

Middle Georgia Clean Diesel Corridor Resolution

WHEREAS, Jones County is located adjacent to an area that is federally designated as in non-attainment with particulate matter and ozone standards; and

WHEREAS, nitrogen oxides, volatile organic compounds and fine particulate matter creates smog and pose hazards to public health; and

WHEREAS, Jones County is committed to taking appropriate actions to ensure that residents have clean air and to protecting public health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, diesel emission reduction activities would help improve public health for citizens with asthma, lung cancer, and various cardiac and respiratory diseases; and

WHEREAS, excessive idling of vehicles results in unnecessary emissions of air toxins and unnecessary costs associated with fuel usage; and


WHEREAS, clean air is inextricably linked to a robust economy and is vital to creating jobs and growing the economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jones County Board of Commissioners will work with the Middle Georgia Clean Air Coalition (MGCAC) and neighboring jurisdictions to take the following proactive steps to reach attainment with federal ozone and particulate matter standards;

1. Continue retrofitting county fleets with diesel emission reduction technologies and institute an anti-idling policy for county vehicles;
2. Develop incentive policies to diminish idling from all on-road commercial and non-commercial vehicles whenever reasonably possible as part of an effort to create a Clean Diesel Corridor in middle Georgia;
3. Promote the use of cleaner fuels in county vehicles through procurement incentives;
4. Support the creation of a clean construction program, which may include the development of a clean contracting policy for publicly funded construction projects that awards more points in the bid process to private contractors who employ more efficient construction equipment or retrofit their existing equipment with diesel emission reduction technology and who adhere to clean construction guidelines, including idling reduction and preventative maintenance, where technologically and economically feasible; and
5. Assist MGCAC with the development of a pilot program for publicly funded construction projects that will provide federal grant funding to private contractors for retrofitting off-road construction vehicles with diesel emission reduction technologies.

SO RESOLVED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010

  
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J. PRESTON HAWKINS, Chairman

  
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Attested by: