

County Board  
May 12, 2016

The County Board of Jasper County met in regular session on May 12, 2016. The meeting was held in the Board Room, Jasper County Office Building in Newton. Members present were Miller, Kerner, Leffler, Heltsley, Haskett, Hickox, J. Smithenry and Bierman. Fehrenbacher, Weber, Swick and M. Smithenry were absent. The meeting was called to order by proclamation according to law by Sheriff Britton at 7:30 pm. Sheriff Britton led the group in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Bierman asked for public comments. There were none.

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

Committee Reports:

The Road and Bridge Committee met on May 9. Patterson will advertise for a new employee. Kerner moved to approve the Bridge Aid Petition for Smallwood Township for the bridge west of Jerome Kistner's. Hickox seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

The Sheriff's Committee met on April 27. The jail inspection is complete. Wages for that department were discussed. The Sheriff has hired two part time jailers. The dispatch agreement with the Ambulance service and the Sheriff's department has been completed and signed. One part time jailer will be trained to dispatch. John Phillips is the new interim 911 Coordinator. The Sheriff will have a meeting with a company demonstrating new dispatch equipment. That department is having radio issues and this equipment will help with that problem. There would be four area users of this equipment. They would be Robinson, Newton, Crawford County and Jasper County. Jasper County's cost would be \$158,000. Robinson would pay for the equipment up front and Jasper County would pay back over a period of time. J. Smithenry felt the County needs to meet with Robinson to further discuss this matter. The Sheriff feels this equipment would help reduce the duplication of reports and it saves information for further use.

The Finance Committee met on May 9. All members were present. The Circuit Clerk is required to purchase new software and hardware for court filing of civil cases. The total cost is \$36,366.73. Court Document Storage Funds will be used for this project. The Treasurer purchased a new copier using Treasurer Automation funds. The Early Retirement Incentive with IMRF has a balance due of \$64,018.44. This will be paid off after the first of June, when all payroll reports are complete. Kerner moved to allow the payoff. Heltsley seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote with 4 members absent and Miller, Kerner, Leffler, Heltsley, Haskett, Hickox, J. Smithenry and Bierman voting yes.

The Building Committee met on May 5. The Sheriff discussed the upgrade of the 911 computer system. Superior Fuels submitted the contract for propane for the animal control building at a cost of \$1.32 per gallon. There is also a \$60 tank usage fee for the year. Miller moved to approve the propane contract and the usage fee. Hickox seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

The Ambulance Committee met on May 4. The class room work is underway and soon to be completed. A full time EMT will be hired due to a resignation of a full time paramedic. Since the EMT is full time he will be given County employee benefits. Alzate will finish the sleeping rooms once the classroom renovation is complete. Alzate is in the process of pricing new equipment that is to be replaced soon.

The Animal Control report is in the Board packet.

The Workman's Compensation audit is complete. The County received \$1205 in returned premium from the results of the audit.

JEDI met on May 3. Patrick Pape, DCEO was present. Members gave their monthly updates.

The Health Department report is in the Board packet.

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

There was no old business.

New Business:

Leffler moved to approve the Sheriff's Union Contract allowing each member of the union a 2.5% salary increase retroactive to December 1, 2015. Each party to the union contract will be responsible to pay ½ of the cancellation fee for the arbitration date that is cancelled. Heltsley seconded the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote with 4 members absent, Bierman voting no and Miller, Kerner, Leffler, Heltsley, Haskett, Hickox, and J. Smithenry voting yes.

The State's Attorney updated the 911 policies and procedures. Hickox moved to approve the policies and procedures. Heltsley seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

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

Bierman read a letter addressed to the Jasper County Board from Chris Parr, transportation director at the Jasper County School District, thanking them for their service and help for this past school year.

Each member received a copy of an article on Dynegy.

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

Leffler moved to adjourn at 8:10 pm. J. Smithenry seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Linda Huth,  
Jasper County Clerk