

County Board  
July 14, 2016

The County Board of Jasper County met in regular session on Thursday, July 14, 2016. The meeting was held in the board room, Jasper County Office Building in Newton. Members present were Miller, Fehrenbacher, Kerner, Leffler, Heltsley, Weber, Swick, M. Smithenry, Hickox, J. Smithenry and Bierman. Haskett was absent.

The meeting was called to order by proclamation according to law by Sheriff Britton.

Sheriff Britton led the group in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Bierman asked for public comments. Daniel Alzate, Ambulance Department discussed the dedication of the classroom at the Ambulance building to a former patient who left money to the department in his estate. Alzate displayed the plaque that will be hung in the classroom in his honor.

Miller moved to approve the agenda. Weber seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Committee Reports:

The Road and Bridge Committee met on July 11. They approved the claims.

The Sheriff's Committee met on June 29. They discussed staffing concerns and the amount of overtime being required. The department is working on accreditation and licensing. Some squad cars have had work on the lights. A jailer and a part time deputy have resigned. There is a dispatcher who will be off on medical leave for 8 to 9 weeks. On July 13 the Sheriff heard a presentation on a new dispatch system. More information will be given later on this software. We would be partnered with Robinson, Crawford County in this program. The Sheriff stated this system is being used in counties around us. Our share of the cost would be \$160,000. Robinson is willing to finance the project and let Jasper pay back over a period of time. There would be one server in Robinson. Jasper would help with the service fees. More information will be presented and 911 will be asked to help pay the cost. This system would replace the Emergitech system we currently pay \$13,577 service cost each year.

The Finance Committee met on July 11. All members were present. The 2015 County Audit is complete. There were no changes since the draft copy was presented last month. Copies of the audit are available if any board member would like a copy. The six month reports for the County Offices were presented. Weber moved to approve all reports. M. Smithenry seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote. Bierman appointed a five year planning and budget committee with Fehrenbacher, Kerner, Heltsley and

Hickox. Fehrenbacher will chair the committee and meet soon to start the 2016/2017 budget process. It is time for the Sheriff's Union negotiations to begin. The current committee members are not running for re-election. Bierman appointed Leffler, Hickox, Heltsley and Kerner to the negotiations committee. The Finance Committee discussed the Animal Control Officers salary, which was omitted in June when the other salaries were increased. The Animal Control officer would like to switch cell phone companies. The Health Department has received a grant for \$65,000 as a subcontractor of Chaddix, who provides coverage to day care providers and pre-school teachers to provide training for children ages 3 to preschool age. The State's Attorney has read the contract and said it is good. The County will have to pay benefits for this position. A car will have to be purchased. The grant funds will pay for this with mileage that will be billed monthly. The grant renews yearly. The department is asking for permission to hire since the County is in a hiring freeze currently. Heltsley moved to allow the Health Department to move forward with the grant and the hiring of the employee. Fehrenbacher seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Miller moved to approve the 2015 audit as presented. Leffler seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

The Building Committee met on July 7. Leffler moved to purchase 2 vacuums. One for County Office Building and one for the Courthouse. Swick seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote. The elevator at the courthouse needed repairs to the power supply. Jesse will stripe the county office building parking lot on the west side. Miller is pricing steel doors for the Courthouse Probation and Judge's Chambers and a door for the inside of the Circuit Clerk's office.

The Ambulance Committee met on July 6. The classroom and sleeping rooms are completed. The new auto pulse machines are in use.

The Animal Control report is in the board packet.

JEDI met on July 5. They discussed changes at the Newton Power Plant and heard updates from JEDI members.

The Health Department report is in the board packet.

J. Smithenry moved to approve the County Clerk's monthly report. M. Smithenry seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

J. Smithenry moved to approve the minutes of the June meeting. Swick seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

M. Smithenry moved to enter closed session at 8:15 pm. Hickox seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes. Haskett was absent. The board entered open session at 8:35 pm. No action was taken.

Swick moved to allow the claims. M. Smithenry seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Leffler moved to adjourn at 8:36 pm. J. Smithenry seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Linda Huth  
Jasper County Clerk