



Jackson County Board of Commissioners

January 6, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Jury Assembly Room - County Courthouse

MINUTES

1. Call to Order - Chairman Marty Clark

Chairman Marty Clark called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Chairman Marty Clark
Commissioner Jim Hix, District 1
Commissioner Chas Hardy, District 2
Commissioner Ty Clack, District 3
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: Mike Buffington, Mainstreet News/Jackson Herald

2. Invocation

Pastor Matt Booher, of the Jackson County Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance - Chairman Marty Clark

Chairman Marty Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes

A. December 16, 2024 Draft Minutes

To approve the minutes for the December 16, 2024

Commissioner Hix moved to approve the December 16, 2024 minutes. Commissioner Seagraves 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.

Pastor Matt Booher, 79 Shepherd's Crossing, and pastor of the Jackson County Baptist Church, presented Chairman Clark with a reprint of the Aitken Bible. This was the first American bible that was printed in America, six years after the country gained its independence from Britain.

6. Reports

There were no reports.

7. Recognitions, Appointments, and Special Items

A. 2024 Calendar of Meetings

Approve the 2025 Calendar of Meetings for the Jackson County Board of Commissioners

Kevin Poe, County Manager, presented a proposed meeting calendar for 2025. He reminded members that the board met on the first and third Monday of each month, unless there was a conflict. He added the board would have only one meeting during the months of January and September due to the M.L.K. and Labor Day holidays. Commissioner Seagraves moved to approve 2025 Calendar. Commissioner Hardy seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 6 – 0)

B. Selection and Naming of a Vice-Chairman for 2025

To select and appoint a Vice-Chairman for 2025; to perform the duties and to exercise the authority of the Chairman in his absence

Commissioner Hix moved to nominate Commissioner Marty Seagraves as Vice-Chair for 2025. Commissioner Hardy seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioners Clack, Clark, Elrod, Hardy, and Hix voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Seagraves abstained. (Vote 5 – 0 – 1)

C. Appointments to County Advisory Boards & Commissions

To approve the list of individuals recommended to serve on the county's advisory boards and commissions.

Commissioner Hardy moved to approve all of the appointments to county advisory boards and commissions. Commissioner Clack seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 6 – 0)

8. New Business

A. Approve Professional Services Agreement with Precision Planning, Inc for SR 332 Improvements & Roundabouts at Sam Freeman Road and Boone Road

To approve Professional Engineering Services agreement with Precision Planning, Inc.(PPI)

Kevin Poe, County Manager, presented the staff report on a request to consider approval of professional services agreement with Precision Planning, Inc. to provide engineering service for Hwy. 332 Boone/Wehunt Rd area. The Jackson County Board of Education had planned to construct three (3) schools in the area. In order to accommodate existing traffic, as well as the anticipated additional traffic that will be generated by the three new schools, improvements will need to be made to Hwy 332 and the Boone/Wehunt Road intersection. Staff recommended hiring Precision Planning, Inc. to provide engineering services at a cost of \$267,470.58 from SPLOST 7

Commissioner Elrod moved to approve the Professional Services Agreement with

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

B. Revise the Solid Waste Transfer Station tipping fee schedule

To consider increasing the tipping fees charged at the Solid Waste Transfer Station

Kevin Poe, County Manager, presented the staff report on a request to increase the Solid Waste Transfer tipping fee schedule. He said in order to absorb increases in operational costs and to provide funding for capital improvements to the Transfer Station facilities, it was being recommended that the tipping fee schedule be revised as follows:

Tons disposed of per month	Current rate	Proposed new rate
0 - 500 tons	\$70.00/ton	\$75.00/ton
501- 1,000 tons	\$68.50/ton	\$73.50/ton
over 1,000 tons	\$67.00/ton	\$72.00/ton

Mr. Poe added this was just a \$5 increase per ton for each category. He also shared that he had appointed Lucy Miller as Solid Waste Superintendent. Commissioner Hix moved to approve the revised tipping fee schedule. Commissioner Hardy seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 6 – 0)

C. Request for Alcohol License for Royal Jefferson LLC.

To request for approval of the Class A-1, A-2, F-1 and F-2 Alcohol License for Royal Jefferson LLC. in unincorporated Jackson County.

Jamie Dove, Public Development Director, presented the staff report for a request for an Alcohol license for Royal Jefferson, LLC. Royal Jefferson, LLC requested approval of the Class A-1, A-2, F-1 and F-2 licenses in unincorporated Jackson County. Ms. Dove confirmed they had met all of the requirements. The board opened the public hearing for comment. There were no comments, and the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Hix moved to approve the request for the alcohol licenses for Royal Jefferson LLC. Commissioner Hardy seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
(Vote 6 – 0)

D. Request for the Abandonment of Hendrix Drive

To request the Jackson County BOC to abandon Hendrix Drive. This roadway is located off of Fowler Drive, Curtis H Spence Drive, and Four Fifty Seven Drive. According to the Jackson County Road Department, this paved roadway measures 0.34 miles long and has 40 feet of right-of-way. Approval of this road abandonment would allow for the new Fleet Maintenance Building to be located in its place.

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A public hearing was held on the request. However, there was no comment, and the

public hearing was closed. Commerce Hix moved to approve the request for the abandonment of Hendrix Drive. Commissioner Seagraves seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 6 – 0)

E. Objection to Jefferson Annexation/Rezoning R-24-J17

Objection to the December 10, 2024 Notice of Annexation and Rezoning Request Jefferson Reference R-24-J17

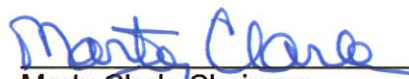
Jamie Dove, Public Development Director, presented the staff report on whether to object to Jefferson Annexation/Rezoning R-24-J17. She advised that the City of Jefferson had sent a letter of annexation and zoning regarding a piece of property referred to as Vandiver Family Revocable Trust (Map/Parcel 066/020) fronting on the west and east sides of State Route 82. The request that has been submitted to the City of Jefferson was for single-family dwellings and neighborhood commercial. The property is currently zoned A2 (agricultural rural farm district) within unincorporated Jackson County.

Ms. Dove reported the applicant wanted a higher density, and this would also increase the burden on the county regarding the change in zoning, and associated density. It will eliminate the county's agricultural and rural lands, and increase the net cost of public services furnished by the county. Commissioner Hix moved to approve the Objection to Jefferson Annexation/Rezoning R-24-J17. Commissioner Hardy seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 6 – 0)

9. Adjournment

Chairman Marty Clark declared the meeting adjourned 6:17 p.m.

Jackson County Board of Commissioners
Approved: February 3, 2025


Marty Clark, 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