



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL  
JASPER COUNTY GOVERNMENT BLDG.  
3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR TRAINING ROOM  
JUNE 10, 2015  
1:00 P.M.**

## **BUDGET WORKSHOP**

**Officials Present:** Chairwoman Barbara Clark, Vice Chairman L. Martin Sauls, IV, Councilman Theodus Drayton, Councilman Henry Etheridge

**Officials Absent:** Councilman D. Thomas Johnson

**Staff Present:** Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Clerk to Council Judith Frank, Director of Administrative Services Ronnie Malphrus

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act the electronic and print media were notified. During periods of discussion and/or presentations minutes are typically condensed and paraphrased.

**Call to Order** – Chairwoman Clark called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**Invocation-** Councilman Etheridge gave the invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance-** Councilman Drayton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Discussion of Budget-** Mr. Fulghum explained that all the previous requested budget changes were made except two. Vice Chairman Sauls, Councilman Etheridge and Councilman Drayton did not agree with allocating funds for the Human Relations Board since when asked to create this board the Council said it would not cost any money. Chairwoman Clark said she attended a Human Relations Board meeting and the members want to make a difference and solve some of the problems in Jasper County. Chairwoman Clark said that Columbia is willing to do the training. Councilman Drayton said to give them \$2,000 and give Helping Hands \$1,000. Chairwoman Clark said there are already agencies that do what Helping Hands does. It was the consensus of the Council to fund the Human Relations Board \$2,000 and Helping Hands \$1,000. Ms. Frank explained the JCCOA financial situation and that \$39,000 was needed to balance their budget. Mr. Fulghum suggested that the \$39,000 be split between the County and the 2 municipalities. It was agreed to fund the JCCOA an additional \$13,000 and the Council would talk with the municipalities about paying their share. The Council discussed an additional part-time person for Parks and Recreation and split the person's cost with Sgt. Jasper Park. The Council discussed the Risk Manager's position and Councilman Etheridge said he felt the Risk Manager should be under the County Attorney. Councilman Etheridge said the position could

be combined with the paralegal's position. Vice Chairman Sauls said that since the Worker's Compensation rating has improved he did not think a Risk Manager was needed. Mr. Fulghum said the position could be a part – time position and be under HR and the risk manager would be report to the Director of Administrative Services, not Ms. Lucas. Councilman Etheridge asked how many employees are there in HR. Mr. Malphrus said 3 County employees and 1 additional person and Ms. Margaret Bostick pays for that position. Mr. Malphrus said Ms. Bostick agreed to pay for that position through the end of the current fiscal year and if it was not budgeted that individual could not come back. Mr. Fulghum said that they need a job description for the Risk Manager position. Chairwoman Clark said I-T needed help. Councilman Drayton suggested cutting office supplies 10% across the board. The Council discussed fencing at the Farmer's Market and Chairwoman Clark said she wanted a report regarding the income from the Farmer's Market. The Council discussed the School Board's budget and that the extra millage needed to be removed. Chairwoman Clark said the overage paid to them in this fiscal year can be deducted from what is given this year.

**Adjourn- Vice Chairman Sauls moved and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.**

The workshop ended at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved by:

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Judith M. Frank, ccc  
Clerk to Council

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Barbara B. Clark  
Chairwoman