

## ***Jackson County Commission***

### ***Meeting***

***January 10, 2022***

The Jackson County Commission met January 10, 2022 in the Commission boardroom. Those in attendance were Chairman Bill Nance, Danny Rich, Jason Venable, 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 January 10, 2022 with the following amendments was made by Commissioner Rich and seconded by Commissioner Venable. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

- a. Defer work session item a.1 – Highlands Hospital Board to later work session and replace with Update on State Road 117 with input from citizens and
- b. Add d. Motion to approve and sign Resolution for Burn Awareness Week for Shriners Hospitals for Children.

#### Awards:

Corrections Captain Ernie Gomez was presented with a certificate from ACCA for his completed training by Chief Hal Nash.

Chief Deputy Rocky Harnen and Sheriff Chuck Phillips presented Deputy Craig Holcomb a ribbon of valor for his actions taken on a life threatening incident during a domestic violence call.

Chief Deputy Rocky Harnen and Sheriff Chuck Phillips presented Deputy Barry Munza a ribbon of valor for his action taken during a life threatening incident at the Courthouse.

Chief Deputy Rocky Harnen and Sheriff Chuck Phillips presented Deputy Brandon Phillips a lifesaving ribbon for his action and assistance in handling a heart attack situation. Deputy Phillips was also presented a pin for completed training, and he also received the Deputy of the Year award.

There were no presentations.

#### Public Comment:

Mr. Ed Kennedy – Heritage Protection of North Alabama

Motion to adopt the minutes as provided from the December 13, 2021 meeting and December 17, 2021 special work session was made by Commissioner Rich and seconded by Commissioner Buckner. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve hiring committee's recommendation of Michael Wilbanks and James Smart for (2) vacant Sanitation Driver/Collector positions at Solid Waste Department was made by Commissioner Venable and seconded by Commissioner McBride. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve extending Jane Guerin's temporary employment for 6 months at Council on Aging per attached letter was made by Commissioner Rich and seconded by Commissioner McBride. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve and sign Resolution for Burn Awareness Week for Shriners Hospital for Children was made by Commissioner Venable and seconded by Commissioner Rich. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

## **Work Session**

Commission:

Update on upcoming Bridge repair work on SR 117 bridge. The State has reached out to the Commission for input on the closure options for the upcoming work to be done on the bridge on SR 117. They asked for input on closing the bridge completely, or closing one lane at a time, and keeping the bridge open. Discussion and input from some citizens was given. It was also noted that this is a State road and the repairs will be done by the State, but the County does not feel it will be in the best interest of our citizens to close the bridge, but to keep one lane open during the repairs. As discussed, this option would allow a traffic signal at each side of the bridge to allow for one lane travel. This will also allow for emergency vehicles to travel as needed.

Commissioner Buckner gave a brief update on the Liberty Lane Building and noted that a traffic study has already been done. He does not expect any changes based on when it was previously being used by DHR. The Commission is also looking into the possibility of some ARPA funds to assist in this update if possible.

A bid spec package to replace the roof at the Liberty Lane building was reviewed. The previous bids were rejected due to the very high price of the shingle that was required on the bid. The Commission discussed using the same bid with a change to the type shingle to be required. Due to the current leaks there, the Commission felt the need to move quickly on getting the bid package modified and move forward with this.

Motion to set aside the rules of the Open Meeting Act was made by Commissioner Buckner and seconded by Commissioner Venable. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to modify the bid spec package and put this out for bids again was made by Commissioner Venable and seconded by Commissioner Rich. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Sick leave donation policy. More discussion about an amendment to the sick leave donation policy was held by the Commission. No action was taken and this may be brought to another work session later.

Comments from Commission:

Commissioner McBride – Please remember the Steele family and keep them in your prayers.

Commissioner Rich – Also asked for everyone to keep the Steele family in their thoughts and prayers.

Chairman Nance –Thanks to our EMA, Public Works and Sheriff's Office for their work during the recent inclement weather situation in keeping our roads open and passable.

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 January 24, 2022 @ 3:30 pm in the Commission boardroom.