

**Jones County Board of Commissioners  
Jones County Government Center Complex  
EMA Office  
Training Room**

The meeting room is on the right side of the Gym behind the Government Center Building.

August 5, 2010  
3:00 PM

**Call Meeting  
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 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 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 3:13 p.m.**

**New Business:**

1. Work Session: 2011 Budget

County Administrator Mike Underwood presented the Board with an updated 2011 budget report. The final tax digest numbers reflects a 3.75% decrease. This was lower than the preliminary 2% projection. The millage rate computation was presented leaving the millage rate the same as last year. The balanced budget includes \$742,295 from the county's fund balance in general fund.

Options to consider that would enable the commissioners to reduce the amount taken from the fund balance were discussed.

**Motion:** Motion by Robinson, second by Liston to adopt a tentative millage rate in the unincorporated area of 13.33 and in the incorporated area of 14.75.

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**Vote:** Unanimously approved.

Without an increase in taxes, public hearings won't have to be held. The county will advertise the 5-year history.

**Motion:** Commissioner Robinson made a motion to rescind the first motion. Commissioner Liston seconded.

**Vote:** Unanimously approved. (3-0)

**Motion:** Motion by Robinson, second by Liston to accept a millage that keeps us in compliance without increasing taxes.

**Vote:** Unanimously approved. (3-0)

The Board of Commissioners set a call meeting to discuss budget again as follows:

Monday, August 9, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday August 11, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Childs briefly discussed access to the river at Dames Ferry.

Chairman Hawkins called for a motion to put a freeze on cash outs until further notice.

**Discussion:**

Commissioner Liston asked if this would be temporary. Chairman Hawkins replied yes.

Commissioner Robinson asked if cash outs would be vacation and sick. Hawkins replied yes.

Mike Underwood asked if anybody's got any in the works, it would not be honored. Hawkins replied yes.

Commissioner Liston asked if a new policy would be needed. Hawkins answered no since this is temporary.

**Motion:** Motion by Childs, second by Robinson to freeze cash outs of sick and vacation pay effective today.

**Vote:** Unanimously approved. (3-0)

**Motion:** Motion by Robinson, second by Liston to freeze all open positions.

**Vote:** Unanimously approved. (3-0)

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

**Motion:** Motion by Childs, second by Liston to adjourn.

**Vote:** Unanimously approved. (3-0)