

County Board
December 15, 2016

The County Board of Jasper County met in regular session on Thursday, December 15, 2016. The meeting was held in the Board Room, Jasper County Office Building. Members present were Michl, Fehrenbacher, Kerner, Leffler, Heltsley, Weddell, Swick, Warfel, Hickox and Pickens. Hall and Smithenry were absent. The meeting was called to order by proclamation according to law. Sheriff Britton asked the board to observe a moments of silence. He led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Heltsley asked for public comments. There were none from the audience. Heltsley noted a few changes in the makeup of the agenda. Jamie Blake, Circuit Clerk asked again to have \$14,500 added to her budget effective immediately, due to changes in the office personnel.

Kerner moved to approve the agenda. Swick seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Committee Reports:

The Road and Bridge Committee met on December 12. The 2017 Motor Fuel Tax County Maintenance Resolution has been approved by the committee. Members of the Cumberland County Board and their County Engineer were present for the public comments at the committee meeting.

The Sheriff's Committee met on November 30. The Sheriff reported the deputies are working many hours of overtime for November and December. This will correct itself soon. The committee discussed the car and light bar purchased on November 30. The committee discussed staffing concerns and the Sheriff and others will interview for a part time dispatcher. The committee decided shift bids are contractual. The cell phones have been purchased at a cost of \$3947.16 per year. The cost of the salary increase for members of the union is \$27,398 per year.

The Finance Committee met on December 12. Jamie Blake, Circuit Clerk discussed her request to amend her budget and have \$14,500 added to her salary line. She told the committee her office is a busy office and feels her help deserved the salary increase the chief deputy was given. Clinton Bigard, Treasurer wants to be added to the agenda each month. The Treasurer discussed changes he would like to see in the way IMRF wages are reported and the IMRF paid each month. The new accounts payable and payroll software will be installed soon. The changes will be made then.

The Building Committee met on Thursday, December 8. The committee discussed tuck pointing the jail porch area. The flooring in the dispatch area need replaced. The Serve Pro Emergency Response Profile is being updated. The elevator in the Courthouse was recently inspected and received a good report.

Treasurer Bigard reported on the county funds. He gave a history of fund balances since 2000. Sales tax revenues were discussed. Income tax is up slightly and the Personal Property Replacement Tax is stable. The County has direct deposit for payroll and each employee has the opportunity to participate in payroll savings. When that was first offered to employees, it had to be deposited in a specified bank. With the new electronic banking, the Treasurer would like to make any bank available for the payroll savings. That change was approved.

The Ambulance Committee met on November 30. The committee approved the purchase of 3 power load systems. The county will pay for one system per year for three years with 0% financing. The total cost is \$70,848. Installation costs is \$1549 for each ambulance. The committee discussed improvements for the parking lot.

JEDI met on December 6. The guest speaker was from Image2, a marketing and media company.

The Health Department Report is in the Board packet.

Leffler moved to approve the County Clerk's monthly report. Kerner seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

There was no old business.

Agenda Items:

Hickox moved to approve the 2016/2017 County Levy. Fehrenbacher seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes. Hall and Smithenry were absent.

Nichole Woods with Stryker was present to answer questions concerning the power load systems for the county ambulances. The worker's compensation insurance for the county will offer a grant to help with the purchase price of these systems. Weddell moved to purchase 3 power load systems for the Ambulance Department at a cost of \$70,848 plus installation. The county will pay for one this year and finance the 2 remaining systems. Swick seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote with all ten members present voting yes. Hall and Smithenry were absent.

Leffler moved to approve the appointment of J. Smithenry and L. Brooks to a two year term on the 911 board. Fehrenbacher seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Kerner moved to approve the County Maintenance Resolution for MTF monies. Hickox seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Discussion was held on the addition of \$14,500 to the Circuit Clerk's budget. One board member commented that he had no opposition if funds were needed but he felt the approach in asking for the funds could have been handled better. Swick moved to

approve the addition of \$14,500 to the salary line of the Circuit Clerks budget, effective March 1, 2017. The motion carried on a roll call vote with Michl, Kerner, Heltsley, Weddell, Swick, Warfel, Hickox and Pickens voting yes. No votes were cast by Fehrenbacher and Leffler. Hall and Smithenry were absent.

Fehrenbacher moved to approve the Appellate Prosecutors resolution and the \$5,000 dues. Leffler seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Kerner moved to approve the minutes of the previous meetings. Swick seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairman's Comments: The chairman gave the board members some copies of board policies from two different County Boards. He asked the members of the board to read these and bring back ideas for this board. The Chairman enclosed a letter from him to each board member and county employee.

Hickox moved to enter into closed session for possible litigation at 8:10 am. Pickens seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes. No action will be taken.

The board entered open session at 8:20 pm.

Kerner moved to allow the claims. Warfel seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Leffler moved to adjourn at 8:25 pm. Swick seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Linda Huth, Jasper County Clerk