

County Board
September 16, 2016

The County Board of Jasper County met in regular session on Thursday, September 16, 2016. The meeting was held in the Board Room, Jasper County Office Building in Newton. Members present were Miller, Fehrenbacher, Kerner, Leffler, Heltsley, Swick, Haskett, M. Smithenry, Hickox, J. Smithenry and Bierman. Weber 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. There were none.

Heltsley moved to approve the agenda to add Sheriff's Department Personnel and an Intergovernmental Agreement. M. Smithenry seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Committee Reports:

The Road and Bridge Committee met on September 12. The pavement preservation program was approved. There was a request to haul rock to a private residence and that was denied. Haskett corrected a comment that was made last month by the County Highway Engineer.

There was no Solid Waste meeting.

The Sheriff's Committee met on August 31. The committee discussed part time salaries and wage laws. They discussed the Spillman Contract for dispatch software. A full time correctional officer has resigned. The jailer who was injured on the job has been cleared to return to work. There is a new correctional officer who is going to the academy in October. The Sheriff is trying to get titles to 2 forfeited vehicles. He also plans a public sale in the future. The Union negotiations will begin on September 22 at 6 pm. The Sheriff addressed the board. The Correctional Officer on medical leave will resign on October 5. Britton addressed the board concerning the need for hiring a deputy. He will go over budget on his salary line due to overtime being paid for open shifts. Some employees have worked several days in a row and some have not yet taken vacation. A deputy training class begin on September 25 and is a 12 week class. Leffler moved to allow the hiring of a full time deputy. The question was asked if we could have a contract on the payback of the cost for their training should they leave employment a short time after trained. The State's Attorney will write a contract for reimbursement. Fehrenbacher seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

The Finance Committee met on September 14. All members were present. Gary Johnson discussed the roll 911 will play in the County's share of the Spillman contract for

dispatching equipment. 911 can no longer pay for the rural road signs as they have in the past.

Kerner moved to allow flu shots for County employees at the County's expense. J. Smithenry seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

M. Smithenry moved to set the Christmas and New Year's schedule. The paid holiday will be Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2. Heltsley seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote. The addendum to the personnel policy on sick time will be added to the personnel policy and each employee will be asked to sign that they received the policy and read the contents.

Brian Bradbury with Kemper CPA has submitted quotes for the County Audit. Some board members made some comments on his presentation of his quote.

The Budget Committee met on August 22. The committee started work on the 2016/2017 budgets for the Ambulance Department and the General Fund. They also met on September 14 and worked on the Health Department budget and the Sheriff's department.

Fehrenbacher presented an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Ste. Marie and the County of Jasper for water infrastructure. SCIRP&D is handling the grant and realized some of the land where the water line is now is out of the incorporated area of Ste. Marie. Hickox moved to allow the intergovernmental agreement. J. Smithenry seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

The Building Committee met on September 8. The old air conditioners out of the Courthouse will be taken to the dumpsters. Part of the sidewalk at the Courthouse needs to be repaired. The Courthouse roof replacement is finished.

The Ambulance Committee met on August 31. Fehrenbacher moved to approve the updated policy manual. Swick seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

The Animal Control report is in the board packet.

The Health Department report is in the board packet.

JEDI met on September 6 at Champion Fitness. The group toured the facility and learned of the services offered there.

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

Leffler moved to approve the appointment of Ron Diel to a two year term to the Board of Review. Swick seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Swick moved to approve the appointment of Donald Clark to the position of trustee to the Mint Creek Drainage District. M. Smithenry seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Kerner moved to approve the appointment of Norbert Ochs as a trustee of the Captain Pond Drainage District. M. Smithenry seconded the motion. The motion carried on a voice vote.

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

Chairman's Comments: Saturday at the Fall Festival the Courthouse doors were unlocked by an unknown person. The building was not secured to be open during an event. This left the restrooms in a mess. It is important to find out who has that key.

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

The next meeting is October 13 at 7:30 pm.

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

Linda Huth, Jasper County Clerk