

Jackson County Commission

Board Meeting

January 23, 2023

The Jackson County Commission met January 23, 2023 in the Commission boardroom. Those in attendance were Chairman Bill Nance, Chris Gulley, Paul Kennamer, A J Buckner and Kevin McBride. County Attorney John Porter was also present and County Administrator Bob Manning recorded the minutes of the meeting.

Chairman Nance noted that a quorum was present. John Porter gave the invocation and Commissioner Buckner led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve the agenda of the meeting and work session for January 23, 2023 was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Gulley. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Awards and Presentations – Longevity certificates were presented as follows:

Michelle Dillman – Jail – 10 years

Darrell Hancock – Maintenance – 10 years

Connie Whited – Park – 10 years

Linda Larcom – COA – 15 years

Steve Woods – Public Works – 25 years

There were no public comments.

Motion to adopt the minutes from January 9, 2023 meeting and work session was made by Commissioner Buckner and seconded by Commissioner McBride. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve a rate increase at Jackson County Solid Waste for residential garbage collection as presented by the Solid Waste Director to increase the current monthly rate of \$14.75 per month up to \$16.00 per month and to also include a 2% annual increase to begin on June 1, 2023 was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Kennamer. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve a 10% rate increase for campsites at Jackson County Park as presented by the Park Director to begin on June 1, 2023 was made by Commissioner Buckner and seconded by Commissioner Gulley. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve and sign Resolution to set speed limit for County Road 1023 (Wilkins Drive) from County Road 17 to dead end at 35 miles per hour was made by Commissioner Buckner and seconded by Commissioner Kennamer. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve support and donation to Liberty Learning Civic Program in the amount of \$2,500 was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Gulley. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve hiring committee's recommendation of Fanni Tellez for the vacant Financial Clerk position at Public Works department was made by Commissioner Buckner and seconded by Commissioner McBride. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Jackson County and the Town of Skyline for the transfer of ownership of the Cumberland Mountain Park, and to authorize the Chairman to execute the Memorandum of Agreement on behalf of the Jackson County Commission as well as all documents which may be necessary to complete the transaction was made by Commissioner Kennamer and seconded by Commissioner Gulley. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Work Session

Solid Waste:

Non-paying Customers – The Director will put together a collection process/procedure for the Commission to review at a later work session. Possibly, this will be to include the amount owed to be placed on the landowner's property tax statement by the Revenue Commission department.

Maintenance:

Update on Courthouse HVAC upgrade – This will be on next work session for more discussion.

Commission:

Directors use of Vehicles – This was discussed to include the Solid Waste director, the Jackson County Park director, and the Council of Aging director and to allow them to drive their County vehicles home.

Motion to set aside the rules was made by Commissioner Gulley and seconded by Commissioner McBride. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve the Parks Director, the Solid Waste Director, and the Council on Aging Director to drive their County vehicle home to be used for County business was made by Commissioner Kennamer and seconded by Commissioner Gulley. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Application for bonding Rebuild AL funds – The Chairman recommended to move forward with the application process for this. All Commissioners were in agreement to move this forward. No commitment is made by the Commission at this time since this is just an application.

Scottsboro Special Election Memorandum of Agreement – This will be placed on next meeting agenda.

Public Works:

RAISE Grant – County Engineer suggested (3) projects to be submitted for a grant with no cost sharing to the County. If the grant submission is approved, it will be brought to the Commission for approval at that time.

Heavy Duty Trucks – County Engineer brought forward the request for replacing the heavy duty trucks which include (5) 2024 Kenworth T880s for a total cost of \$1,227,425.00, (3) 2024 Kenworth T480s for a total cost of \$528,000.00 and (1) 2024 Kenworth T880 day cab for \$208,500.00. He also said that the previously approved 2023 Kenworth T880 day cab for \$165,750.00 had to be replaced with a 2023 Kenworth T880 day cab in the amount of \$171,990.00 due to an availability issue. He noted that we needed to move on this in order to get the 2024 trucks ordered.

Motion to set aside the rules in order to order the trucks and guarantee the pricing was made by Commissioner Gulley and seconded by Commissioner Buckner. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve the purchase of these trucks as presented by County Engineer, and also the replacement of the previously approved Day Cab was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Gulley. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Comments from Staff:

County Engineer, Jonathan Campbell – Gave an update on the December auction of the heavy duty trucks at Public Works.

Comments from Commission:

District 4, Kevin McBride – Thanks to all the County teams that participated in the recent County Basketball Tournament and congrats to the North Sand Mountain Varsity boys and the Skyline Varsity girls on their wins.

District 3, Commissioner A J Buckner – I am honored to serve with all our County employees and thank them for all the efforts that they give to our County. I also congratulate all those that participated in the County Tournament.

District 2, Paul Kenamer – Congrats to all teams that participated in the County Tournament this week.

District 1, Chris Gulley – I want to also congratulate the County basketball champs and all those that took part in this tournament. I also want to congratulate the All County football players that were recognized at the County Tournament.

Chairman Nance – Also, congrats to all that completed in last week's tournament. I also want to give a special thanks to all County employees, utility workers and everyone that has helped

out during our recent inclement weather. They were out in all kinds of weather and during all hours of the day or night. There also will be a Chili Challenge at Bridgeport Middle School on February 4th coming up.

Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a matter concerning a contract was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Buckner. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to enter into Regular Session was made by Commissioner Buckner and seconded by Commissioner Kennamer. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to set aside the rules of the meeting was made by Commissioner Gulley and seconded by Commissioner Buckner. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve and sign the Resolution to Rescind the Bid Award made on January 9, 2023 and to reject all bids due to non-compliance after the due diligence review was completed was made by Commissioner Buckner and seconded by Commissioner McBride. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to allow IT Director to get another quote from a vendor that is on the State's approved vendor list was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Gulley. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

With no further business, motion was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Kennamer, with all members voting affirmatively, to adjourn until the next meeting on February 13, 2023 @ 5:00 pm in the Commission boardroom.