

County Board  
March 10, 2016

The County Board of Jasper County met in regular session on Thursday, March 10, 2016. Members present were Miller, Fehrenbacher, Kerner, Leffler, Heltsley, Weber, Swick, Haskett, M. Smithenry, Hickox, J. Smithenry and Bierman. The meeting was called to order by proclamation according to law by Sheriff Rick Britton. Britton led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Bierman asked for Public Comments. Board Member Ron Swick read some comments. He feels the departments in the County no longer trust each other. The committees for the County no longer trust each other. His feeling is some of the Board members are micromanaging the departments. It is time to let the department heads do their work and manage their departments on their own. He gave a history of some happenings since 2010 with changes in the health insurance prices, etc. He stated it is time to let the department heads do their jobs and this will make the County Board's job easier.

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

Committee Reports:

The Road and Bridge Committee met on March 7. They discussed accumulated sick days and the pension service that can be converted to service time through IMRF. Overtime for County Highway employees was discussed. Kerner moved to allow the recent retiree from the County Highway Department to apply 121 sick days to service time. Swick seconded the motion. Discussion was held on what the actual number of days is allowed. The committee discussed some committee meeting minutes from 2007. Haskett reminded the board the personnel policy adopted in 2016 is the current policy is effect. The new policy says 120 days. Kerner stated that the Road and Bridge committee promised the employee he would be given 121 days to convert to service time. Kerner also stated he did not ready the current policy like everyone else. The committee answered the clerk on a roll call vote with Kerner, Leffler, Heltsley, Swick, M. Smithenry, Hickox and J. Smithenry voting yes and Miller, Fehrenbacher, Weber, Haskett and Bierman voting no. The motion carried on a 7 yes and 5 no vote. Leffler moved to approve the resolutions for the County Highway Engineer's salary to be paid from Motor Fuel Tax. Kerner seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote.

The Solid Waste Committee met on March 8. They discussed trash from contractor's construction sites being hauled and dumped at the County Highway collection site. The Hunt City site is now closed due to lack of use.

The Sheriff's Committee met on March 2. Britton attended the Criminal Justice Summit

and attended the Sheriff's Conference in Peoria. The committee discussed the part time salary for Correctional Officers and Dispatchers. They would like to increase the pay from \$10 per hour to \$12.

The Finance Committee met on March 7. They discussed the accumulation of sick time and the video gaming monies received by the County. The County Ambulance Department received a donation from a former patient. The department head would like to remodel the classroom with those funds. Haskett moved to allow Ron Diel to renovate the Ambulance Department Class room. Kerner seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote. The State's Attorney wrote an addendum to the personnel policy for clarifying the accumulation of sick time and applying the time to service time upon retirement or termination. M. Smithenry moved to add the addendum to the personnel policy that adds to paragraph 4.4 and 24.1 per the State's Attorney. The motion failed on a roll call vote with Miller, Fehrenbacher, Weber, Haskett, M. Smithenry and Bierman voting yes. Kerner, Leffler, Heltsley, Swick, Hickox and J. Smithenry voted no. Heltsley moved to change the numbers of days allowed to be converted to sick time to 180 days. Kerner seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote with Kerner, Leffler, Heltsley, Swick, Hickox and J. Smithenry voting yes. Miller, Fehrenbacher, Weber, Haskett, M. Smithenry and Bierman voted no.

The Building Committee met on March 3. Panic buttons were discussed for the County Clerk's office. The cost for 6 panic buttons for the County Clerk's Office and the Conference Room is \$650. The work will be done by Barlow's. Swick moved to approve the panic button installation. Hickox seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote. Miller moved to purchase the air condensers for the Courthouse furnace project from Steve Cox at a cost of \$5,731.62. Hickox seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote. The jury room floor needs repaired and carpeted. J. Smithenry moved to approve the repairs. Swick seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

The Ambulance Committee met on March 2. The director stated he now has a full crew. Full time paramedics have been hired. Barlow has the security cameras and fire alarms installed. The new department handbook is now complete.

The EMA Committee met on March 7. The committee was updated on the new coordinator and his duties. The landing zones for emergency medical helicopter landings have been updated.

The Animal Control report is in the board packet.

JEDI met on March 1. The program for the day was 100 Women Who Care, which is a new program that has been promoted in Jasper County.

The Health Department report is in the board packet.

Haskett moved to approve the monthly report from the County Clerk. M. Smithenry seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

J. Smithenry moved to approve the Mint Creek bridge local agency agreement. Hickox seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Miller moved to approve the minutes of the February meeting. Heltsley seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Miller moved to enter closed session at 7:50 pm. J. Smithenry seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

The board left closed session at 8:15. No action was taken.

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

Leffler moved to adjourn at 8:20 pm. J. Smithenry seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Linda Huth,  
Jasper County Clerk