

***Jackson County Commission***

***Board Meeting***

***February 13, 2023***

The Jackson County Commission met February 13, 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 Assistant County Administrator Denise Johnson recorded the minutes of the meeting.

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

Motion to approve the agenda of the meeting and work session for February 13, 2023 with the following changes was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Gulley. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Meeting addition of item m – Hiring committee’s recommendation for vacant Paint Rock Senior Center Manager position.

Work Session removal of item a) 1. Disposal of Bus for Council on Aging.

There were no awards or presentation.

Public Comments –

Patricia Gilliam spoke for residents of Crow Mountain regarding 18 wheelers traveling and often getting stuck going up/down County Road 33.

Eric Jeffcoats spoke regarding issues with his property and the adjoining property which the County owns.

Motion to adopt the minutes from January 23, 2023 meeting and work session was made by Commissioner Buckner and seconded by Commissioner Kennamer. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve and sign Memorandum of Agreement with City of Scottsboro for (2) qualified electronic poll book custodians and the use of (10) electronic poll books for the 2023 special municipal election was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Gulley. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve and sign Memorandum of Agreement with City of Scottsboro for a qualified election machine manager and the use of (5) voting machines for the 2023 special municipal

election was made by Commissioner Buckner and seconded by Commissioner Gulley. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve and sign Resolution to set aside portion of District IV Commissioner Kevin McBride's salary was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Gulley. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve and sign Resolution to set aside portion of District II Commissioner Paul Kennamer's salary was made by Commissioner Kennamer and seconded by Commissioner Gulley. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to amend start date from June 1, 2023 to July 1, 2023 (beginning of quarter) for increase of rates for Solid Waste garbage collection as approved on January 23, 2023 was made by Commissioner Buckner and seconded by Commissioner McBride. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve hiring committee's recommendation of Clyde Roden for the vacant Driver/Collector position at the Solid Waste department was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Gulley. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve hiring committee's recommendation of Jennifer Henshaw for Election Administrator/Accounting Clerk in Probate office was made by Commissioner Gulley and seconded by Commissioner Kennamer. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve hiring committee's recommendation of Zach Davis for the vacant Maintenance Supervisor position at Public Works department was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Gulley. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve hiring committee's recommendation of Samantha McMahan for the vacant Real Property Appraiser position in Mapping and Appraisal office was made by Commissioner Buckner and seconded by Commissioner Kennamer. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve and sign Agreement regarding ACCA Liability Self-Insurance participation was made by Commissioner Buckner and seconded by Commissioner McBride. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve and sign Agreements with Avenu Insights to continue collection of County Sales, Lodging, Rental and Gasoline taxes was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Kennamer. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve hiring committee's recommendation of Sonia Edwards for the vacant Paint Rock Senior Center Manager position was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Buckner. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

## Work Session

### Probate:

Post Retirement Contract – This will be placed on next meeting agenda.

### Maintenance:

Update on Courthouse HVAC upgrade – Kevin from JMR+H updated on the February 9<sup>th</sup> bid opening and made his recommendation. This will be placed on next meeting agenda.

### IT:

Courthouse Network Switches and Phone Upgrade – Ross discussed quote and the need to get this approved and move this project forward.

Motion to set aside the rules to approve motion to approve award of contract to Converge One was made by Commissioner Buckner and seconded by Commissioner Kennamer. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to sign and approve Resolution for Expenditures of ARPA funds for government services and award contract to Converge One in the amount of \$292,853.46 for purchase of Communications and Networking infrastructure goods and services was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Buckner. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

### Commission:

Upcoming Openings for (3) Boards:

Cumberland Mountain Water & Fire Protection Authority – (1 member) – To be placed on next meeting agenda.

Dekalb-Jackson Water Authority – (3 members) – To be placed on March meeting agenda.

Marshall/Jackson 310 Agency – (4 members) – To be placed on March meeting agenda.

Amend Resolution for EDA's Economic Adjustment Assistance – To be placed on next meeting agenda.

### Comments from Staff:

County Engineer, Jonathan Campbell – Gave an update on roads and grants. Also updated on some current and upcoming road closures.

### Comments from Commission:

District 4, Kevin McBride – Good to see crowd here tonight.

District 3, Commissioner A J Buckner – Glad to be here.

District 2, Paul Kennamer –Glad to serve this County. We have 5 high schools in County (Scottsboro, North Sand Mountain, Pisgah, Woodville and Skyline) still fighting in basketball. We wish them well.

District 1, Chris Gulley – Good to see everybody coming out and bringing issues to us. Glad to see some community and public involvement. Thank you all for being here.

Chairman Nance – It’s really good to see that citizens believe they can bring comments and issues to the Commission. We encourage those that haven’t to please come and talk to us.

Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss good name and character of individual and to discuss matters of purchase or sale (lease) of property was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Kennamer. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

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

Motion to set aside the rules of the meeting to approve the recommendation of the department head to demote a Public Works employee from Supervisor to HMT III was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Kennamer. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve the recommendation of the department head to demote a Public Works employee from Supervisor to HMT III was made by Commissioner Buckner and seconded by Commissioner McBride. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

With no further business, motion was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Buckner, with all members voting affirmatively, to adjourn until the next meeting on February 27, 2023 @ 5:00 pm in the Commission boardroom.