



Jackson County Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 4, 2019 • 6:00 P.M.

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners met on Monday, November 4, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Jury Assembly Room at the Jackson County Courthouse, 5000 Jackson Parkway, Jefferson, Georgia.

Commissioners Present: Tom Crow, Chairman
Jim Hix, Commissioner District 1
Marty Seagraves, Commissioner District 4

Commissioners Absent: Chas Hardy, Commissioner District 2
Ralph Richardson, Jr., Commissioner District 3

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

Press: Mike Buffington, Mainstreet News/Jackson Herald

A. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Tom Crow called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. **INVOCATION:**

Commissioner Jim Hix gave the invocation.

C. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Jim Hix.

D. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes for October 21, 2019:

A motion was made by Commissioner Hix, seconded by Commissioner Seagraves, to approve the minutes for the October 21, 2019 board meeting. Hearing no discussion, the vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously. (Vote 3 – 0)

E. **CITIZEN INPUT:**

- Linda Nichols-Reece, 992 Lords Mill Road, Commerce, GA addressed the board. She stated she lived on an inlet property and there was an access road to her home. She

WORK SESSION MEETING

This portion of the meeting is to facilitate a discussion on matters requiring a more in-depth review, explanation, and analysis. No formal action will be taken by the Board of Commissioners on any of the items listed below.

L. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Crow called the work session meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

M. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

N. **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Consider Creation of an Agricultural Facility Advisory Committee:** (Kevin Poe)
To discuss the proposal to create the Jackson County Agricultural Facility Advisory Committee.

County Manager Kevin Poe began by introducing David Burton as the manager of the new Agricultural Facility. Mr. Burton had a long career as an agricultural teacher in the public schools and was an adjunct professor with Athens Technical College. Currently, he worked about 20 hours per week and will become full-time in December.

Mr. Poe recommended the board consider creating an advisory committee to make recommendations for the establishment, development and property utilization of the Jackson County Agricultural Facility. The group would have no administrative or legislative authority. He added the committee's primary function would be to provide understanding between the facility and the community it served.

The proposal required to the committee to be comprised of up to eleven individuals that had expertise in livestock exhibition and general event coordination to help provide advice. The committee would also be appointed by the Board of Commissioners to serve 2-year terms, up to 3 consecutive terms. A list of nominees was provided. There were no questions.

2. **Jackson County Transit Title VI Plan Update:** (Kevin Poe)
Approve the updated Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 for the Jackson County Transit.

County Manager Kevin Poe reported Jackson County Transit was compliant under Georgia Department of Transportation's Title VI plan as it related to the transit system. It was required under the new Map 21 regulations every transit system must have their own Title VI plan adopted by the County. Mr. Poe reported the last update was adopted in 2015. There were no questions.

3. **Jackson County Transit – GDOT Section 5311 Application for SFY21:** (Kevin Poe)
Approve the Section 5311 operating assistance application for SFY21.

County Manager Kevin Poe said this was a request to approve the submittal of an application for the transit funding through the Section 5311 program. He reported this was done each

6. **Termination of Probation Services Contracts with C.S.R.A. Probation Services Inc.:**
(Kevin Poe)

To approve termination of the probation services contract with C.S.R.A. Probation Services, Inc. and instruct the County Attorney to prepare a new contract for probation services with Southeast Corrections, Inc. to be presented to the BOC at its December 2, 2019 meeting.

County Manager Kevin Poe acknowledged receipt of a letter from Judge Joseph Booth, Chief Judge of the Piedmont Judicial Circuit. He reported the letter requesting the Board of Commissioners to terminate the current probation services contract with C.S.R.A. Probation Services with the intent to contract with a new probation service, Southeast Corrections, LLC beginning in FY 2020.

The letter confirmed the Superior Court Judges of the Piedmont Judicial Circuit, State Court Judge Robert Alexander and Magistrate Court Judge Benjamin Green all requested the current contracts with C.S.R.A be terminated. It was also noted the Sheriff for both Barrow County and Jackson County supported the contract change.

Mr. Poe advised the local manager with C.S.R.A Probation Services, along with Mr. Stephen Nevels, Court Administrator, was present if the board had questions. Commissioner Seagraves asked Mr. Nevels if he was in agreement with Judge Booth's letter. Mr. Nevels nodded his head in the agreement. There were no other questions.

O) **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None

P) **ADJOURN:**

Chairman Tom Crow declared the meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.