

Jackson County Commission

Meeting

February 22, 2021

The Jackson County Commission met February 22, 2021 in the Commission board room. Those in attendance were Vice Chairman Jason Venable, Danny Rich and Kevin McBride. County Attorney John Porter was also present and County Administrator Bob Manning recorded the minutes of the meeting. A J Buckner joined the meeting at approximately 3:45pm. Chairman Tim Guffey was absent.

Vice Chairman Venable noted that a quorum was present. John Porter gave the invocation and Danny Rich led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve the agenda of the meeting and work session for February 22, 2021 was made by Commissioner Rich and seconded by Commissioner McBride. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

There were no presentations.

Public comments:

Sheriff Phillips mentioned that we need to look at the heat system for those upstairs during the extremely cold weather.

Mike Sisk commented on the current 2% county sales tax which goes 100% to education. He noted that it should be renamed and called an education tax.

Motion to approve the minutes from January 25, 2021 meeting was made by Commissioner Rich and seconded by Commissioner McBride. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve and set a public hearing date for the vacating of County Road 534 was made by Commissioner Rich and seconded by Commissioner McBride. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to accept hiring committee's recommendation of Austin Deerman, Wade Flippo, and Michael Stevens for the (3) vacant HMT I positions at Public Works was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Rich. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to accept hiring committee's recommendation of Amanda Mason for the vacant office clerk II position at Solid Waste was made by Commissioner Rich and seconded by Commissioner McBride. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve the resolution to declare March as Healthcare Appreciation month was made by Commissioner Venable and seconded by Commissioner Rich. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Jackson County Resolution # 21-02

A Resolution to recognize the commitment, sacrifices, and heroic efforts of the Jackson County health care workers during the 2020 - 2021 year of the COVID-19 pandemic; and declaring March 2021 Health Care Worker Appreciation Month.

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a generational event that has impacted every aspect of our country;

WHEREAS, the fight against COVID-19 is America's latest war, and our health care workers are on the front line;

WHEREAS, we have called our health care workers to serve their country during this pandemic;

WHEREAS, health care workers have answered this call and are carrying out their critical mission to protect the health and safety of our communities;

WHEREAS, doctors, nurses, home care and domestic workers, and other medical professionals have put themselves in harm's way to care for their patients, COVID-19 or otherwise;

WHEREAS, health care administrators have continued to meet their existing responsibilities to maintain safety and public health while overcoming staggering new COVID-19 challenges;

WHEREAS, sanitation, custodial, janitorial, and cleaning service workers have played a critical role in minimizing the spread of COVID-19 in high-risk health care facilities;

WHEREAS, these frontline workers, have continued to perform critical and essential missions during the COVID-19 pandemic; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE JACKSON COUNTY COMMISSION, the Jackson County Commissioners owe an immense debt of gratitude for and recognize the commitment, sacrifices, and heroic efforts of the Jackson County health care workers during the 2020 - 2021 year of the COVID-19 pandemic;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Jackson County Commissioners declare March 2021, Health Care Worker Appreciation Month.

Signed _____ Attest _____

Jason Venable, Vice Chairman,

Bob Manning, County Administrator

Motion to approve the payment of the Lake Guntersville Economic Impact study for Marshall and Jackson County was made by Commissioner Venable and seconded by Commissioner McBride. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried. The agreement is as follows:

The total study will cost \$22,800 for Marshall and Jackson County. Jackson County's portion will be \$11,400. Mountain Lakes Chamber of Commerce and the municipalities of Bridgeport, Stevenson and Langston will make contributions for this study. The remainder will be split between the City of Scottsboro and the Jackson County Commission.

Motion to obtain quotes for additional campsites at Jackson County Park for capital improvements was made by Commissioner Rich and seconded by Commissioner McBride. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve 6-month extension for the temporary position in the Revenue Commission department was made by Commissioner Rich and seconded by Commissioner McBride. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to appoint David Kennamer to the Marshall-Jackson Mental Health Board (term will expire 4/1/2027) was made by Commissioner Rich and seconded by Commissioner McBride. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to appoint Hal Nash to fill the remainder of term on the Jackson County Health Care Authority Board (term will expire 3/31/2023) was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Rich. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to nominate Johnny McAllister to the Dekalb-Jackson Water Board was made by Commissioner Rich and seconded by Commissioner McBride. Motion to nominate Mr. Cummins to the Dekalb-Jackson Water Board was made by Commissioner Buckner with no second. All members voted affirmatively for Johnny McAllister to be appointed (term will expire 3/1/2025), motion carried.

Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the good name and character of an individual was made by Commissioner Venable and seconded by Commissioner McBride. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to enter back into work session was made by Commissioner Buckner and seconded by Commissioner Rich. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

With no further business, motion was made by Commissioner Rich and seconded by Commissioner McBride, with all members voting affirmatively, to adjourn until the next meeting on March 8, 2021 in the Commission board room.