

Jackson County Commission

Meeting

March 28, 2022

The Jackson County Commission met March 28, 2022 in the Commission boardroom. Those in attendance were Chairman Bill Nance, Danny Rich, Jason Venable, AJ 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 March 28, 2022 was made by Commissioner Venable and seconded by Commissioner Rich. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

There were no awards or presentations.

Public comments:

Layton Olson – Discussed the Internet Public Trust. He has previously worked with EDA in Jackson and Dekalb counties on several projects. He has also worked with our EMA about mapping of certain areas showing where all the schools and community colleges are located.

Yvonne Marchik – Discussed the current child care crisis that we are facing here. She said that they have a very long waiting list of children that are waiting on an opening at Children's Place at the Methodist Church here in Scottsboro. With the closing of the Learning Center, the Church of Christ child care facility, at the end of May, this will make it even harder for parents to find a child care facility to enroll their children. They are getting calls from Publix and TJ Maxx and other places about needs for child care, but there is no place to enroll them currently.

Cindy Wood – She is a chairperson on the Board of Directors for the Children's Place at the Methodist Church. Ms. Wood also discussed the similar problems that were brought up by Ms. Marchik and stressed that we need facilities to help with this problem we are facing.

Motion to adopt the minutes as provided from the March 14, 2022 meeting was made by Commissioner Venable and seconded by Commissioner McBride. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve and sign resolution to set aside portion of Commissioner McBride's salary was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Buckner. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to award the lawn maintenance bid to Miller Property Management, the lowest bidder, was made by Commissioner Venable and seconded by Commissioner Rich. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve and sign TARCOG ARPA funds contract was made by Commissioner Venable and seconded by Commissioner Rich. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve hiring committee's recommendation of Jeffery Teigue for vacant HMT-III position at Public Works department was made by Commissioner Buckner and seconded by Commissioner Rich. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

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

Motion to table collection plan for non-paying customers at Solid Waste department was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Rich. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Work Session

Revenue Commission:

Extension of temporary employment contract for Mapping and Appraisal department – This will be placed on next meeting agenda.

Commission:

Grant process for IDB funds – Commissioners will put together a plan and criteria for an application process for this fund and continue this in the next work session.

Stevenson funding request for park at boat ramp – Hold off on this request until the criteria is completed for the grant application process.

Support for Jacob's Well and Flat Rock food banks along with support for E-911 computer aided dispatch – More work to be done and this will continue to a later work session.

Rescue Squad – The Commission will go through the ARPA process for this funding and will present at a later work session when completed.

Public Works:

Local Road Resurfacing – A special work session will be scheduled later for a more detailed look into this.

Rich Drive – Windy Hills Subdivision – Place on the next meeting agenda to add Rich Drive into the County inventory based upon the 1995 standards that were in place when the other two roads were done in the Windy Hills Subdivision.

Comments from Staff:

Comments from Commission:

Commissioner McBride – Thanks to all the speakers that came and presented their thoughts and concerns. Please remember all of our military and keep them in your prayers.

Commissioner Buckner – Also wanted to thank all the speakers for their input. He also wanted to thank all those that helped in the cleanup project at Sportsman Landing.

Commissioner Venable – Also thanked the speakers for sharing their information with the Commission. Also mentioned the upcoming bass tournament being put on by Team Vet, which would raise money to help those veterans suffering from PTSD.

Commissioner Rich – Also thanked all the speakers for their input.

Chairman Nance – Thanks to everyone who participated in today's meeting. The importance of the child care issue facing us needs to be presented to the Chamber of Commerce for assistance through their Workforce Development initiative.

The Executive Session was postponed until next meeting.

With no further business, motion was made by Commissioner Rich and seconded by Commissioner Buckner, with all members voting affirmatively, to adjourn until the next meeting on April 11, 2022 @ 3:30 pm in the Commission boardroom.