

November 7, 2023

David Abbott	P
Don Adkins, Jr.	P
Donald Blansett	A
Ruric Brandt	P
Logan Campbell	P
Jimmy Cantrell	P
Steve Franklin	P
Gene Hargis	P
Linda Mason	P
Chris Morrison	P
Jim Nunley	P
Dennis Rollins	A
Paul Schafer	P
Peggy Thompson	P
Sherry VanAllman	P

The Marion County Board of Commissioners met in a special called meeting on November 7, 2023. Madam Chairman Linda Mason called the meeting to order. (Time: 01) Invocation was given by Commissioner Hargis. (Time :03) Pledge was led by Marion County Clerk, Joanie Spangler. (Time :58) Roll call was taken by Jaime Quick, Chief Deputy Clerk. (Time 1:15) Thirteen commissioners were present. Absent from this meeting: Commissioner Blansett and Commissioner Rollins.

Mayor Jackson stated this special called meeting is due to discuss funding for the 911 Board. The notice for this meeting was publicly posted at the Whitwell, Jasper, and South Pittsburg post offices as well as at the County Courthouse and the Lawson building.

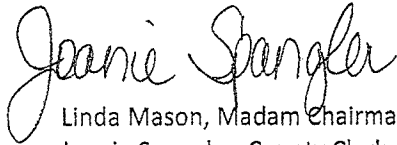
Madam Chairman Mason stated that at this time the Commission would need to vote to agree whether or not to move forward with the new updated 911 radio communications system with the State of Tennessee. Mayor Jackson confirmed yes, at this time the 911 system needs to redo the radio system and will have to install some new towers. Mayor Jackson stated there is some grant money coming from the state, about \$1.8 million, and it will take about 2 to 2 ½ years to implement this new system. The current 911 radio system is not what it needs to be by far. Mayor Jackson specified that the 911 Board is asking for the County to enter into an interlocal government agreement to do a bond sale to borrow some funds in the approximate amount of \$1.6 million to match the grant money and requested an appropriation of \$588,000.00 that is earmarked for SRO's. Mayor Jackson clarified that of that \$588,000.00 only \$522,500.00 is general fund money and \$65,500 came from the School System. He recommended that the Commission only give the amount of \$522,500.00. Mayor Jackson clarified that

the 911 Board, not the County, would be paying the debt back on the bond sale. Commissioner Adkins stated the proposal for the Finance Committee was to give the \$522,500.00. Commissioner Adkins at this time made a motion to approve this appropriation to the 911 Board to move forward with the replacement of the 911 radio system. Commissioner Brandt asked would this funding cause a property tax increase. Counselor Gouger clarified this is a bond sale. Commissioner Franklin asked Steve Lamb to speak at this time. Steve Lamb stated this was not a fly by night project and explained the performance guarantee. After further discussion Commissioner Franklin seconded Commissioner Adkins' motion. 13 voting aye.

Commissioner Adkins made a motion to approve the proposed intergovernmental agreement with the 911 District (Attachment) and to authorize Mayor Jackson to sign it for the 911 funding. Seconded by Commissioner Schafer. 13 voting aye

Adjournment: (Time 17:38) Commissioner Franklin made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Cantrell. 13 voting aye

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joanie Spangler". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Linda Mason, Madam Chairman
Joanie Spangler, County Clerk