

Jackson County Commission

Board Meeting

September 25, 2023

The Jackson County Commission met September 25, 2023 in the Commission boardroom. Those in attendance were Chairman Bill Nance, Chris Gulley, Paul Kennamer, AJ Buckner and Kevin McBride. County Attorney John Porter was also present and County Administrator Bob Manning 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 September 25, 2023 was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Kennamer. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

There were no awards, presentations or public comments.

Motion to adopt the minutes from August 28, 2023 meeting and work session was made by Commissioner Buckner and seconded by Commissioner Gulley. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve and sign resolution changing polling place from 893 County Road 175, Estill Fork, AL to 3928 County Road 9 Estill Fork, AL was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Kennamer. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve and sign resolution and agreement between Jackson County Commission/COA and Jackson County Nutrition Program relative to transportation services was made by Commissioner Buckner and seconded by Commissioner Gulley. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve hiring committee's recommendation of Brenda Light for vacant Paint Rock Senior Center Manager position at Council on Aging was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Kennamer. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve hiring committee's recommendations of Jaylen McCarver, Carson Olsen, and Cameron Summerford for (3) vacant HMT-I positions at Public Works department was made by Commissioner Gulley and seconded by Commissioner Buckner. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve and sign resolution regarding County Road 338 speed limit from County Road 38 to County Road 38 was made by Commissioner Buckner and seconded by Commissioner McBride. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve and sign contract with Bob Manning, County Administrator, was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Kennamer. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve FY 2024 Jackson County Budget to include a 5% COLA for all employees, elected officials and County Coroner per letter was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Kennamer. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to appoint Patrick Allen to fill an unexpired term for E-911 Board was made by Commissioner Kennamer and seconded by Commissioner McBride. Commissioner Gulley – aye, Commissioner Kennamer – aye, Commissioner Buckner – aye and Commissioner McBride - aye, motion carried. Term to expire 7/1/2025.

Motion to appoint David Adkins to fill an unexpired term for Department of Human Resources Board was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Buckner. Commissioner Gulley – aye, Commissioner Kennamer – aye, Commissioner Buckner – aye and Commissioner McBride - aye, motion carried. Term to expire 9/30/2027

Motion to appoint Christy Crawford Washburn to Jackson County Healthcare Authority Board was made by Commissioner Buckner and seconded by Commissioner McBride. Commissioner Gulley – aye, Commissioner Kennamer – aye, Commissioner Buckner – aye and Commissioner McBride - aye, motion carried. Term to expire 9/30/2029.

Motion to appoint Cynthia B. Hollingsworth to Jackson County Healthcare Authority Board was made by Commissioner Gulley and seconded by Commissioner Kennamer. Commissioner Gulley – aye, Commissioner Kennamer – aye, Commissioner Buckner – aye and Commissioner McBride - aye, motion carried. Term to expire 9/30/2029.

Work Session

Solid Waste:

Community Cleanup – Will get dates and update at later work session.

Commission:

Christmas and New Year's Holidays – This will be placed on next meeting agenda.

Public Works:

ADEM Grant Update – County Engineer gave an update on (2) approved grants.

Comments from Staff:

County Administrator, Bob Manning – Thanks to all Commissioners, Chairman, all department heads and others who worked hard on finalizing our budget for FY 2024.

Sheriff Harnen – Thanks to the Commission for the very much needed 5% raise for our employees. It is greatly appreciated.

Coroner, John David Jordan – spoke about the role of his office as County Coroner and explained the various workings and duties of his office.

Comments from Commission:

District 4, Kevin McBride – Thanks to all those that worked on finalizing the budget. We appreciate all those employees that worked hard on this.

District 3, AJ Buckner – A special thanks to Ms. Hollingsworth for her volunteerism to serve and help our community.

District 2, Paul Kennamer – Remember the Word family and keep them in your prayers.

District 1, Chris Gulley – I also want to ask everyone to keep the Word family in your prayers. Also, I attended a mayors' meeting last week and want to thank all that was there. It is nice to see everyone working together to make our County better.

Motion to enter into executive session was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Kennamer. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to enter back into regular session was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Kennamer. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

With no further business, motion was made by Commissioner Gulley and seconded by Commissioner McBride, with all members voting affirmatively, to adjourn until the next meeting on October 10, 2023 @ 5:00 pm in the Commission boardroom.