

***Jackson County Commission***

***Board Meeting***

***March 13, 2023***

The Jackson County Commission met March 13, 2023 in the Commission boardroom. Those in attendance were Chairman Bill Nance, Chris Gulley, Paul Kennamer and A J Buckner. County Attorney John Porter was also present and Assistant County Administrator Denise Johnson recorded the minutes of the meeting. Kevin McBride was absent.

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 March 13, 2023 with the removal of b) 1 Public Works – County Roads 245 & 249 was made by Commissioner Buckner and seconded by Commissioner Gulley. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Awards and Presentations –

Certificates were presented to the following jail employees for completion of Jail Management School:

Kayla Newsome  
Jessie Gamble  
Wendy Arnold  
Travis Quails  
Wyatt Lee

Life Saving ribbon was presented to Deputy Jonathon Wilbanks.

There were no public comments.

Motion to adopt the minutes from February 27, 2023 meeting and work session and March 6, 2023 work session was made by Commissioner Buckner and seconded by Commissioner Kennamer. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve job descriptions for Director and Custodians in Maintenance Department was made by Commissioner Gulley and seconded by Commissioner Buckner. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve Budget Amendment for additional revenue and appropriations for Jackson County Extension Agency for \$15,000 and Jackson County Soil and Water Conservation Agency

for \$10,000 for FY 2023 budget was made by Commissioner Gulley and seconded by Commissioner Kennamer. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve and sign Resolution for Expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Replacement Funds for employee payroll expense was made by Commissioner Buckner and seconded by Commissioner Gulley. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve and sign Resolution and Agreement with Alabama Department of Transportation Federal Aid Rail/Highway Crossing Improvement for Maintenance of Passive Warning Devices for County Road 93 was made by Commissioner Gulley and seconded by Commissioner Kennamer. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve hiring committee's recommendation of Greg Jenkins for vacant Maintenance Supervisor position at Public Works department was made by Commissioner Kennamer and seconded by Commissioner Buckner. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve hiring committee's recommendation of Davis Carver for vacant Transit Driver position at Council on Aging was made by Commissioner Gulley and seconded by Commissioner Buckner. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve and sign Resolution to Authorize the Expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act Revenue Replacement funds for Renovation Project and Agreement Contract to Modern Heating and Cooling, Inc. in the amount of \$1,796,081 for Courthouse HVAC Upgrades was made by Commissioner Gulley and seconded by Commissioner Kennamer. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Commissioner Kennamer nominated Dawn Pettengill for appointment to Dekalb-Jackson Water Authority Board and Commissioner Buckner seconded. Commissioner Gulley – yes, Commissioner Kennamer – yes, and Commissioner Buckner – yes. Motion carried. Term to expire 3/31/2027.

Commissioner Buckner nominated Bobby Landon Lewis for appointment to Dekalb-Jackson Water Authority Board and Commissioner Kennamer seconded. Commissioner Gulley – yes, Commissioner Kennamer – yes, and Commissioner Buckner – yes. Motion carried. Term to expire 3/31/2027.

Commissioner Gulley nominated Terry York for appointment to Dekalb-Jackson Water Authority Board and Commissioner Buckner seconded. Commissioner Gulley – yes, Commissioner Kennamer – yes, and Commissioner Buckner – yes. Motion carried. Term to expire 3/31/2027.

Commissioner Buckner nominated Felicia Harding for appointment to Marshall/Jackson 310 Board and Commissioner Kennamer seconded. Commissioner Gulley – yes, Commissioner Kennamer – yes, and Commissioner Buckner – yes. Motion carried. Term to expire 3/31/2029.

Commissioner Gulley nominated Angela Gaddis for re-appointment to Marshall/Jackson 310 Board and Commissioner Kennamer seconded. Commissioner Gulley – yes, Commissioner Kennamer – yes, and Commissioner Buckner – yes. Motion carried. Term to expire 3/31/2029.

Commissioner Gulley nominated Britney J. Williams for appointment to Marshall/Jackson 310 Board and Commissioner Kennamer seconded. Commissioner Gulley – yes, Commissioner Kennamer – yes, and Commissioner Buckner – yes. Motion carried. Term to expire 3/31/2029.

Commissioner Buckner nominated Melissa Johnson for appointment to Marshall/Jackson 310 Board and Commissioner Kennamer seconded. Commissioner Gulley – yes, Commissioner Kennamer – yes, and Commissioner Buckner – yes. Motion carried. Term to expire 3/31/2029.

## **Work Session**

### **Park:**

Service Agreement with Foster's Aquatic Vegetation Removal, LLC – Park Director discussed renewing this contract. This will be placed on next meeting agenda.

### **Public Works:**

County Road 222 Speed Limit – This will be placed on next meeting agenda.

### **Comments from Staff:**

### **Comments from Commission:**

District 3, Commissioner A J Buckner – I think what we witnessed with the awards and presentations for the jail and the sheriff's office is an affirmation of hours and dedication that these individuals have. I am so thankful for Hal and these employees at the jail and the hard job they have.

District 2, Paul Kennamer – I was amazed at the age bracket of gentleman and ladies that were up here receiving certificates. To me they were pretty young. They have a long career ahead of them if they stick with it. Proud of them.

District 1, Chris Gulley – I reiterate what the other Commissioners said about the Sheriff's office and the Corrections deputies. Proud of their accomplishments and hard work. Also, I would like to brag on the Public Works department who were out cutting trees all day during the last storm. They did a very fine job. I would also like to brag on the County Park department working in cooperation with Public Works department on the improvements we were able to get done at the North Sand Mountain Park. They were able to get this done before ball season started.

Chairman Nance – Thanks for the comments that have already been made. I would also like to say thanks to Public Works. The other day we thought we were going to have a major closure

of County Road 91 due to some work that Dekalb-Jackson Water Authority was going to have to do to repair a leak. Community was notified of up to a 3-day closure of that road but when they got to looking they found that the leak was not there so they were able to keep the road open and make the repairs. We passed a resolution supporting our Soil and Water Conservation and our County Extension Agency. I've had the chance to see the work they do around our County supporting the agricultural community, our farmers, ag businesses and others. We want to say thanks for the great work that you do for us.

Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters of Purchase or Sale (Lease) of Property and to discuss Good Name and Character was made by Commissioner Buckner and seconded by Commissioner Gulley. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

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

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