

Jackson County Commission

Meeting

April 26, 2022

The Jackson County Commission met April 26, 2022 in the Commission boardroom. Those in attendance were Chairman Bill Nance, Jason Venable, AJ Buckner and Kevin McBride. County Attorney John Porter was also present and Assistant County Administrator Denise Johnson recorded the minutes of the meeting. Danny Rich was absent.

Chairman Nance noted that a quorum was present. John Porter gave the invocation and Chairman Buckner led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve the amended agenda of the meeting and work session for April 26, 2022 with following change was made by Commissioner Venable and seconded by Commissioner Buckner. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Move item c3 – Jacob’s Well and Flat Rock food banks from work session to meeting.

Awards and presentations: Longevity certificates were presented as follows:

Sherri Walden – Sheriff’s office for 25 years
Martin May – Sheriff’s office for 20 years
Patrick Mount – Sheriff’s office for 20 years
Kami Puckett – Commission office for 20 years
Scott Flanagan – Sheriff’s office for 15 years
Joy Denise Jenkins – Jail for 10 years

Sheriff Chuck Phillips presented Dhruvil Patel with plaque for Corrections Deputy of the Year for 2021.

Public comments:

Caleb Skipper, mayor of Skyline – Discussed Cumberland Mountain Park and the expenses that are incurred by the town and upcoming repairs that are necessary. They have been making improvements to the park such as adding water heater to concession stand, but many more improvements are needed to keep the park up. He would like some financial assistance to help maintain the park or possibly the County to take back responsibility for the park.

Motion to adopt the minutes as provided from the April 11, 2022 meeting was made by Commissioner Buckner and seconded by Commissioner McBride. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve change of address for voting precinct at Skyline to be 52 Greenriver Drive, Scottsboro, AL 35768 due to the moving of town hall was made by Commissioner Venable and seconded by Commissioner McBride. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve the payment of \$60,000 from general fund to Jacob's Well Ministry Food Pantry and \$51,000 from general fund to Flat Rock Community Center, both 501(c)(3), for support of construction options was made by Commissioner Venable and seconded by Commissioner Buckner. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried. The Commission previously determined that providing financial assistance to the two non-profit community food banks was in the best interest of the general public and would assist all the communities in the county in reducing the overall poverty level of the citizens of the county.

Work Session

Park:

KC's floor repair cost estimate – David Coggins provided (2) quotes for repairing floor at KC's BBQ building. This will be placed on next meeting agenda with contract for approval.

Maintenance:

Liberty Lane building roof status – Colby Gann gave an update on the new roof at Liberty Lane building. Work has begun and expected to be complete in 3 – 3 ½ weeks weather permitting. There is significant damage to decking. Also going to get quotes for gutters and present at another work session.

Commission:

E-911 computer aided dispatch RFP – The request for proposal was presented to commissioners. It will now be released to obtain proposals. Commissioners thanked everyone for working together on this and making it happen.

IDB criteria for grant process – The criteria list was discussed and proposed changes were recommended. The criteria will be revised and brought back to next work session for further discussion.

Sanitation Director job description – Commissioners were given the job description to review. This will be placed on next meeting agenda.

Comments from Staff:

County Engineer – Gave updates on roads for Rebuild Alabama and local road projects.

Council on Aging – Chad Coleman gave listing of his initial thoughts on the use of COA ARPA funds. This will be discussed further on next meeting agenda.

Comments from Commission:

Commissioner McBride – Thank you for everyone that works hard for the county and the 911 board. We realize response time is crucial and this upgrade will help with communication. Many times seconds save lives. Be careful going home.

Commissioner Buckner – Want to brag on Buck’s Pocket. What a treasure we have there. Go to Buck’s Pocket, see the views and experience the water. We have a Tennessee Riverline project coming up. It’s a cleanup of the riverside and I’m excited to hear that Scottsboro Water Sewer and Gas are going to sponsor that. It will be at Sportsman’s Landing on May 7th. I echo the sentiments on the E-911. Thank you. It’s a tall order what you have done.

Chairman Nance – Thanks to the folks who have spent a lot of dedicated years serving our county and thanks for the opportunity to recognize them.

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

Motion to enter back into meeting was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Buckner. All members voted affirmative, motion carried.

With no further business, motion was made by Commissioner Venable and seconded by Commissioner Buckner, with all members voting affirmatively, to adjourn until the next meeting on May 9, 2022 @ 3:30 pm in the Commission boardroom.