

August 28, 2023

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

The Marion County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on August 28, 2023. Madam Chairman Linda Mason called the meeting to order. (Time: 01) Invocation was given by Commissioner Hargis. (Time :07) Pledge was led by Marion County Clerk, Joanie Spangler. (Time 1:56) Roll call was taken by Jaime Quick, Chief Deputy Clerk. (Time 2:01) Fourteen commissioners were present. Absent this month Commissioner Morrison.

Time (0:2:47)) During discussion regarding approval of prior meeting Minutes, Commissioner Schafer asked that, on General Business in future minutes items be separated to be on resolutions and motions. A motion was then made by Commissioner Schafer to approve the July 24, 2023, minutes, seconded by Commissioner Franklin. 14 voting aye.

1. Jeff Cobb- HOA Legislation- (Time 3:22) (Attachment) Mr. Jeff Cobb, a resident of Marion County discussed documents that he had prepared or submitted about Homeowners Associations (HOA's). Mr. Cobb requested the commission pass a resolution regulating the period of time a developer can have control over a subdivision on developments with an HOA. Dane Bradshaw spoke on behalf of the Jasper Highlands development concerning the current Property Owners Association (POA) for that development.
2. Property Tax Sale: Map 1421, Group B, parcel 046.00 (Time: 30:45) (Attachment) Commissioner Schafer made a motion on behalf of the Delinquent Property tax

committee to sale Map 1421, Group B, parcel 046.00 located at 216 Oak Street, South Pittsburg to bidder Lyndi Rogers Silver for \$9000.00 with the stipulation of Mrs. Silver paying off the \$5000.00 lien currently against it in favor of Tower Community Bank. Commissioner Cantrell seconded the motion. 13 voting aye Commissioner Abbott abstained.

3. Tom Kinningham/Jack Champion- Stagecoach Rd – (Time 32:48) Mr. Kinningham spoke asking for follow up from the February 2023 County Commission meeting regarding the condition of Stagecoach Rd and the \$351,000.00 that was reimbursed to the Marion County Highway Department for repairs or improvements to that road. Jack Champion spoke concerning the ambulance service provided to the area and the condition of this road where it meets Highway 156. Mr. Champion also stated it is causing an issue with the school bus route and expressed his concern about the danger. Road Commissioner Cory Pickett addressed the concerns of Mr. Kinningham and Mr. Champion, providing a packet of daily worksheets of the breakdowns of how funds have been distributed and reimbursed and stating that TDOT has signed off on Stagecoach Road. Mr. Pickett stated he would give care to this road after paving season due to the high demand of needs for so many other county roads.

During this time Item 13 on the agenda regarding approval of Highway department Budget Amendments was taken out of order and presented by Mr. Pickett. (Time 49:52) (Attachment) Mr. Pickett asked for approval of a budget amendment to transfer the \$400,000.00 one-time appropriation from the County Commission to the expenditure account. Commissioner Schafer made a motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Campbell. 14 voting aye. Mr. Pickett also gave an update on the road that has been paved and the roads that are next to be paved.

Steve Lamb spoke on behalf of the Marion County EMA regarding the FEMA reimbursement money for Stagecoach Road. Mr. Lamb also explained how FEMA only pays to restore roads, buildings etc. to the condition they were in prior to their damage, not for improvements to make anything better. Mr. Lamb was only referring to the funds reimbursed from FEMA for the “slide area”.

4. Discussion-Payment of At-Large Committee Members- (Time 55:36) Commissioner VanAllman made a motion to pay all At Large Committee Members. Mayor Jackson recommended having the Finance Committee revisit, review, and have Counselor Gouger draw up a resolution to present to the County Commission at the next meeting. Counselor Gouger clarified whether this would mean all At-Large Committee members would be paid the same as the County Commissioners for committee meetings. Commissioner Blansett clarified that yes, this is for all committees. Commissioner Blansett seconded the motion. 14 voting aye.
5. Approval of bids- Violent crime Initiative Grant- (Time 57:14)
 - A.) (Attachment) 4x4 Utility Vehicle- The County received one bid from Lowe’s. Commissioner Cantrell made a motion to reject the bid from Lowe’s and put this item back out for bid again. Seconded by Commissioner Blansett. 14 voting aye
 - B.) KBT Breaching Tool- (Attachment) The County received one bid from Aardvark in the amount of \$12,748.00. Commissioner Schafer made a motion to accept the

bid. Seconded by Commissioner Campbell. 13 voting aye. Commissioner Hargis abstained.

These items are being paid for with funds from the Violent Crime Initiative Grant, not tax dollars.

6. Budget Amendments- (Time 1:01:22) (Attachment) Marion County Local Government- Mayor Jackson asked for approval for budget amendments for General Fund 101, American rescue Plan Fund 128, Other Capital Projects Fund 189. Commissioner Cantrell made a motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Campbell. 14 voting aye

7. Budget Amendments- Marion County Board of Education- (Time 1:04:23) (Attachments)

Dr. Griffith asked for approval of the following amendments: Amendment #2: Fund 141- Changes in Pre-K revenue code, Additional Health Services Supervisor hours, New Split Human Resources assistant position, Additional Vocational Innovative School Models grant award. Commissioner Campbell made a motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Cantrell. 14 voting aye.

