

Jackson County Commission

Board Meeting

April 10, 2023

The Jackson County Commission met April 10, 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 McBride led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve the agenda of the meeting and work session for April 10, 2023 with additions to Work Session Commission 1. – TVA in lieu of payments for Volunteer Fire Departments and Public Works f.2 – Bonding Rebuild Alabama status and f.3 – County Road 245 was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Buckner. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Awards and Presentations – Hunter Franks was presented with a Life Saving ribbon.

There were no public comments.

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

Motion to approve updating job descriptions for EMA Director and Deputy EMA Director was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Buckner. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to award contract to Central Air Conditioning Service for replacement of HVAC at Public Works building was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Gulley. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve and sign Memorandum of Understanding with Alabama Department of Transportation for roadway improvements on Hytop Road at the intersection of SR-79 Milepost 112.54 was made by Commissioner Kennamer and seconded by Commissioner Gulley. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve transfer of 2007 Chevrolet Trailblazer from Mapping and Appraisal to Council on Aging was made by Commissioner Gulley and seconded by Commissioner Buckner. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve hiring committee's recommendation of Teri Skinner for vacant Custodian position in Maintenance department was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Kennamer. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Work Session

Commission:

TVA in Lieu of Payments for Volunteer Fire Departments – Bob Spencer spoke requesting the Commission to disburse the payments from twice a year directly to the fire departments to once a year directly to the Fire Association and allow them to disburse to the fire departments. Chairman Nance asked Bob Spencer to set up an appointment with himself and County Administrator to discuss the details of this possible change.

Probate:

New Poll Pads for Elections – Probate Judge spoke regarding the need of purchasing new poll pads to replace the current ones before the next election. He will gather more information on cost and bring back to another work session.

Park:

Disposal of Old Furniture in Cabins – Park Director discussed replacing some old furniture in the cabins and donating this furniture to a worthy cause. This will be placed on next meeting agenda to surplus.

Park Store Lease – This will be brought to another work session for further discussion.

Council on Aging:

ALDOT 5311 Grant Application – This will be placed on next meeting agenda.

Maintenance:

Job Description for Apprentice – This will be placed on next meeting agenda.

HR:

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

Public Works:

Bonding Rebuild Alabama status – County Engineer gave update on this. This will be brought to a later work session.

County Road 245 –

Motion to set aside the rules and vote on this was made by Commissioner Kennamer. Motion failed for lack of second.

County Road 19 ATRIP Grant – We applied for this grant last year and Governor Ivey has awarded and allocated the funds for this. This will be added to our 2023 road program

Comments from Staff:

County Engineer – County Road 8 will be closed at RR crossing tomorrow from 8 am – 5 pm.

Maintenance Director – Solid Waste building has new roof. There should be no more leaks.

Comments from Commission:

District 4, Kevin McBride – Keep those in prayers that were involved in the shootings. Y'all keep safe.

District 3, A J Buckner - I just want to say that coming home the other night and seeing the sky lit up with emergency lights, knowing the guts it takes to do what y'all do and it's very appreciative. And Rocky with the leadership that you have done and carried on, it's well appreciated. I am just thankful to live in an area that even though stuff happens we know it's going to be dealt with. Appreciate that.

District 1, Chris Gulley – Keep everyone in your thoughts and prayers with the shootings this week. Hope everyone had a safe and happy Easter. It's good to be here.

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 April 25, 2023 @ 5:00 pm in the Commission boardroom.