



Jackson County Board of Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 2, 2022 • 6:00 P.M.

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners met on Monday, May 2, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Jury Assembly Room at the Jackson County Courthouse, 5000 Jackson Parkway, Jefferson, Georgia.

Commissioners Present: Jim Hix, Commissioner District 1
Chas Hardy, Commissioner District 2
Ralph Richardson, Commissioner District 3

Staff Present: Kevin Poe, County Manager
Gina Roy, Assistant County Manager
Ericka Johnson, Deputy Clerk

Press: Mike Buffington, Jackson Herald/Mainstreet News

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Vice-Chairman Ralph Richardson, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

B. INVOCATION:

Kevin Poe, County Manager, gave the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Vice-Chairman Ralph Richardson, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Hardy made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richardson, to approve the minutes for April 18, 2022. The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 3 – 0)

E. CITIZEN INPUT:

- **Babs McDonald, 1119 Hwy. 330**, addressed the board concerning the rezoning of property on Hwy. 129 for a Stripling's store. She informed the board, to date, there had been no activity on the site. She hoped the group would work to identify a suitable, commercial entity to locate on the property.
- **Madonna Ward, 141 Courtland Road**, thanked Commissioner Seagraves, although he was absent, for his vote concerning the quarry.

Kevin Poe, County Manager, reminded members a couple of years ago during a BOC planning session, the board instructed staff to work with the Town of Braselton concerning a project to install Welcome to the Town of Braselton and Jackson County signs at the I-85 Exit 129 interchange along with landscaping. The Town had completed all landscaping and engineering plans for the project, as well as obtaining a permit from the Georgia Department of Transportation. The original share of the County's cost was \$50,000; however, due to cost escalation over the past 24 months, the County's share was now \$62,500.

The Memorandum of Understanding was between the Town of Braselton, Jackson County and Barrow County. The Town of Braselton was collaborating with Barrow County for help fund signage and landscaping at the I-85 interchange at Hwy. 211 exit.

- 3) **Award Bid for Construction of the New Skelton Road and Hwy 124/Skelton Road Intersection Upgrade:** (Kevin Poe)
Award the bid to the low-bidder, G.P.'s Enterprises, in the amount of \$3,648,150.35 for construction of the new Skelton Road and Hwy. 124/Skelton Road Intersection Upgrade

Kevin Poe, County Manager, reported bids were received for the Skelton Road project, which included the upgrade to Hwy. 124/Skelton Road intersection. Seven (7) bids were received on March 31, 2022. Mr. Poe noted all bids were very competitive. The low bidder was G.P.'s Enterprises in the amount of \$3,648,150.35. He said \$3 million dollars was allocated in the FY22 Capital Fund Budget. Georgia Department of Transportation provided a Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) in the amount of \$450,000 for the project. Mr. Poe was comfortable staff would identify additional funding for the difference. He recommended to move forward with the low bid.

- 4) **Agreement for Sale of Realty with Kings Bridge, LLC:** (Kevin Poe)
Approve the agreement for Sale of Realty with Kings Bridge, LLC for the purchase of 115.83 acres in the amount of \$1,702,701 and amend the FY 2022 budget to include this expenditure

Kevin Poe, County Manager, presented a request for the purchase of 115.83 acres from Kings Bridge, LLC. The property was located at the intersection of New Kings Bridge Road and Hwy. 129. The total amount of acquisition was \$1,702,701 and the proposed use of the property was for future parks and recreation. The agreement required the county to pay \$25,000 in earnest money upon execution of the agreement. The County will have 60 days to complete its due diligence with the closing scheduled for thirty (30) days after the due diligence period ends. Funding will come from the General Fund Reserves since there was no specific funding included in the FY22 budget for this project.