

***Jackson County Commission***

***Board Meeting***

***May 8, 2023***

The Jackson County Commission met May 8, 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 Kennamer led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to approve the agenda of the meeting and work session for May 8, 2023 was made by Commissioner Buckner and seconded by Commissioner McBride. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

There were no awards or presentations.

There were no public comments.

Motion to adopt the minutes from April 25, 2023 meeting and work session and May 2, 2023 emergency meeting was made by Commissioner Buckner and seconded by Commissioner McBride. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve bid of up to \$150,000 for excavator at ALDOT surplus auction on May 11, 2023 for Public Works department was made by Commissioner Gulley and seconded by Commissioner Kennamer. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve and sign post retirement employment contract with Delta Woods as custodian at Public Works department was made by Commissioner Buckner and seconded by Commissioner McBride. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve hiring committee's recommendation of Anthony Locke for vacant Lead Mechanic position at Public Works department was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Kennamer. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

## Work Session

### Solid Waste:

Update on Non-paying customers – Solid Waste director gave update on the process of collecting past due debts from non-paying customers. Stated past due customers are beginning to make payments and slowly reducing the past due balance.

### Commission:

Opioid Settlement Funds Distribution – A discussion was held regarding these funds and future settlement funds. It was also discussed establishing an advisory committee to help with the disbursement of these funds. This will be discussed at a later work session.

Utility Trailer for Litter Control – A quote was presented to replace the current trailer which is in bad shape. Commissioner Chris Gulley requested more quotes be acquired from local vendors. This will be brought to next meeting.

### Public Works:

Update on County Road 38 and County Road 93 – County Engineer gave update on these 2 slides.

Update on County Road 119 Bridge – County Engineer gave update and explained that work has been halted due to the area being low lying and continuous rain which has led to unmanageable water levels hindering/preventing work. They will resume work once drier conditions occur.

### Comments from Staff:

### Comments from Commission:

District 2, Paul Kennamer – The shootings we have had this week outside a mall is a terrible thing.

District 1, Chris Gulley – I want to thank the Public Works department for the work they are doing on the roads. I know they have a tremendous backlog on the patching and getting calls all the time. That's the biggest thing we hear from our constituents, the roads. I'm hoping with the resolution that was passed by us and moving on to the legislature that we'll be able to take some of that money when it becomes available and start doing some more paving because we are going to have to get a handle on the roads from where they have been not paved and neglected for so long. I just get so many calls and it's overwhelming. We are going to have to come together and do some due diligence to come up with some solutions.

Chairman, Bill Nance – This Saturday morning, the 13<sup>th</sup>, there is going to be a community litter cleanup on Bluff Road between Section and almost to Macedonia. It starts at 8:00. The folks who are organizing this have done a great job getting the word out and getting support for this. By the way our Sanitation department is supporting this and we are going to put some big cans out there for the folks to put their bags in at the end of the day. Sheriff Harnen is going to have

some patrol in the area to help since we are going to have people on the roads there. Thanks for everybody's participation there. Back to the comment about the local law, I just want to let everyone know that we started this process. The Commission voted to a request for our legislative delegation to support a local law to allow us to raise some funds. A revenue that would be really for the most part dedicated to roads and bridges and our sheriff's office. So just as information, a big part of that process is citizen comment and so the draft law has been posted in the Sentinel and has to be posted and ran for four consecutive weeks allowing our citizens to review and comment. Those comments can be addressed to our Jackson County Legislative Delegation office and based on those comments the delegation will make their decision whether to submit that bill to our state legislature for approval.

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 May 22, 2023 @ 5:00 pm in the Commission boardroom.