

November 28, 2022

David Abbott	P
Don Adkins, Jr.	P
Donald Blansett	P
Joey Blevins, Jr.	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	P
Paul Schafer	P
Peggy Thompson	P

The Marion County Board of Commissioners met in a regular called session on November 28, 2022. Chairman David Abbott called the meeting to order. Invocation was given by Commissioner Rollins. (Time 0:42) Pledge led by Marion County Clerk, Joanie Spangler. (Time 1:42) Chairman Abbott welcomed newly elected commissioner Jimmy Cantrell. (Time 2:11) Roll call was taken by Jaime Quick, Chief Deputy Clerk. (Time 2:38) Fourteen commissioners were present. Absent this month Commissioner Blevins.

- 1) A motion was made by Commissioner Franklin and seconded by Commissioner Campbell to approve the minutes from the October 24, 2022 meeting. 14 voted aye. (Time 3:20)

- 2) Approval of Resolution—TDEC and Marion County contract for sub-surface sewage disposal inspections.  
(Discussion Time @ 3:41) Mayor Jackson revisited this need that was addressed in prior meetings. Since then hire of Bradley Baxter has been made by the county and is shadowing TDEC under this contract with state. Commissioner Franklin made a motion to approve this resolution Commissioner Campbell seconded. 14 voted aye (Commissioner Blevins absent) (Signed Resolution Attachment)

- 3) Approve Contract- Mental Health Transport (Discussion Time 5:24) this contract was presented by Sheriff's office in prior meetings. Amerimed only bidder (Financial schedule attached) Commissioner Thompson addressed who would determine if it is mental health need as well as Commissioner Hargis addressed who determines the HCPSC code for billing. Commissioner Schafer question is one year contract an option with negotiation to continue contract at the end of one year. Commissioner Schafer also addressed the need for an escape clause. Commissioner Morrison made motion to table this till next meeting and revisit this with Sheriffs office of how many transports are being made. Commissioner Adkins seconded. 14 aye tabled till January meeting.
  
- 4) Discussion-Process for replacement of County Road Commissioner (Time 12:41) (Attachment) Counselor Gouger addressed the procedures needed to be taken to fill this position for the remainder of Mr. Hawk's term and must be a public notice. First order Chairman Abbott read the successor letter of Mr. Hawk dated in 2020 (Attached) expressing Anthony (Andy) B. Morrison was named to fill these duties until proper procedures are taken by County Commissioners to fill position. Commissioner Morrison made a motion to move to the discussion of the December meeting to determine timelines and dates needed. Commissioner Schafer seconded. Commissioner Schafer made motion to have meeting Dec 19<sup>th</sup> Commissioner Morrison seconded (not in timeframe for public publication) second motion for January 9<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Jackson suggested workshop on January 9<sup>th</sup> 5pm for all those who qualify to be interviewed. Motion amended by Commissioner Shafer for workshop on January 9<sup>th</sup> 5pm Seconded Commissioner Nunley. 12 aye 2 no ( Commissioner Mason and Commissioner Morrison) Publication will be submitted by County Clerk's office to newspaper for all to apply by January 4<sup>th</sup> 4pm to County Mayor's office with resume and certifications for position. Notification will be ran next week.
  
- 5) Donald Leonard- Pulltight Rd (Time 30:17)  
Donald Leonard addressed his work on this road as a disgrace but respectfully appreciated the attempt by MCHD for a quick fix of ditch and gravel and expressed his concern it will not last. Mr. Leonard made aware the commission of his numerous discussions with Mr. Hawk and things were never corrected as addressed. He is asking for help to continue his business there. Mr. Leonard has a business for campgrounds. He is requesting it to be paved. Commissioner Mason suggested we visit this road and addressed interim Road Superintendent Andy Morrison of awareness of the condition of the road. Commissioner Blansett addressed Andy Morrison (present in audience) to address the concerns of Mr. Leonard and the progress of road.
  
- 6) Tom Morgan- Concerning Railroad Crossing on Pulltight Road in Whiteside area (Time 36:50) Mr. Morgan presented a well prepared Federal Railroad

educational booklet. Mr. Morgan is requesting a train whistle quiet zone. He is the current owner of Running Water Creek campground in Whiteside. He expressed health concerns and property value increase as documentation of the need for this quiet zone. Commissioner Morrison requested a local report of those suffering from mental health due to the train whistles. Commissioner Mason addressed the concerns for fees and costs to county residents. Commissioner Hargis brought to attention was Mr. Morgan and other residents aware of the train whistle when the property was purchased. Tom Morgan, yes. Commissioner Schafer expressed the need for a whistle and the liabilities as county commissioners in making such a decision for safety reasons. Chairman Abbott suggested to review and place on January meeting for more time to review items presented for grants and funding and more local needs and invited Mr. Morgan to come back in January. Mr. Morgan is suggesting the county place a diesel tax on railways.

