

JONES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Virtual Meeting

Call Meeting

April 28, 2020

6:00 PM

The Jones County Board of Commissioners held a Called Meeting at 6:00 p.m. April 28, 2020. Members present were:

Chris Weidner – Chairman
Sam Kitchens – Vice Chairman / District I Commissioner
Jonathan Pitts, District II Commissioner
Tommy Robinson – District III Commissioner
Jason Rizner – County Administrator
Ashley Brodie - County Attorney
Shannon Wagner - HR Director/ Interim County Clerk

Chairman Weidner called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Attachments to the minutes are filed separately from the minutes in clasp envelopes labeled by meeting in the commissioner's vault.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Johnathan Shaw with NFP presented the Board with the insurance renewal for the 2020-2021 benefit year. The renewal for the current carrier was 7.76%. The period of time that is looked at for the renewal is 02/01/2019 – 01/31/2020. During that time the county paid in 1.9 million dollars in premiums while the carrier paid out 1.7 million in claims. That made the loss ratio 86.3%. Because the county is part of the ACCG pool, any claim over \$100,000 is removed. A total of \$362,000 in high claims was removed by the pool. Mr. Shaw went over the options for the next benefit year. After discussion, Comm. Kitchens made the motion to select the current healthcare plan and for the county to absorb the increase. Comm. Robinson seconded. Vote – unanimous.
Mr. Shaw went over the dental renewal and said there would be a 30% increase in rates with the current carrier. Mr. Shaw made the recommendation to change carriers to Ameritus and offer base and buy up plans. He spoke about the importance of communicating with the employees about getting their dental cleanings twice a year. Comm. Pitts made the motion to move the dental coverage to Ameritus with the county absorbing the increase and to communicate the importance of dental cleanings. Comm. Kitchens seconded. Vote – unanimous.
2. Shannon Wagner, HR Director/ Interim County Clerk, spoke to the Board about the renewal of Corporate Health Partners. Ms. Wagner stated that the county needed to keep the Wellness Program intact to continue to drive

claims down. Comm. Pitts made the motion to renew Corporate Health Partners. Comm. Kitchens seconded. Vote – unanimous.

3. Matt Goins, Parks, Recreation & Golf Director, spoke to the Board about the baseball and softball leagues starting the season. Mr. Goins gave an overview of how the county is handling the COVID-19 situation when it comes to parks and recreation. He stated that everything is open except for the gym. The fields can only be used by families. No organized sports or rentals are allowed at this time. Outside basketball courts are open for small groups. Mr. Goins recommended that the leagues start contacting families to ask if they would like to play this season or not. Jamie Sark with the JCNL spoke to the Board about ideas their Board has come up with. He stated that the season could start June 1, 2020 and a full season could be played with the exception of all-stars. A local tournament would be held in lieu of all-stars. If play could not start by June 1, 2020, they would start issuing refunds minus the cost of uniforms. James Schoepf with the JCAL echoed Mr. Sark in that they were eager to start play and that they too would issue refunds minus the cost of uniforms. Mr. Goins stated that if recreation ball could not play, there should be no travel ball or church leagues playing either. Comm. Pitts and Comm. Kitchens both thanked the leagues for working so hard for the community. Comm. Kitchens made the motion to postpone the decision to the third Tuesday business meeting in May. Comm. Pitts seconded. Vote – unanimous.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Don Graham, EMA Director, gave an update on the COVID-19 situation. He asked that parents push social distancing at the recreation complex if play were to start back. Mr. Graham stated that getting PPE from GEMA, FEMA and DPH has been slow, and he could not get gowns at all. Mr. Graham stated the National Guard had been activated for the second time to clean the nursing homes in Gray. Mr. Graham also gave an update on the tornado sirens. He stated that all were repaired and are working.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Comm. Pitts thanked all the employees for their hard work and asked that everyone continue to stay safe. He also thanked the baseball and softball leagues for all their hard work.

ADJOURNMENT: Comm. Pitts made a motion to adjourn. Comm. Kitchens seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED

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