

PLANNING AND ZONING
FIRST TUESDAY MEETING

May 2, 2006

The Jones County Board of Commissioners met for Planning and Zoning at 6 p.m. and their First Tuesday meeting at 6:30 p.m. May 2, 2006, in the Charlotte C. Wilson Conference Room at the Jones County Government Center. Members present were:

Preston Hawkins - Chairman
David C. Gault – Vice-Chairman
Larry Childs – District 1 Commissioner
Mell Merritt – District 3 Commissioner
Bert Liston – District 4 Commissioner

County Attorney Frank Childs was present.

Chairman Hawkins called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
(Chairman Hawkins exercises his voting rights in the case of a tie.)

PLANNING AND ZONING:

Item A: Tim Pitrowski, Director of Planning and Zoning, discussed a proposal from Chap Nelson and Betty B. Williams to amend the Comprehensive Development Resolution to delete 71.2 (12) “Development of natural resources, including the removal of minerals, together with necessary buildings, machinery, and appurtenances thereto. If this section is deleted, it will make all quarries a conditional use in the M-1 or M-2 district. There was no opposition in the audience. Comm. Gault made a motion to adopt the amendment to the Comprehensive Development Resolution by deleting 71.2 (12). Comm. Childs seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. It was stated that this change will apply to future applications.

At this time Chairman Hawkins recognized Tom Irvin, Georgia Commissioner of Agriculture since 1969. He is the Dean of Georgia’s Constitutional Officers and is recognized as one of the state’s most able leaders. He is Chair of the Georgia Development Authority and the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission, the Georgia Water Council, the Georgia Rural Development Council, Vice-chair of the Georgia State Employee Benefits Plan Council, and an ex-officio member of

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eleven Georgia Agricultural Commodity Commissions. Comm. Irvin discussed the progress being made to control bird flu in Georgia.

Ron McClung, Pastor of Haddock Baptist Church, opened with volunteer prayer. Whitney Palmer, Scout Master, and Boy Scout Troop 911 led the pledge.

The Board took a recess at 6:10 p.m. and reconvened at 6:15 p.m.

PLANNING AND ZONING OLD BUSINESS:

Item A: Johnny and Mary Reeves requested to rezone from R-1 (Single – Family Residential) to R-MH (Manufactured Home Residential). The Property is located at 163 Alton Road, parcel size 1.0 +/- acres. Mr. and Mrs. Reeves want to tear down the house on the property and replace it with a double wide mobile home. Comm. Liston made a motion to deny Mr. and Mrs. Reeves' request. Comm. Merritt seconded the motion. Vote 2-3. Comm. Gault, Comm. Childs, and Chairman Hawkins opposed. Comm. Childs looked at the house and feels a double-wide mobile home will improve the area but expressed concerns with rezoning to an R-MH which would allow a single wide mobile home. Comm. Childs proposed rezoning the land to R-R (Rural Residential) that will allow double wide mobile homes with masonry underpinning; this will not allow a single wide mobile home. The Board discussed the need for a cul-de-sac at the end of the road the home to be torn down. There have been issues in the past with the school bus being able to turn around. Comm. Childs made a motion to approve rezoning Mr. and Mrs. Reeves property located at 163 Alton Road, to R-R Rural Residential. Mr. Reeves said he would contact Mr. Colvin with the Board of Education to discuss the school bus issue. Chairman Hawkins asked that Mr. Underwood follow up with Mr. Colvin as well. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote - 4 in favor, no one was opposed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Comm. Liston made a motion to approve the agenda. Comm. Merritt seconded. Vote - unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

Comm. Liston made a motion to adjourn into executive session to discuss Land Acquisition. Comm. Merritt seconded the motion. Vote - unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

RECONVENED:

The meeting reconvened at 7:32 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board discussed the proposed amendment to the third Tuesday meeting April 18, 2006, as follows: On page three new business item three, the minutes reflect: Vote 3-0, the minutes should reflect Vote 3-1, Comm. Merritt opposed. Comm. Childs made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Comm. Gault seconded. Vote – unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of Workers Compensation Doctors at Oconee Family Medical Clinic.
2. Award the bid for carpet at the Government Center. The only bid received was from Elite Flooring in Macon, Georgia.

Comm. Gault made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. See attachments for specifications.