Amendment #1: Federal Projects Fund 142. Commissioner Campbell made a motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Rollins. 14 voting aye.

Dr. Griffith also addressed the Hwy 156 bus issue that was previously stated in this meeting by Mr. Champion, asking for Road Commissioner Cory Pickett to meet with him if there was anything he could do to help.

Commissioner Franklin asked Dr. Griffith to have the project manager of the contractor of the new Jasper Middle School attend the next County Commission meeting and give an update of the progress.

8. Mayor's Report- (Time 1:08:02):

(a) Mayor Jackson reported this month the County had received 9 requests for information (RFI's). Packets were returned on three of those.

(b) Mayor Jackson reported he did meet with the new CEO of Parkridge Hospital discussing bringing more doctors to this area and asked for some inpatients rooms to be opened here at Parkridge West for possibly 24-48-hour care.

(c) Mayor Jackson also had a meeting with TDOT on some sections of the Highway 27/ Such Creek area to discuss the ditches being full, trees down on the sides of the road, the turning lane at Big Fork Road, signage, more reflectors, and more guardrail.

(d) Mayor Jackson reported the airport project is about 50% complete and the cleaning and painting of the exterior of the Justice Center is 99% complete.

(e) Mayor Jackson stated the county did receive a bid on the Childcare Grant. The bid came in \$200,000.00 over budget this time. This project will be bid out again, which will be the third time out for bid.

(f) Mayor Jackson and Sheriff Burnette met with Bob Bass the State correction institute overseer concerning the overcrowding of the jail especially in the female pod and at this time have revisited the drawing plans for a new buildout from prior to 2020 to correct this problem.

(g) Mayor Jackson reported that Endangered Species study that was reported during the last County Commission meeting does not have to be conducted for the Egypt Hollow water project.

(h) Mayor Jackson reported that the Convenience Center Grant only came in at \$11,000.00 not \$50,000.00.

(i) Next County Commission meeting will be held on September 25, 2023, at 6pm.

(j) Mayor Jackson reported that a letter had been received from the Tennessee Comptroller in regarding to investment in debt securities of the United States Government.

(k) Mayor Jackson also included a drawing of the Nursing program buildout at Chatt State in Kimball. Commissioner Schafer expressed his concern that he only saw one exit in case of fire after reviewing the drawing. Mayor Jackson stated that final plans for the buildout will be submitted to and must be approved by the State Fire Marshal's Office.

(l) Commissioner Brandt asked for an update on the water project going up South Pittsburg Mountain, which Mayor Jackson provided.

9. Approval of Notaries- (Time 1:14:58) Marion County Clerk Joanie Spangler read the following names for approval: Joanie Spangler, Amber Davis, Jennifer A. Holley, Sherry A. VanAllman, John G. Carson. Commissioner Hargis made a motion to approve. Seconded by Commissioner Rollins. 13 voting aye. Commissioner VanAllman abstained.

10. General Business- (Time 1:14:58)

(a) Commissioner Franklin addressed the jail update from the Building Use Committee.

(b) Commissioner Franklin also asked for a cleaning contract to be presented to the next meeting for the Barker building, Courthouse and Annex building instead of being month to month. Mayor Jackson stated that he was going to have each officeholder write down what they would like to see done in their office.

(c) Commissioner Franklin also stated that he had asked for more money for MARC in the budget meeting and he would like to add an additional \$8,000.00 for MARC. This would need to go back to the Finance Committee for approval.

(d) Commissioner Schafer stated the Ethics committee met today for the approval of a new committee member for MITC and he would like to make a motion to accept this member, Percy Schmidt. Seconded by Commissioner Brandt. 14 voting aye.

(e) Commissioner Brandt wanted to speak of a contract for the County Attorney and made a motion to draw up a resolution for the County Attorney to have a 4-year contract. Seconded by Commissioner Cantrell 14 voting aye. Counselor Gouger is to prepare this resolution and contract and bring them back to the next commission meeting for review.

(f) Commissioner Rollins read a thank you card from the Isaiah House 117 regarding the recent donation from the county commission. Commissioner Franklin asked to give an additional \$8,000.00 to the Isaiah House. This also would need to be reviewed by the Finance Committee.

(g) Commissioner Adkins reported that there was an initial meeting by the Finance Committee with the Trustee regarding the property tax exemption for 65 or older citizens.

(h) Mayor Jackson presented a graph from the Comptroller Office stating there were no concerns with the budget or expenditures.

11. Public Comments- (Time 1:28:58)

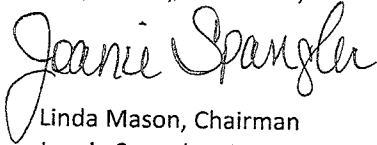
(a) More residents from the Jasper Highlands spoke to the commission expressing their concerns with the dues, roads, water, and fire hydrants of this development.

(b) Citizen Pam Burkey requested that all documents in the agenda packet be made available to the public prior to the meeting.

(c) Resident Ronnie Kennedy of the Whiteside community asked for someone to contact EPB regarding the length of time the power is out when tree trimming is being conducted.

3. Adjournment- (Time 2:05:03) Commissioner Brandt made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Rollins. 14 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 and titles.

Linda Mason, Chairman

Joanie Spangler, County Clerk