- 7) Discussion-Purchase of County Maintenance vehicle (Discussion Time 1:9:00)  
Mayor Jackson addressed the need for a county maintenance vehicle and presented an offer for purchase of the truck from Moss Motor (\$37,750.00)  
FUND 101 Motion to approve made by Commissioner Hargis Seconded by Commissioner Campbell 14 aye (Attachment)
  
- 8) Discussion- Bids for Courthouse Cleaning Contract (Discussion Time 1:10:33)  
Mayor Jackson presented one bid from Valley Janitorial Service ( Attached )  
Counselor Gouger addressed the needed for this discussion is due to a county employee out on leave for privacy reasons until mid-January Commissioner Morrison was made aware of the numerous negative calls he has received about their services. Commissioner Hargis addressed that with any complaints of their services that management has always handled it appropriately. Commissioner Rollins addressed on top of this price the county is still financially responsible for purchasing cleaning products. Commissioner Mason addressed the uncleanliness of the courthouse. Mayor Jackson addressed that due to the need of the service and this vendor being the only vendor they would continue to provide the services. Commissioner Rollins made a motion to run ad in newspaper again and reject the bid. Commissioner Mason seconded. Roll Call vote made. 6 voting aye and 7 voting no. Commissioner Morrison abstained. Commissioner Mason suggested look for someone else. Commissioner Blansett made motion to move on because no decision could be made and table this. Commissioner Schafer seconded. No vote taken.
  
- 9) Discussion- Trussell Road (Discussion Time 1:25:30) Mr. Park was not present at this meeting. Commissioner Hargis addresses he had spoken with Mr. Park and the concerns with the end of Trussell Road that leads to a newly gated community of Eagle Bluff and has visited this road. Counselor Gouger addressed this section is not currently a county rd. but there is a current deed of dedication that is incomplete that was prepared by an attorney in Franklin County. Commissioner Hargis suggested the Road Superintendent inspect the road of its needs. Commissioner Schafer made the commission aware that the current property owners knew the condition of the road when purchasing the property. Commissioner Blansett made the commission aware it is not on the county road list and we have roads that are county roads that need more attention as well. Commissioner Hargis made a suggestion to bring this under general business at next meeting if Mr. Park is present and has some more information.



- 10) Updated discussion- Innovation and Technology Committee (Discussion Time 1:32:42) Commissioner Brandt stated he has the framework of a charter started. He has met to review on behalf of the Department of Education with Judge Raines and he is also working with Dr. Griffith as well.
  
- 11) Discussion – Law of 1981 (Discussion Time 1:33:38) Commissioner Mason stated she just wanted to put this to a vote. Mayor Jackson expressed he felt it was premature decision with discussion and the upcoming appointment of a new Road Superintendent. Commissioner Franklin asked to table it to January since there was a commissioner absent and one new commissioner who has not had time to review. Commissioner Schafer ask of Mayor Jackson why this was presented with justification of his research of the work space and finances it would require to establish it. Commissioner Campbell made a motion to reject, Commissioner Mason seconded. Commissioner Franklin asked for a Roll Call vote. Voting yes was to reject, voting no was to approve with 14 voting aye
  
- 12) Discussion- December meeting (Discussion Time 0:30:39) Commissioner Mason made a motion to cancel the December meeting Commissioner Adkins seconded. 12 voting aye 2 No- Commissioner Schafer and Commission Franklin
  
- 13) Budget Amendments-(Time 2:02:45) Marion County Local Government Fund 101 Motion made by Commissioner Adkins to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Thompson (\$37,750.00) 14 voted aye (Attachment)
  
- 14) Budget Amendments- (Time 2:3:03) Dr. Mark Griffith addressed the progress being made by Randy Gilliam after the previous ground breaking. Commissioner Blansett inquired about the pedestrian bridge work needed at South Pittsburg High School. Dr. Griffith responded they are working on that. Chairman Abbott inquired of the next expected draw on the Jasper Middle School project. Dr. Griffith addressed next draw date would be requested at the BOE meeting in December. Marion County Board of Education Fund 142 Amendment #4 Motion made for approval by Commissioner Adkins seconded by Commissioner Schafer. 12 voting aye. Fund 141 Amendment #4 budget request for Capital Outlay for paving the MCHS and WHS parking lots. Motion made for approval by Commissioner Schafer, seconded by Commissioner Thompson 12 voting aye. Cash flow analysis was presented for information only. Dr. Griffith addressed the TECH Innovation meeting he attended at the request of Commissioner Brandt. (Attachments)
  
- 15) Budget Amendments- Marion County Highway Department (Time 2:8:34) Interim Road Superintendent Andy Morrison stated no requests at this time.
  
