

JONES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jones County Government Center
Charlotte C. Wilson Conference Room
First (Tuesday) Business Meeting 6:00 PM
August 3, 2010

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
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:

Add the following non-agenda items:

New Business 3: Safety BINGO
Executive Session: Land Purchase
Old Business 6: Move up on the agenda to first old business

Motion: Motion by Liston, second by Childs to approve the agenda as amended.
Vote: Unanimously approved. (3-0).

Invocation: Len Woodard, Pastor of New Hope Baptist Church
Pledge: Len Woodard, Pastor of New Hope Baptist Church

PLANNING AND ZONING:

Item A: Jones County Board of Commissioners: Proposal to create section 146.4 of the *Comprehensive Land Development Resolution for the Unincorporated Area of Jones County* to create a utility placement schedule.

Motion: Motion by Childs, second by Liston to approve the change to the Zoning Ordinance as presented.

Vote: Unanimously approved. (3-0).

Item B: Lark Haskins: Request a Conditional Use to allow a diesel truck shop in the C-2 (General Commercial) zoning district. Property is located at 314 Garrison Rd, and consists of .88 +/- acre.

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

Vote: Unanimously approved. (3-0).

Letter from Tim Pitrowski, Director of Planning and Zoning, to the Board requesting changes to County Ordinances:

1. A new state law that goes into effect September 1, 2010 prohibits counties from regulating manufactured homes based on the age of the home. We currently prohibit the introduction of homes to Jones County that is older than June 15, 1976. Mr. Pitrowski recommended an amendment to the existing the ordinance to reflect the new law.

Motion: Motion by Robinson, second by Liston to begin the process.

Vote: Unanimously approved. (3-0).

2. Mr. Pitrowski's letter expressed the Planning Commission's concerns about rezoning requests that are presented where the applicant is trying to change the zoning of property to increase value and does not have a specific plan for development. Mr. Pitrowski asked the Commissioners to consider adding a section to address speculative zoning. A statement from the City of Gray's ordinance was included in the attached letter. Mr. Pitrowski asked for a motion to propose to amend the zoning ordinance to create section 165 and to amend section 71.2(22) and 72.5(2).

Motion: Motion by Robinson, second Liston that we do that.

Vote: Unanimously approved. (3-0).

**CONSENT AGENDA FOR
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Minutes: Call Meeting July 20, 2010
2. Minutes: July 20, 2010
3. Minutes: Call Meeting July 27, 2010
4. Minutes: Quarterly Meeting Local Governments July 27, 2010

Motion: Motion by Liston, second by Childs to approve all four sets of minutes.

Vote: Unanimously approved. (3-0).

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Award bid for Mobile Fire & Training Trailer for the Fire Department
Mike Underwood, County Administrator presented the opened bid as follows:

The Jones County Board of Commissioners is accepting sealed bids for a Mobile Fire & Training Trailer for the Fire Department. Sealed bids will be accepted until July 28, 2010 at 10:00AM, when they will be opened and read aloud in the Government Center Conference Room. Please contact Margie Tyson at 478-986-8261 or mtyson@jonescountyga.gov with any questions.

Date: July 28, 2010 Total Bid: \$365,875.00
(Including Delivery)

Brand Name, Model and Year: Fireblast NATS Trailer 2010 include Brochure

Warranty: One Year Manufacturer Warranty

Delivery Date: Prior to January 15, 2011
(We must have it delivered by January 15, 2011)

Don Graham, EMA Director, recommended accepting the bid from Fireblast 451, Inc.

Motion: Motion by Robinson, second by Liston to approve the bid from Fireblast.

Vote: Unanimously approved. (3-0).

2. Section 5311 Capital Improvement Contract – Jones County T00-3371 (Grant Number GA-18-0031) for the purchase of two 12-15 passenger vehicles – one with wheelchair lift. A copy of the contract is attached to the minutes.

The contract will replace two vans. Chairman Hawkins called for a motion to approve.

Motion: So moved by Liston, second by Childs.

Vote: Unanimously approved. (3-0).

3. Safety BINGO – Chairman Hawkins

Chairman Hawkins asked that the Board consider discontinuing the Safety BINGO program. He explained that several people had approached him about this and that in time maybe we can get it operating like it should. Comm. Liston agreed especially because of current economic conditions and budgeting issues facing the county. Comm. Robinson said that perhaps in the future we could look back into this and not cut it off completely. Chairman Hawkins entertained a motion to discontinue it right now.

Motion: So moved by Childs, second by Liston.

Vote: Unanimously approved. (3-0).

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board took item 6 first.

1. Conservation Use – Limit number of acres – tabled from 7-20-10

Don Turner, Chairman of the Tax Assessor Board discussed with the commissioners setting limitations to define the minimum number of acres that could qualify under conservation use. The state had previously suggested a 25-acre minimum. Mr. Turner requested a vote on the issue to give the Tax Assessor Board the guideline needed to work from on conservation use. Any vote taken at the meeting would take effect January 1, 2012. A poll taken of surrounding counties has shown that others have already implemented increases to the minimum. Commissioners Childs suggested a compromise to implement a number lower than the state recommended.

Motion: Motion by Childs, second by Liston to approve 15 acres and not the 25 acres recommended by the state.

Vote: Unanimously approved. (3-0).

Items 1-5 were tabled July 20, 2010:

1. Ordinance to replace Section 2-36 of the Jones County Code; Regular meetings held on the First and Third Tuesday – 1st Reading
2. Ordinance to replace Section 2-43; Rules governing the Agenda - 1st Reading
3. Ordinance to replace Section 2-48; Public participation – 1st Reading
4. Ordinance to replace Section 2-46; Order of Business – 1st Reading
5. Ordinance to replace Section 2-32; Vice-Chairman Selection (to reflect local legislation adopted 1984; no amendments have been made since 1984). 1st Reading

Leila Brittain, County Clerk, briefly discussed changes were being made to ordinances in the *Code of Jones County, Georgia* for housekeeping purposes and to reflect new policies adopted by the Board. The changes along with more detailed explanations and copies of the existing ordinances along with the proposed ordinances are posted on the Clerk's web site page and will be available to the public in her office.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Freddie Wiggins: Freddie Wiggins, Water Superintendent, requested a vote from the Board to change the employment status of Aaron Gay to a full time employee after completing the six month probationary period pursuant to the Jones County Employee Handbook.

Motion: Motion by Childs, second by Robinson to approve the Water Department Superintendent, Freddie Wiggins's recommendation to move the employee to full time status.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS: No action was taken.

County Administrator Mike Underwood announced that the Board would meet Thursday, August 5, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. to discuss the (2011) budget.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: No action was taken.

The following five citizens addressed the Board with their comments and concerns:

1. B. R. Andrews
2. Charles Harrington
3. Tom Massengale
4. Terrie Denson
5. Louie Lashley

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. to go into executive session for land purchase.

Chairman Hawkins called for a motion to adjourn into executive session for land purchase.

Motion: So moved by Liston, second by Childs.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened at 7:03 p.m.

Motion: Motion by Liston, second by Robinson to reconvene the open meeting.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

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

Vote: Unanimously approved.