

Jackson County Board of Commissioners

November 4, 2024 at 6:00 PM
Jury Assembly Room - County Courthouse

MINUTES

1. Call to Order - Commissioner Chas Hardy

Commissioner Hardy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Jim Hix, Commissioner District 1
Commissioner Chas Hardy, District 2 & Vice-Chairman
Commissioner Marty Seagraves, District 4
Commissioner Cole Elrod, District 5

Staff Present: Kevin Poe, County Manager
Gina Roy, Assistant County Manager
Ericka Johnson, Deputy Clerk

Press: None

2. Invocation - Kevin Poe, County Manager

Kevin Poe, County Manager, gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Marty Seagraves

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Marty Seagraves.

4. Approval of Minutes

A. October 21, 2024 Draft Minutes

To approve the meeting minutes for October 21, 2024

Commissioner Hix moved to approve the minutes for October 21, 2024. Commissioner Seagraves seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 4 – 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 Kevin Poe, County Manager:

- He reminded board members of the ground-breaking ceremony for the Airport terminal on Thursday, November 7, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Also, he reported the ribbon-cutting

ceremony for the new Administrative Building would be held that morning at 11:30 a.m.

7. Unfinished Business

A. Maysville Fire District Resolution

To consider approving a Resolution that restates and clarifies the duties and functions of the Maysville Fire District Board

Maysville Fire Department Assistant Chief Greg Wells informed the board that a meeting with the fire board was scheduled that evening at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Wells added that two outstanding items still required attention. Commissioner Hardy moved to table the request. Commissioner Seagraves seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 4 – 0)

8. New Business

A. Approval of the First Amendment to the Intergovernmental Reservoir and Raw Water Supply Agreement.

The purpose of this amendment is to extend the current agreement 50 more years. The original agreement went into effect on July 22, 1996.

Gina Roy, Assistant Manager, presented the staff report on a request to amend the Intergovernmental Reservoir and Raw Water Supply Agreement, extending it to a 50-year term. Commissioner Hix moved to approve the request. Commissioner Seagraves seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 4 – 0)

B. Approval of the Second Amendment to the Intergovernmental Water Treatment and Transmission Agreement.

The purpose of the Second Amendment to this IGA Agreement is:

- 1. Extend the term 50 years**
- 2. Outlines updated entitlement share of Water Treatment Capacity**
- 3. Outlines cost sharing percentages for 21 MGD Expansion.**

Gina Roy, Assistant County Manager, presented the staff report to consider approval of the Second Amendment to the Intergovernmental Water Treatment and Transmission Agreement. Approval of the request will extend the term to 50 years. It also outlined the water treatment capacity, and the 21 million gallons per day expansion. She read the percentages of the entitlement share. Commissioner Hix moved to approve the request. Commissioner Seagraves seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 4 – 0)

C. Request Approval of Bond Resolution and Supplemental Contract with the Upper Oconee Basin Water Authority, Series 2024 Bonds and Series 2025 Bonds.

The purpose of this request is for approval of the Bond Resolution for the issuance of the Upper Oconee Basin Water Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 2024 and Series 2025 for the purpose of financing an expansion to the Bear Creek water treatment facility, approving the execution and delivery of the Supplemental Contract for Jackson County's portion of the expansion project.

Kevin Poe, County Manager, presented the request for the approval of a Bond Resolution and Supplemental Contract with the Upper Oconee Basin Water Authority for

the Bear Creek Treatment Facility. The Bond Resolution and Supplemental Contract were for the issuance of the bonds and were required in order to move forward with the financing. Jim Woodward, attorney, addressed the board, noting that all four (4) member counties would meet this week. Mr. Woodward also advised that the bonds would go on the market on the 20th, and he anticipated closing on 28th. Commissioner Hix moved to approve the request. Commissioner Seagraves seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 4 – 0)

D. Amend the Jackson County Correctional Institute Capacity Agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections

To approve First Amendment to the IGA with the Georgia Department of Corrections(DOC)

Kevin Poe, County Manager, said this was a mid-year amendment to the contract with the Georgia Department of Corrections related to the county's capacity agreement. He told the board prior to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the county had an agreement to have custody of 150 inmates. However, due to the pandemic, that number was reduced to 110. He added the county was now ready to take on more inmates, and he asked the board to approve the capacity agreement increasing the number of inmates to 135.

Warden Luther Minix reported the county had bed space, and he felt confident he had the appropriate staff. The correctional institute will hold up to 200 individuals.

Commissioner Hix moved to approve the request. Commissioner Seagraves seconded the motion. The vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 4 – 0)

9. Adjournment

Commissioner Hardy declared this portion of the meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Work Session Meeting

This portion of the meeting is to facilitate a discussion on matters requiring a more in-depth review, explanation, and analysis. No formal action will be taken on any of the items listed below.

10. Call to Order - Commissioner Chas Hardy

Commissioner Hardy called the work session meeting to order at 6:18 p.m.

11. New Business

A. Award Bid for County Courthouse Cooling Tower Replacement

To award bid to complete County Courthouse Cooling Tower Replacement (Project # 250006)

Kevin Poe, County Manager, presented the request to the board. He advised that staff wanted to replace a cooling tower at the County Courthouse in the first quarter of FY 2025. Mr. Poe reported bids were solicited, and five bids were received. After reviewing all bids, Jones Mechanical was the apparent low bidder. Staff recommended approval of the request and to award the contract to Jones Mechanical in the amount of \$207,128.25. He reminded the board \$250,000 was budgeted for FY 2025 for capital projects. There were no questions from the board.

- B. **Award Contract for Fleet Maintenance & Public Works Facility CMAR**
Award Contract for Fleet Maintenance & Public Works Facility Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) to Reeves Young in the estimated amount of \$818,608 (Base Bid of \$590,608 + 2.85% of Construction Cost [\$228,000]) and amend the Capital Fund budget to reflect the bid amount awarded.

Kevin Poe, County Manager, advised that Requests for Proposals were solicited for a Construction Manager at Risk. A total of eleven proposals were received, and a five-member committee met, reviewed and scored the proposals. Mr. Poe noted the firm with the highest score was Reeves Young. He then recommended awarding the contract to Reeves Young with a \$7 million dollar estimated cost. If approved, he expected to break ground after the first of the year.

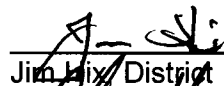
12. **Adjournment**

Commissioner Hardy declared the meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

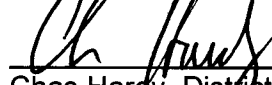
Jackson County Board of Commissioners
Approved: November 18, 2024



Tom Crow, Chairman



Jim Hix, District 1 Commissioner



Chas Hardy, District 2 Commissioner



Ty Clack, District 3 Commissioner



Marty Seagraves, District 4 Commissioner



Cole Elrod, District 5 Commissioner



Attest: 

Ericka Johnson, Deputy Clerk