

JONES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jones County Government Center
Charlotte C. Wilson Conference Room
Third Tuesday Business Meeting
May 18, 2010
6:00 PM

Summary Agenda

MEMBERS PRESENT: Members present representing a quorum of the board was:

Preston Hawkins-Chairman
Larry Childs - Vice-Chairman
District Two Commissioner – Vacant Office
Tommy Robinson - District Three Commissioner

County Attorney Frank Childs was present. David C. Gault vacated his office April 29, 2010 when he qualified to run for the State House of Representatives, District 125. An election will be held November 2, 2010 to fill the vacancy.

Chairman Hawkins exercises his voting rights in the case of a tie or to constitute a quorum of the full board. Attachments to the minutes are filed separately from the minutes in clasp envelopes labeled by meeting in the commissioner vault. An audio copy of the meeting is kept on file in the County Clerk’s office.

AGENDA:

CALL TO ORDER: **Chairman Hawkins called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.**

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Chairman Hawkins requested to move Visitor 4, Claudia Frier to the first item because she has a five hour drive following the meeting.

Motion: Motion by Robinson, second by Childs to approve the agenda with the requested change.

Vote: Unanimously approved by a vote of 3-0. (Childs, Hawkins, Robinson).

Invocation: Rev. Ami Tritto, Minister of Music, Haddock Baptist Church

Pledge: Rev. Ami Tritto, Minister of Music, Haddock Baptist Church

**CONSENT AGENDA FOR
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Minutes: May 4, 2010 Call Meeting
2. Minutes: May 4, 2010.

Motion: Motion by Childs, second by Robinson to accept the minutes.

Vote: Unanimously approved by a vote of 3-0.

PROCLAMATION:

1. West Johnson Eagle Scout Proclamation

Motion: Motion by Robinson, second by Childs to adopt the Proclamation.

Vote: Unanimously approved by a vote of 3-0.

VISITORS:

Insurance Renewal – Mike Underwood/Claudia Frier. Claudia Frier presented the Board with the County's insurance renewal rates from ACCG. The health insurance rates increased 10.4% as determined by ACCG with the rate reflective of the cost savings from participation in the ACCG insurance pool. See attachments to the minutes. No action was taken.

1. Mrs. Dot Bragg – Daughters of the American Revolution – regarding the flag burning ceremony June 14, 2010 at the Courthouse at 5:00 pm. She will also present a flag to the Commissioners.

Mrs. Dot Bragg presented the Board with a United States Flag that was flown over the U. S. Capitol March 8, 2010. She also distributed printed brochures from the Oliver Morton Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution titled "*The Flag Code*" that provides proper etiquette of the flag. (See attachments to the minutes).

2. Regina Harrold – Group Home issues

Ms. Harrold was not present; Mr. Clinton Williams, a resident of Windsong Subdivision, spoke in her place. He discussed problems that they have had with the group homes that the State of Georgia has established through the rental of homes in the subdivision. County Attorney Frank Childs explained that the Georgia Attorney General has ruled that the State does not have to comply with, thus exempting the State from county Planning and Zoning regulations. The only remedy the county has is to sue the State which would be very costly. Another option would be for a homeowner's association which has covenants that apply to the rental group home to pursue action with the homeowner (landlord) of the rental home.

Mr. Williams also discussed issues he has had with people on four wheelers trespassing on his property and people parking/loitering on the streets in the neighborhood.

No action was taken by the Board.

3. Jones County Recreation Track Team - to be recognized by Matt Goins, Recreation Director.

Recreation Director, Matt Goins, accepted a plaque from the Jones County Recreation League Track Teams to display at the Government Center honoring the accomplishments of the teams in 2010. Mr. Goins recognized each member of the track teams that won State Championship titles and two members that won individual State Championship titles. If their time records prevail, they will advance in the Regional competition and then travel to Hershey, PA to continue competitions.

4. Insurance Renewal – Mike Underwood/Claudia Frier (**See above**).

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Adoption of Resolution pursuant to the Disaster Mitigation Action of 2000 authorizing Adoption of the Jones County Pre-disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan. **See attachments to the minutes for a copy of the resolution and the updated Pre-disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan.**

Motion: Motion by Childs, second by Robinson to approve the resolution.

Vote: Unanimously approved by a vote of 3-0.

2. First Reading of Animal Control Ordinance. **County Administrator briefly discussed the new Animal Control Ordinance. (See attachments to the minutes).**
3. Amend policy for donation of sick leave. **County Administrator Mike Underwood explained the new policy would create a dollar for dollar donation of sick leave. (See attachments to the minutes).**

Motion: Motion by Childs, second by Robinson to approve the policy.

Vote: Unanimously approved by a vote of 3 – 0.

4. Appoint Mr. Emory Lamar, retired Assistant Principal from Gray Station Middle School, to Jones County DFACS Board at DFACS recommendation. Term would expire 6/30/2014.

Motion: Motion by Robinson, second by Childs to appoint Mr. Lamar to the Department of Family and Children Services Board.

Vote: Unanimously approved by a vote of 3 – 0.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Callie Drive – Frank Childs/Mike Underwood (from 4-20-2010 Meeting). **There was nothing to report at this time. Max Davis is continuing to research the road.**
2. Reading of the Proclamation adopted at the May 4, 2010 meeting. **Chairman Hawkins read the Proclamation honoring Juanita Ross Billingsley aloud.**

DEPARTMENT HEADS: (Action items only).

1. Don Graham- Arrangements for Volunteer Fire and Rescue Celebration – tabled from the April 20, 2010 and May 4, 2010 Commissioner Meetings. June 19, 2010 – at the Lions Club - the Fair Grounds 12:00 to 4:00. **Don Graham, EMA Director, reported the final arrangements of the Appreciation Day to the Board.**

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COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS: (Action only).

Commissioner Childs:

Comm. Childs requested the next meeting agenda include setting the date of the Special Election for placing a one mill tax increase on the ballot.

Comm. Childs requested that Mike Underwood, County Administrator draft a new policy on financial arrangements for the Water System to be presented to the water committee. The new policy, when adopted, would need to be included in the County's ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Motion: Motion by Childs, second by Robinson to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Unanimously approved by a vote of 3 – 0.

INFORMATION:

Congratulations to Judy Livingston, Jones County 4-H Program Assistant. April 23, 2010 the Georgia Extension of 4-H Agents (GAE4HA) presented her with an award for the Northeast District 4-H Program Assistant of the Year for 2010.