson, Deputy Clerk