

JONES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jones County Government Center
Charlotte C. Wilson Conference Room
Third Tuesday Business Meeting

Summary Agenda

6:00 PM
June 15, 2010

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
Bert Liston – District Four 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.

CALL TO ORDER: **Chairman Hawkins called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Amend the agenda to add the following non-agenda items:

New Business 7: Approval of Letter –Middle Georgia Community Action Agency
New Business 8: Beer and Wine License – Patel
Executive Session: Litigation
Department Heads: Uniform Code – Freddie Wiggins

Motion: Motion by Liston second by Robinson to accept the agenda as amended.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

Invocation: Frank Childs, County Attorney

Pledge: Frank Childs, County Attorney

**CONSENT AGENDA FOR
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Minutes: June 1, 2010

Commissioner Childs requested the motion to add the sewer system to the November 2, 2010 ballot to include two additional statements to give further clarification:

- a. The proposed sewer system would be county owned.
- b. If there is a need in the future for the county and city to consolidate, the system would be a City and County owned system.

Motion: Motion by Childs, second by Robinson to approve the minutes with the requested additions.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

1. Butch Moore – Public Defenders Office

Mr. Moore discussed case loads and related financial data for the past three calendar years with the Board. He requested additional budget funds for the next fiscal year which begins July 1, 2010. The additional funds are to cover costs for lower courts added. See attachments to the minutes for the handout that was provided to the Board at the meeting with statistical and cost information discussed.

Motion: Motion by Childs, second by Liston to approve a \$5,500 annual increase in the Public Defender's Office Budget effective July 1, 2010.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

The Board took a five minute recess. The County Attorney left the room at 7:20 pm.

The Board accepted questions from Howard Lancaster of 460 Highway 22, Gray. He asked for clarification to the requested addition to the June 1, 2010 minutes.

The County Attorney returned to the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Adopt Resolution for the Capital Improvement Element Annual Update (Financial Report). See attachments to the minutes for a copy of the financial report and resolution.

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

Vote: Unanimously approved.

2. Banking Change Recommendation – SPLOST Funds, etc.
Underwood/Crutchfield

Mrs. Crutchfield discussed interest rates currently being earned on Water Department funds at SunTrust Bank in Macon. She received rates from surrounding banks and recommended moving the eight larger accounts at SunTrust to Magnolia State Bank in Gray. See attachments to the minutes for the report distributed before the meeting with financial information and interest rates from the surrounding banks.

Chairman Hawkins called for a motion to transfer the funds.

Motion: So moved by Liston, second by Robinson.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

3. Joycliff Circle Waterline – Commissioner Robinson

Commissioner Robinson discussed the waterline on Joycliff Circle with the Board. He and Freddie Wiggins looked further into the issues Johnny Lister discussed at the last meeting. The number of breaks in the lines was actually higher than previously discussed. A summary of the costs for materials and labor to rehab the waterlines by providing new pipe and to relocate on the shoulder for approximately 2,000 feet was distributed to the Board. The lack of fire protection for the area and the addition of fire hydrants were also discussed. The water department has \$15,000 in the special account funded by \$0.50 per bill for expansion. The \$15,000 remaining in the account will be used for this project and the remaining funds will come from the Water Department budget. See attachments to the minutes.

Motion: Motion by Robinson, second by Liston to approve this price (of an estimated \$19,622) to relocate the main on Joycliff Circle.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

The Board also discussed replacement of the 2-inch waterline on Princess Ann for approximately 1,500 feet and the addition of fire hydrants for this area.

Consensus of the Board: Consensus of the Board was for Mr. Wiggins, Water Superintendent to price the Princess Ann project, bring the costs back to the Board, and to place this on the next agenda. Commissioner Childs requested that the Water Department include these costs in their 2011 budget.

4. Approve Cooperative Agreement between Georgia Forestry Commission and Board of Commissioners.

Motion: Motion by Childs, second by Liston to approve the agreement.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

5. Approve policy and forms for Commissioner Meetings – Preston/Leila
Chairman Hawkins asked to table this until the next meeting.

6. Approve policy and form for Employee disability

Jill Thompson, Human Resource Director, discussed changing the county's disability policy with the Board. See attachments to the minutes.

Motion: Motion by Robinson, second by Liston to approve the amendment.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

7. Middle Georgia Community Action Agency - letter. **A letter of support for their application for the Rural Housing Preservation Grant is attached to the minutes.**

Motion: Motion by Childs, second by Liston to approve the letter.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

8. Approval of a beer and wine License for Natwar Patel.

Motion: Motion by Liston, second by Childs to approve Natwar Patel to have a beer and wine license at 3402 Joycliff Road.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

DEPARTMENT HEADS: (Action items only)

1. Freddie Wiggins, Water Superintendent, distributed a copy of the current policy on employees wearing shorts. Mr. Wiggins requested permission from the Board for water department employees to wear shorts.

Motion: Motion by Liston, second by Robinson to allow it.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS: (Action items only)

Commissioner Robinson: Commissioner Robinson discussed the issues with increased home owners' insurance premiums east of Highway 49 to the Wilkinson County line. With no water in this area, having a volunteer fire department and the lack of having a tanker at the Griswoldville Station, the ISO rating for the area has affected the premiums. He asked to send this to committee to begin exploring the issues.

Consensus of the Board: The committee meeting was set for June 24, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned to go into Executive Session at 7:06 p.m.

Motion: Motion by Liston, second by Robinson to adjourn into Executive Session for a legal matter.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Litigation

The meeting after this point is not included on the sound system audio disc. It is included on the audio disc from the Marantz tape recorder.

RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

Motion: Motion by Liston, second by Robinson to approve the minutes.

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Vote: Unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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

Vote: Unanimously approved.