- 16) Mayor's report (Time 2:8:41) Mayor Jackson stated the county has had a few RFI's this month. (Attachment) Project Matador description and requirements for port property, they will be here Thursday December 1<sup>st</sup> for a site visit. Mayor

also stated he received the letter from Governor Lee advising that the CDBG grant of \$420,000.00 applied for had been granted to the county. Scheduled to do a sale of the \$9,000,000.00 JMS bonds on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Discussion on the meeting attended to discuss TN/Flood ready program. Attended the Regional Mayor's meeting in Hamilton County. Main discussion there was the structure of Interstate 24/75. Attended a mayor's meeting in Crossville, Tennessee. Big discussion there is a lot of the counties still own their ambulance services and the problem of finding EMTs and paramedics. Also Mayor Jackson was asked to speak at the Veteran's day program where local veterans Jimmy Wigfall, Jerry Case and Ken Jordan were recognized. Also stated the ground breaking at Jasper Middle School, Food City and the rail spur in New Hope is complete except for sowing some grass. Also a ribbon cutting for the new employee center at Colonial Chemical. Announced next meeting will be January 23, 2023 6pm

- 17) Approval of Notaries-(Time 2:16:07) Matilda Louise West, Travis Layne, Nathan Thomas Arkushenko, Dawn Gatlin, Marty S. Murphy, Vicki K. Messer  
Commissioner Hargis made the motion to approve Commissioner Franklin seconded 14 voted aye
  
- 18) General Business-(Time 2:16:48) Commissioner Schafer stated he attended a recent environmental meeting covering water, air, land and flooding. Commissioner Schafer has 81 slides to share with anyone interested. Commissioner Schafer also addressed the financial concern for the county landfill that there is enough money set aside for post-closure needs. Mayor Jackson addressed this matter stating the county has a contract with the Marion County waste authority who monitors and maintains this concern. Commissioner Blansett addressed he is the chairman of this committee and books are open to review. Commissioner Schafer also addressed his concern for receipts to be given at the county landfill for record of cash money brought in. Commissioner Schafer also stated his concern of the county allocation money (\$10,000.00) for roads and the fact that there has not been an increase in 15 years of the county money used to maintain roads. Commissioner Schafer asked for an increase in the money set aside to maintain the county roads. Commissioner Schafer also requested an agenda item for a zoning commission to provide checks and balances with the planning commission. Commissioner Schafer is asking for monthly detail on fund 51800 accounts 102, 116, 189 to be added to the monthly packets to see where the money is being spent. Commissioner Franklin addressed the ambulance service and there would be a meeting tomorrow (Nov 29, 2022) Mayor Jackson stated he had received some information back from Puckett he can share. Commissioner Schafer requested clarification on the date typed on the Planning Committee minutes presented. Commissioner Schafer addressed the confusion of the date and/or location of the AG meeting given, requested better communication of dates and location address. Mayor Jackson addressed that information comes from Dannie Bradford not from the mayor's office. Commissioner Schafer stated the new commissioners still have not received their laptops and made a request for business cards. Commissioner Brandt asked Counselor to explain special powers act. Counselor Gouger addressed this act. Commissioner Rollins questioned Counselor Gouger if the county had received anything back from state on the request for the tree removal on the side of the road. Commissioner Rollins also addressed the need for hot water for hand washing at the county convenience centers. Commissioner Rollins also announced a Christmas dinner for the commissioners and spouses at Western Sizzlin December 5<sup>th</sup> 6pm for all that want to attend.
  
- 19) Added to the agenda Mr. Bruce Johnson who purchased property in Ladds Cove that does not exist. This property was purchased from the county following a tax sale. Counselor Gouger suggested money be refunded to Mr. Johnson, total cost approximately \$6600.00. Commissioner Hargis moved to approve this refund

Commissioner Schafer seconded. Money will be refunded upon Mr. Johnson providing the receipts on property, surveying cost and attorney cost to Mayor Jackson. Commissioner Blansett addressed the system being cleaned up when parcels are added to property to eliminate this happening again.

20) Adjournment- Commissioner Cantrell made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Nunley seconded 14 voting aye

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joanie Spangler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Respectfully Submitted,  
David Abbott, Chairman  
Joanie Spangler, County Clerk