

***Jackson County Commission***

***Board Meeting***

***March 27, 2023***

The Jackson County Commission met March 27, 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 Gulley led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve the agenda of the meeting and work session for March 27, 2023 was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Buckner. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

There were no awards or presentations.

Public Comments –

Mr. Burnett spoke about taking over the lease at the County Park from Mr. Clemmons and his plans to offer more options for rentals and also a bait and tackle shop. Chairman Nance asked for him to get Mr. Clemons to contact the Commission office concerning this.

Ms. Jacobs spoke on behalf of the Dutton community's concern for the bridge on CR 372. She commented that the bridge was built many years ago and it is not wide enough for 2 vehicles to cross at same time. She also spoke about the potholes and issues on this road and their concern of a bad accident happening if someone comes through that is not familiar with this situation.

Motion to adopt the minutes from March 13, 2023 meeting and work session was made by Commissioner Gulley and seconded by Commissioner Kennamer. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve and sign service agreement with Foster's Aquatic Vegetation Removal, LLC was made by Commissioner Buckner and seconded by Commissioner McBride. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve and sign Resolution for speed limit on County Road 222 from County Road 17 to dead end was made by Commissioner Kennamer and seconded by Commissioner McBride. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve hiring committee's recommendations of Tracey Payne and Tara Crowell for (2) vacant Probate Clerk positions in Probate office was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Kennamer. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve hiring committee's recommendation of Caleb Skipper for vacant Sanitation Director position was made by Commissioner Buckner and seconded by Commissioner Kennamer. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Commissioner McBride nominated Victor Manning for appointment to Mountain Lakes Behavioral Healthcare Board and Commissioner Buckner seconded. Commissioner Gulley – yes, Commissioner Kennamer – yes, Commissioner Buckner – yes and Commissioner McBride - yes. Motion carried. Term to expire 4/1/2029.

Commissioner Buckner nominated Joseph Huotari for appointment to Mountain Lakes Behavioral Healthcare Board and Commissioner Kennamer seconded. Commissioner Gulley – yes, Commissioner Kennamer – yes, Commissioner Buckner – yes and Commissioner McBride - yes. Motion carried. Term to expire 4/1/2029.

### **Work Session**

#### **Park:**

Lease Agreement for KC's – The lease agreement was reviewed by the Commission.

Motion to set aside the rules due to the need of approval before our next meeting date was made by Commissioner Gulley and seconded by Commissioner Kennamer. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve the lease agreement for KC's BBQ, LLC as presented was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Buckner. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

#### **HR:**

EMA Job Descriptions – This will be placed on next meeting agenda.

#### **Solid Waste:**

County Garbage Service Enforcement – A discussion about the non-payers and the need for an enforcement policy was discussed. There was also a discussion about the need to pick up large items such as old couches, etc. throughout the County. More work will be done on this and it will be brought to a later work session.

#### **Maintenance:**

HVAC at Public Works – This will be placed on next meeting agenda.

**Commission:**

The Commissioners were asked to look at their schedules and let the Chairman know about a date for a special work session for roads and bridges, and also for the date for them to attend ACCA County Days.

**Public Works:**

County Road 245 and 107 – Discussion was held and there is more discussion and research to be done concerning these roads and this will be brought to a later work session.

ALDOT MOU for Hytop Road and SR-79 – This will be placed on next meeting agenda.

County Roads 93 and 38 – Updates were given by the County Engineer along with some information about Bonding the Rebuild AL money.

**Comments from Staff:**

**Comments from Commission:**

District 2, Paul Kennamer – Please remember the families of the school shooting in Nashville.

District 1, Chris Gulley – Thanks to Public Works department, all local and volunteer fire departments, and others that worked through the night during the recent storms this past Friday. I also reached out to Fire Marshall Bob Spencer and the mayor at New Hope, TN for them to assist/respond to any fire emergency in the bordering Long Island community. They have agreed to assist.

Chairman Nance – Thanks to all those who responded to Friday night's storms. This consisted of our Public Works department, EMA officials, Rescue Squad, power crews, fire departments and others. Their quick action and response is greatly appreciated during this emergency.

With no further business, motion was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Gulley, with all members voting affirmatively, to adjourn until the next meeting on April 10, 2023 @ 5:00 pm in the Commission boardroom.