

PUBLIC HEARING
FIRST TUESDAY MEETING

January 3, 2006

The Jones County Board of Commissioners met for a Public Hearing at 6 p.m. and their First Tuesday meeting at 6:30 p.m. January 3, 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

Commissioner Liston was not present. Frank Childs, County Attorney was present.

Chairman Hawkins called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Pastor Gary Thomas of Elam Baptist Church opened with volunteer prayer followed by the pledge.
(Chairman Hawkins exercises his voting rights in the case of a tie.)

PLANNING AND ZONING:

- Item B: Richard Vailer had requested to rezone from R-R (Rural Residential) to AG-1 (Agricultural) with a conditional use to allow a single-wide mobile home. The property is located at 1053 Highway 18 west and the lot size is approximately 2.5 acres. Tim Pitrowski said the request was received due to a complaint that the mobile home was placed on the property without any permits; Planning and Zoning suggested denial. Comm. Childs made a motion to deny the request as recommended by Planning and Zoning. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.
- Item B: James T. Paul requested a conditional use to allow a type C mobile home to be moved on the same parcel of land approximately 340 feet west of the current location. The property is located at 351 Holloman Road and is approximately 53 acres. Comm. Childs made a motion to approve Mr. Paul's request for conditional use to allow a type C mobile home to be

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moved onto his property. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.

Item C: John W. Livingston requested to rezone from R-R (Rural Residential) to C-2 (General Commercial) to a depth of 503 feet with a conditional use to allow a contractor, cabinet shop, heavy equipment sales, and a storage warehouse. The property is located on Gray Highway, just south of Sand Creek Sand Trail. Comm. Childs made motion to approve John W. Livingston's request to rezone from R-R (Rural Residential) to C-2 (General Commercial) with the understanding he follows the proper guide lines. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.

Comm. Childs requested a workshop on sidewalks. Consensus of the Board was to schedule a workshop on sidewalks prior to the third Tuesday meeting February 21, 2006.

ADJOURNMENT:

Comm. Childs made a motion to adjourn the Planning and Zoning meeting. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

RECONVENED:

The meeting reconvened at 6:32 p. m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Gault requested to amend the first Tuesday minutes December 6, 2005, under Planning and Zoning Item C. The minutes reflect Nathan R. Collins property being located at 2590 Highway 129; the minutes should reflect the property being located at 2590 Highway 129, at Mathis Road on Eatonton Highway. Comm. Childs requested to amend the motion under Department Managers #1 on the first Tuesday minutes December 6, 2005. The minutes reflect Comm. Childs made a motion to change the name of the Recreation Department to Parks and Recreation Department. The minutes should reflect to change the name of the Recreation Department to the Department of Parks and Recreation. Comm. Gault made a motion to approve the minutes from the third Tuesday meeting on December 6, 2005, and the Call meeting December 20, 2005, with the two amendments. Comm. Merritt seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.

VISITORS:

1. Evelyn Hill with the Adult Education Center was on the agenda but not present. Comm. Childs made a motion to table Evelyn Hill for the third Tuesday meeting, January 17, 2006. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.
2. Doretha Rivers was on the agenda but not present.
3. Danny Williams and Mike Ethridge were not present. Michael D. Underwood, Administrator, said that the NWFT are in the process of changing the date for rental of the gym to not conflict with basketball for future years.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Bennie Gray and David Tufts were not present. Comm. Gault made a motion to table the discussion on water issues at the Saw Mill Quarters and land by the cemetery for the third Tuesday meeting January 17, 2006. Comm. Merritt seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.

DEPARTMENT MANAGERS:

1. Mearl Cooler, Golf Course Director was not present. Michael D. Underwood discussed the golf course with the Board. The new tractor is sitting in the open. Mr. Cooler is obtaining prices for buildings. Mr. Underwood said the location chosen for the driving range may need to be moved due to wetlands unless the requirements can be waived. Mr. Underwood asked Frank Childs about rebidding the building. The Board discussed buying additional land for the golf course. Frank Childs will inquire on purchasing land from Francis Adams. Bobby May cruised the timber at the golf course.
2. Bobby Waldrop, Public Works Director and Sharon Kelly with OMI met to discuss the water main on Whitaker Road. The water main needs to be relocated further back, lowered, or reroute the ditch. Consensus of the Board was for Mr. Waldrop to use his discretion to proceed with the water main on Whitaker Road.

At this time Chairman Hawkins thanked public works, EMA, and the fire department volunteers for their work last night with the tornado.

3. The Board discussed the four day work week for county employees. Comm. Gault made a motion to keep the four day work week for those

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doing so at the discretion of the department managers. Comm. Childs seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.

4. Comm. Childs discussed the motor grader damage to Roger Harris's driveway on Stirk Road. Consensus of the Board was for Michael D. Underwood to obtain two estimates and have the work completed.
5. Michael D. Underwood discussed the storm water behind the district five fire station on Gordon Road. Consensus of the Board was for Michael D. Underwood and Tim Pitrowski to check with the Regional Development Center and surrounding counties on obtaining a storm water ordinance. Comm. Childs made a motion for Bobby Waldrop to obtain two estimates for pipe and forward them to Mr. Underwood. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote 3-0. Comm. Gault made a motion authorizing Tim Pitrowski to conduct a water ordinance study. Comm. Merritt seconded the motion. Vote 3-0

NEW BUSINESS:

Terry Jarrett Heath applied for a Beer and Wine license for the former Old Clinton Gas located at 4243 Gray Highway, Gray, Georgia. Comm. Childs made a motion to approve Mr. Heath's application for a Beer and Wine license. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.

1. Comm. Gault made a motion to table the request of paving assistance from the Department of Transportation until the rights-of-way on McKay Road are obtained.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Comm. Childs: Comm. Childs discussed the Soil Erosion class being in Macon January 19, 2006. All superintendents are required to attend the class and Comm. Childs requested to attend. Comm. Childs made a motion to approve all county superintendents and his attending the Soil Erosion class on January 19, 2005. Comm Gault seconded the motion. Vote 3-0. Comm. Childs had a request from Paul Moncrief for the county to scrape Old Highway 18, every Thursday. Frank Childs said it would need to be on a regular maintenance schedule. Consensus of the Board was to follow the maintenance schedule for scraping of roads.

Comm. Gault: Comm. Gault presented the Board a plaque he received on behalf of the commissioners from Family Connections to be displayed at the Government Center.

Chairman Hawkins: Chairman Hawkins announced the funeral of Barbara Price, the mother of Tannie Hofmann, the county payroll clerk.

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Comm. Merritt: Comm. Merritt suggested having a meeting with Harold Linnenkohl, Department of Transportation Commissioner on the status of the request for paving assistance for Davis Road. The Board will attempt to meet with Mr. Linnenkohl at the Legislative Conference, February in Atlanta. Tom Thorton is currently working on surveys in connection with the curves on Homer Roberts Road.

At this time Chairman Hawkins took comments from the audience.

1. James Elliott asked the Board why a restaurant off of Griswoldville Road can't sell liquor when a restaurant in River North and other restaurants in Gray do. Mr. Elliott has a petition with approximately 1,000 signatures that would be in favor of the restaurant selling liquor. The Board explained that the other restaurants are in the city limits and a percentage of registered voters would have to sign to place on a referendum to get legislation changed; consumption license would have to be county wide.

ADJOURNMENT:

Comm. Childs made a motion to adjourn. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote 3 – 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 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

Leila Land, Clerk of the Board