

Jackson County Commission

Meeting

April 12, 2021

The Jackson County Commission met April 12, 2021 in the Commission board room. Those in attendance were Vice Chairman Jason Venable, A J Buckner and Kevin McBride. County Attorney John Porter was also present and County Administrator Bob Manning recorded the minutes of the meeting. Danny Rich was absent. Chairman position is vacant.

Vice Chairman Venable 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 April 12, 2021 with the addition of the following was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Buckner. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

f. Motion to consider a letter of support and resolution

There were no presentations or public comment.

Motion to approve the minutes from March 8 and March 22, 2021 meetings was made by Commissioner Buckner and seconded by Commissioner McBride. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve soliciting proposals for County Road 189 was made by Commissioner Buckner and seconded by Commissioner McBride. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve hiring Chris Price as a temporary employee in the Maintenance department for up to 6 months was made by Commissioner Buckner and seconded by Commissioner McBride. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to appoint Michael West to Cumberland Mountain Water Board (term will expire 3/30/2025) was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Buckner. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Motion to approve letter of support and a resolution for Singing River Trail (SRT) was made by Commissioner Buckner and seconded by Commissioner McBride. All members voted affirmatively, motion carried.

Resolution # 21-06

Mr. Tim Thomas
Federal Co-Chair
Appalachian Regional Commission
1666 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20009

Dear Co-Chair Thomas,

Please accept this letter as evidence of my strong support for the planning, design, and implementation of the Singing River Trail (SRT); a 150 mile greenway system that will cross North Alabama from Jackson County to Colbert County and beyond. When completed, the Trail will connect eight counties, twenty towns/cities in North Alabama, and be easily accessible to almost a quarter of the state's population. SRT will become a new center of economic opportunity, health and wellness, education, active transportation, and tourism for the State of Alabama.

While the original section of the trail covering Limestone, Madison, and Morgan Counties have already been master-planned, the eastern section (Jackson and Marshall Counties) and the western section (Lawrence, Lauderdale, and Colbert Counties) of the expanded SRT Route needs similar planning to get closer to being "shovel ready" and user ready. An investment in a trail section or in a part of the process is an invest in the people and communities of Alabama.

A large portion of the trail route will be built in economically distressed areas that would benefit from a regional project that fosters a more diverse economy, creates new business/job opportunities, and expands our economic and social resilience through outdoor recreation and natural and cultural heritage tourism.

Thank you for your consideration of the Singing River Trail's request for federal support. I am very supportive of the proposed effort to expand such a significant project in North Alabama.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Jason Venable



Vice Chairman, Jackson County Commission

Attest: Bob Manning



County Administrator, Jackson County Commission

With no further business, motion was made by Commissioner McBride and seconded by Commissioner Buckner, with all members voting affirmatively, to adjourn until the next meeting on April 27, 2021 (due to holiday) in the Commission board room.