VISITORS:

1. The president of Creekside Plantation's Homeowners Association requested a three way stop to be installed at Ashland Way and Plantation Drive. Comm. Childs requested a petition to see who is affected and the amount of support for the three way stop sign. Comm. Merritt requested to postpone the request to have time to meet with the Sheriff's department for their opinion. Consensus of the Board was to postpone the request from the Creekside Plantation Club for the second Tuesday meeting May 16, 2006. Mrs. Olgie will give the signed petition to Mrs. Land, County Clerk.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bobby Waldrop, Director of Public Works, discussed the bids for the spray injection patching machine and recommended awarding the bid to Adams Equipment Co., Incorporated. The Demo Model 125DJT trailer mounted patching machine is used machinery.
2. Bobby Waldrop discussed the need to reject the bids for the single axle flatbed dump truck due to technical issues.
3. Bobby Waldrop discussed the bids for the four wheel drive hydraulic backhoe loader. Mr. Waldrop recommended the 2006 John Deere 310SG because it is more user friendly than the 2006 Caterpillar.

Comm. Gault made a motion to award the bid for the spray injection pothole patcher to Adams Equipment Company, option one of the bid package, the Demo model 125DJT for \$41,000; to award the bid for the four wheel drive hydraulic backhoe loader to Metrac for the 2006 John Deere 310SG with options alternate number one with comfort control cab and alternate three; 1.25 cubic yards MP/Clamshell style one dr. bucket in the amount of \$71,925; reject the bids for the single axle flatbed dump truck; and advertise for a single flatbed dump truck with specifications as recommended by Bobby Waldrop, Director of Public Works. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. See attachments for specifications.

Michael D. Underwood announced that the county auction will be Saturday, May 6, 2006.

Bobby Waldrop said public works is in the process of working on Moore Road.

4. The Board discussed Llewellyn Daniel's request for a billiards license. Consensus of the Board was to table the request for clarification of the location of the property. If it is in the city limits, it would not be an issue that would come before this Board. See attachments for specifications.
5. The Board discussed the progress with the condemnation of the L. A. Denson Estate. Thomas Thornton, a surveyor, has begun the process of surveying the right-of-way on Davis and Altman Roads. Consensus of the Board was to postpone the condemnation of the L. A. Denson Estate.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Board discussed the award of bid for lights at the Highway 18 and 49 recreational complexes. The Board expressed their concerns with funding for the lights. Leila Land, Clerk of the Board and Chief Financial Officer, said funding is available through the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax. Comm. Merritt made a motion to award the bid for lights at the Highway 18 and 49 recreational complexes to Middle Georgia Outdoor Lighting, Incorporated in the amount of \$46,925. See attachments for specifications.

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Comm. Childs discussed the need to anchor the bleacher tops by bolting the post to concrete.

DEPARTMENT MANAGERS:

1. Freddie Wiggins, Water Superintendent, expressed his concerns with Henderson and Masseyville plants.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Comm. Gault: Comm. Gault discussed the need to invest in a new Animal Shelter building. There is not enough room at the current shelter, and the county could lose the current site in two or three years. Comm. Gault suggested investing in a 100 x 50 foot steel building or one comparable to the new golf course building. The county could use land located at the Bradley school or at public works. Comm. Gault felt that payments on this type structure would be comparable to the rent payments that are already budgeted. Comm. Gault expressed his concerns with dogs being picked up in the city and the city contributes nothing to the cost of shelter. Comm. Gault expressed his concerns with the stakes on Hilltop Inn Road. If the road improvements come to where the stakes are currently, it will leave Ms. Finney with three feet of front yard. Chairman Hawkins said the road should not be over sixty feet wide. Comm. Gault said residents on Roosevelt Road were not given the opportunity to sign the right-of-way in 2002, and have requested to do so. Also discussed was whether Roosevelt Road is still on the list to be paved.

Comm. Childs: Had no comments.

Comm. Liston: Comm. Liston said Mr. And Mrs. Reeves never should have cut off the school bus from turning around on their property. Comm. Childs said we do not have the authority to make anyone allow a school bus to turn around on their property.

Comm. Merritt: Comm. Merritt asked about the progress with the web site. Michael D. Underwood said that Ed Schrader is making progress. Leila Land had met with Benjamin Pounds this week and he gave her information for the web site.

ADJOURNMENT:

Comm. Gault made a motion to adjourn into executive session to discuss Personnel. Comm. Merritt seconded the motion. Vote - unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m. County Clerk Leila Land and Chief Deputy Clerk Connie Mize attended only a portion of the executive session meeting.

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RECONVENED:

The meeting reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

Comm. Childs made a motion to offer Whitney Stevens up to \$27,000 and promote her to Chief Deputy Registrar. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

Comm. Childs made a motion to adjourn. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

APPROVED

Jones County Board of Commissioners

Preston Hawkins, Chairman

David C. Gault, Vice-Chairman, District 2

Larry Childs, District 1 Commissioner

Mell Merritt, District 3 Commissioner

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Leila Land, Clerk of the Board