

Jones County Board of Commissioners
Jones County Government Center
Charlotte C. Wilson Conference Room

May 18, 2010
5:00 PM

Call Meeting
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 not 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 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.

Call to Order: Chairman Hawkins called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m.

New Business:

1. Georgia Mandates
2. Water Conservation Plan

Tim Ingram, with Ingram and Associates, discussed the State's newly mandated water conservation rates and deadlines to implement rate structures. Also discussed was the state mandated Water Conservation Plan and the county's Water System customers' usage.

Consensus of the Board: Consensus of the Board was to refer to the water committee drafting a new policy to include in the water ordinance that is derives a new rate structure based on various classes of system usage and the upper and lower limits that define the usage classes. Freddie Wiggins, Water Superintendent and Mike Underwood, County Administrator will draft a plan to present to the water committee.

3. Sewer Plan

Greg Mullis and Doug Redmond with the Jones County Development Authority presented a sewer plan that the Authority had drafted to provide County owned sewer service in numerous locations throughout the county. Engineer Tim Ingram assisted with the plan development and provided the Board with information that included costs estimates, a map and plan implementation divided into phases. (See attachment to the minutes).

The Development Authority requested the Board to consider imposing a one mill tax increase to fund the estimated \$15,269,251.18 sewer extension plan through Debt Service with Reserve for bonds issued and to cover a portion of the cost of Operation and Maintenance of the Plant, Operation and Maintenance of the Sewer System, and Development Authority Costs. The Authority prepared an estimated return on investment based on new business the infrastructure would enable to locate in Jones County thus providing increased sales taxes and property taxes. They also provided a list of advantages to the economic development of the county that the one mill increase would provide. (See attachments to the minutes).

Consensus of the Board: Consensus of the Board was to hold a special election to allow the one mill increase to be placed on a ballot. The Board considered two possible dates, September and November of 2010, for the special election to be held. After discussion, the Board postponed setting the election date to a later meeting.

The Board took questions from the audience.

At this time the Board adjourned the meeting to begin the Third Tuesday Meeting scheduled at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

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

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