

Jackson County Commission

Meeting

June 28, 2021

The Jackson County Commission met June 28, 2021 in the Commission board room. Those in attendance were Chairman Bill Nance, Danny Rich, Jason Venable and A J Buckner. County Attorney John Porter was also present and County Administrator Bob Manning recorded the minutes of the meeting. Kevin McBride was absent.

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 June 28, 2021 with the following revision on the work session was made by Commissioner Buckner and seconded by Commissioner Rich. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Move a) PUBLIC WORKS on work session to follow b) COMMISSION to allow visiting speakers to make presentations first.

There were no awards, presentations or public comment.

Motion to approve the minutes from June 14, 2021 meeting and June 17, 2021 emergency meeting was made by Commissioner Rich and seconded by Commissioner Buckner. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to appoint Commissioner Rich to serve on ACCA Legislative Committee was made by Commissioner Buckner and seconded by Commissioner Venable. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve the litigation and insolvents in the year of 2020 for the Jackson County Revenue Commission office was made by Commissioner Rich and seconded by Commissioner Venable. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve the annual Council on Aging contract with TARCOG as presented was made by Commissioner Rich and seconded by Commissioner Buckner. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve the annual Rural Public Transportation contract with ALDOT as presented was made by Commissioner Venable and seconded by Commissioner Rich. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve Chairman Bill Nance to execute the CDBG-CV grant as presented was made by Commissioner Venable and seconded by Commissioner Rich. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve organizational chart change for Public Works Department was made by Commissioner Buckner and seconded by Commissioner Rich. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Work Session

Commission:

Sara James from TARCOG spoke about the possibility of applying for another grant to help formulate a comprehensive County plan. The opportunity is for \$250,000, and it would be on an 80/20 split, with the County paying for about 20% of this grant. There are opportunities for industry, recreation and tourism, housing and other economic options. TARCOG would assist in the administration of this and would start the application process. This will be placed on the next meeting agenda to proceed with the grant application process.

Dr. Kvach gave a presentation on the Singing River Trail that will cross North America. This will be a greenway for recreation to include hiking, biking, and water recreation, etc. He asked for Jackson County to participate in this trail. This will be placed on the next meeting agenda.

EMA director Paul Smith discussed that the Commission look at the possibility of locating a storm shelter at the Jackson County Park. Mr. Smith will gather more information for the Commission and bring to another work session.

Commissioner Venable discussed the need for the Commission to look into different ways to organize a trash cleanup campaign to help pick up the roadside litter in our County. This would require donations first and would be scheduled later in the fall when it would be cooler. More information will be gathered on this and presented again later.

Chairman Nance announced the 3 openings coming up in July for the E911 board. He asked that any interested applicants send a letter to the Commission office before July 19th and the appointment will occur at the July 26th meeting.

Commissioner Venable discussed the possible availability of some tracts of land near the Walls of Jericho. This land has previously been approved for some camp sites. There also could be hiking, biking, equestrian activities, and other recreational opportunities. It also may be possible that there will be some grant money available for this. More information will be brought to a future work session.

Public Works:

County Engineer Jonathan Campbell gave more information concerning his recommendation for selecting the contractor to repair the slope failure on County Road 189. He reviewed two options and recommended that we select Option B – (GSI).

Motion to set aside the rules of the meeting and proceed to a vote on this item in order to expedite the repair start date was made by Commissioner Venable and seconded by Commissioner Rich. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to accept and move forward with Option B – GSI as presented by County Engineer was made by Commissioner Venable and seconded by Commissioner Rich. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

County Engineer Jonathan Campbell gave presentation of contract renewal of our current bridge inspection contractor and asked for the Commission to renew this contract. This item will be placed on the next meeting agenda.

Reports:

County Engineer Jonathan Campbell gave an update on trucks that were sold at auction.

With further business, motion to continue the meeting on June 30, 2021 @ 3:30 pm in the Commission boardroom was made by Commissioner Venable and seconded by Commissioner Rich, with all members voting affirmatively.

June 30, 2021

The Jackson County Commission met June 30, 2021 to continue the meeting from June 28, 2021 in the Commission board room. Those in attendance were Chairman Bill Nance, Danny Rich, Jason Venable and A J Buckner. County Attorney John Porter was also present and County Administrator Bob Manning recorded the minutes of the meeting. Kevin McBride was absent.

Chairman Nance noted that a quorum was present.

Motion to enter into an executive session to discuss possible pending litigation was made by Commissioner Rich and seconded by Commissioner Venable. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to come out of executive session and return to meeting was made by Commissioner Venable and seconded by Commissioner Rich. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

With no further business, motion was made by Commissioner Rich and seconded by Commissioner Venable, with all members voting affirmatively, to adjourn until the next meeting on July 12, 2021 in the Commission board room.