Regular Meeting Minutes
Jenkins County Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, May 9, 2023
4:00 P.M.

- 1. The Jenkins County Board of Commissioners met for its Regular Monthly Meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 4:00 P.M. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the James L. Henry Administrative Building. Commissioners in attendance were Chairman Horace Weathersby III, Hiller Spann, Pamelia Dwight, Tracie Coney and Jonathan Powell. Others in attendance were County Administrator Grady Saxon, County Attorney George Rountree, Mr. Bill Kent, Ms. Hannah Derriso, Ms. Deborah Bennett, Ms. Vivian Johnson, Clerk of Courts Tracey Herrington, County Field Director Jason Oglesby, Ms. Shanelle Carr, and County Chief Appraiser Vicky Patrick.
- Chairman Horace Weathersby III called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. Commissioner Pamelia Dwight gave the invocation and Chairman Weathersby led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Weathersby welcomed all those in attendance.
- 3. Chairman Weathersby asked if any changes needed to be made to the AGENDA. Mr. Saxon stated the Executive Session needed to be changed to one matter instead of two. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Coney to approve the AGENDA as amended. The motion carried unanimously.
- 4. Chairman Weathersby called for the approval of the Minutes from the April 11, 2023 Regular Meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Spann and seconded by Commissioner Powell to approve the Minutes from the April 11, 2023 Regular Meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
- 5. Under Personal Appearances, Chief Dwayne Herrington presented a concern that there were residents living along two private drives at the end of Johnson Road. These drives need names for E-911 Addressing Purposes. The Board agreed that one would be a extension of Johnson Road and the other would be Rountree Road.
- 6. Under Old Business, Chairman Weathersby gave the second reading of the proposed Jenkins County Solid Waste Ordinance. A copy will be attached to the Minutes.
- 7. Finally under Old Business, Commissioner Spann provided an update on Broadband. He stated that there had been additional conversations with Windstream, Planters Communications, and the FCC. There would be more information forthcoming in the coming weeks.
- 8. Under New Business, Mr. Saxon presented an agreement between Jenkins County and the CSRA Regional Commission for the completion of the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan. The CSRA Regional Commission will be paid for its services through the recently approved FEMA grant. A motion was made by Commissioner Spann and seconded by

- Commissioner Powell to approve the signing of the agreement with the CSRA Regional Commission. The motion carried unanimously.
- 9. Next under New Business, Mr. Saxon presented a notice to the Board that they would need to make an appointment to the Region 6 EMS Council. Current Council Member Henry Young has expressed his interest and willingness for continued service on this council. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Coney to approve the re-appointment of Henry Young to the Region 6 EMS Council. The motion carried unanimously.
- 10. Finally under New Business, Mr. Saxon presented a letter from Judge Gates Peed from the Ogeechee Judicial Circuit regarding Senior Judge Retirement. The letter stated that retired senior judges shall be paid 2/3 of the salary they received as active judges. Jenkins County's portion of the cost would be based on population and would equal \$1217.15 per year. Attorney Rountree read the letter. After a discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Spann and seconded by Commissioner Powell to approve the Senior Judge Retirement in the amount of \$1217.15 per year. The motion carried unanimously.
- 11. Field Director Jason Oglesby had no report.
- 12. Under County Attorney's Report, Attorney Rountree discussed a proposed Class Action Settlement for participation in an ongoing OPIOID lawsuit. He stated that the amount the County will receive would depend on the number of participants in the lawsuit. Attorney Rountree stated that the County should participate. A motion was made by Commissioner Spann and seconded by Commissioner Dwight to participate in the lawsuit. The motion carried unanimously.
- 13. Under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that he had included a budget summary for the Board for review. He stated that he had not prepared the Highlight sheet, but will email it out once the review is complete.
- 14. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that GDOT had approved the local delivery project for the right turn lane into the industrial park on Hwy. 25 North. Mr. Saxon has received the notice to proceed with the project and has notified Parker Engineering.
- 15. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated the BB Lane Project should be going out for bid within the next month.
- 16. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that ACCG Retirement Services wanted to schedule a ZOOM to review the annual reporting of the County's Defined Benefit Plan. Commissioner Spann requested a copy of the report. The Board will need additional time to review the report before scheduling a ZOOM.

- 17. Next under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon informed the Board that Commissioner Spann had requested information regarding the possible designation of a truck route around Millen. Mr. Saxon stated that Dylan Lindsey with GDOT had submitted the request to Traffic Ops for review.
- 18. Finally under Administrator's Report, Mr. Saxon stated that it was almost time to apply for the annual LMIG funding through GDOT. He asked if any commissioners wanted to ride any specific areas. The Board instructed Mr. Saxon to put together a recommendation.
- 19. Under Chairman's Report, Chairman Weathersby inquired about the diesel fuel the county uses and the differences in costs between on-road and off-road diesel. Mr. Saxon will research the costs involved.
- 20. A motion was made by Commissioner Spann and seconded by Commissioner Dwight to enter Executive Session at 4:44 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.
- 21. A motion was made by Commissioner Spann and seconded by Commissioner Powell to exit Executive Session at 4:47 P.M. The motion carried unanimously. All Commissioners signed an affidavit stating that only one personnel matter was discussed.
- 22. A motion was made by Commissioner Spann and seconded by Commissioner Coney to promote Madyson Beasley to Fulltime EMT at a rate of \$12 per hour. The motion carried unanimously.
- 23. The Board members signed all meeting paperwork.

24. Chairman Weathersby adjourned the meeting at 4:48 P.M.

Chairman Horace Weathersby III

Tracie Coney

Jonathan Powell

Hiller Spann

Ramelia Dwight

Attest: Grady Saxon, Administrator