

Jackson County Commission

Meeting

August 30, 2021

The Jackson County Commission met August 30, 2021 in the Commission boardroom. Those in attendance were Chairman Bill Nance, Danny Rich, Jason Venable, A J Buckner (virtual) and Kevin McBride. Claire Porter sat in for County Attorney John Porter and County Administrator Bob Manning recorded the minutes of the meeting.

Chairman Nance noted that a quorum was present. Commissioner McBride gave the invocation and Chairman Nance led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to remove a) 1 – CDBG-CV Grant from the agenda of the meeting and work session for August 30, 2021 was made by Commissioner Rich and seconded by Commissioner McBride. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve the amended agenda of the meeting and work session for August 30, 2021 was made by Commissioner Rich and seconded by Commissioner Venable. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

There were no awards or presentations.

Public comments:

Angie Sparks spoke on the civics program that Liberty Learning teaches in the Jackson County School system and asked for the County Commission to support their program with a financial donation.

Lawson Stapleton discussed the poor conditions of County Road 491 and issues he had with the way it had been patched and paved in the past.

Motion to adopt the minutes as provided from the August 8, 2021 emergency meeting and August 9, 2021 meeting with August 16, 2021 continuation of meeting was made by Commissioner Venable and seconded by Commissioner Rich. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve the sewer rate increase at Jackson County Park was made by Commissioner Venable and seconded by Commissioner Rich. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve advertising for public hearing for vacating a portion of County Road 471 was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Rich. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve the repair of dock at Sportsman Landing was made by Commissioner Rich and seconded by Commissioner Venable. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve hiring committee's recommendation of Jerrica Cornelison for vacant Mapping Clerk 1 position in Revenue Commission Mapping & Appraisal department was made by Commissioner Venable and seconded by Commissioner McBride. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve hiring committee's recommendation of Beth Rich for vacant Probate Clerk position was made by Commissioner Rich and seconded by Commissioner Venable. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve department head's recommendation of Christopher Jordan for Maintenance Superintendent at Public Works department was made by Commissioner Venable and seconded by Commissioner McBride. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve hiring committee's recommendation of Donna Grider for Temporary Custodian for a period of 6 months was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Venable. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve CDBG-CV resolution to adopt Amended Citizen Participation Plan was made by Commissioner Rich and seconded by Commissioner Venable. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve credit card policy was made by Commissioner Venable and seconded by Commissioner Rich. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve Railroad Grade Crossing Hazard Elimination grant with a ten percent (10%) funding match of the project total cost on County Road 33 at Crossing No. 731 698B was made by Commissioner Venable and seconded by Commissioner Rich. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Work Session

Commission

Chairman Nance reviewed the current board openings that are coming up in the month of September and asked for applications from anyone interested in applying. Jackson County DHR board – (2 openings), Jackson County Healthcare Authority – (3) openings, and Jackson County Personnel board – (1 opening).

Council on Aging:

Chad Coleman discussed different options for the Bryant Senior Center building and asked to bring estimates for another building or any other options to a future work session.

Public Works:

Jonathan Campbell discussed:

- 1) Knox Landing Road utility agreement. This will be placed on next meeting agenda with any necessary changes made to the current agreement.
- 2) FY 22 annual bids. This will be placed on next meeting agenda.
- 3) Organizational chart. More discussion on this needed at budget hearing.

Comments from Staff:

Public Works – Jonathan Campbell gave rebuttal to Mr. Stapleton’s comments on County Road 491.

Sheriff Office – Rocky Harnen reminded employees who are sick with temperature to please stay home.

Comments from Commission:

Commissioner Buckner – Liberty Learning is a great program.

Commissioner Rich – Everyone be careful with current situation with COVID

Chairman Nance – North Alabama Health Services mobile van was in parking lot at courthouse several weeks ago. There were 44 people who came and received vaccinations. They will be back twice in September and twice in October. The decision to get a vaccine is a personal decision but encouraged all to take advantage of this opportunity with having the mobile van here. There have been 72 applications for small business loans through the grant approved by Commission previously. The application period closes on September 6, 2021. This is a great turnout so far. Hopefully there will be additional funding to help support small businesses.

With no further business, motion was made by Commissioner Rich and seconded by Commissioner McBride, with all members voting affirmatively, to adjourn until the next meeting on September 13, 2021 @ 3:30 pm in the Commission boardroom.