

THIRD TUESDAY MEETING

February 21, 2006

The Jones County Board of Commissioners met for their Third Tuesday meeting at 6:30 p.m. February 21, 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
Mell Merritt – District 3 Commissioner
Bert Liston – District 4 Commissioner

Commissioner Childs was not present due to a death in his family. Frank Childs, County Attorney was present.

Chairman Hawkins called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Steve Johnson , pastor of Bradley Baptist Church, opened with volunteer prayer followed by the pledge.

(Chairman Hawkins exercises his voting rights in the case of a tie.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Childs had e-mailed Leila Land, Clerk of the Board / CFO concerning an amendment to the first Tuesday meeting February 9, 2006, as follows: under commissioners comments the minutes reflect Comm. Childs suggested clearing the cemetery at Old Clinton; the minutes should reflect cleaning up. Comm. Merritt made a motion to approve the minutes from the first Tuesday meeting on February 9, 2006, with the amendment. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote - unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approve lease agreement for the 5311 Transit Van.
2. Resolution to apply for Community Home Investment Program funding (CHIP application to assist the Haddock area).

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

VISITORS:

1. George Scoville presented the Board with a petition from citizens requesting speed breakers on Confederate Drive, Rebel Drive and Stonewall Drive. Scott Phillips, spoke in opposition and presented the Board information he had gathered on alternatives and proposed increasing law enforcement along with the placement of video cameras with radar guns attached. Mr. Phillips also presented a petition with signatures opposing the speed breakers. There were nine people present in favor of the speed breakers and two present in opposition. Comm. Merritt is waiting for Captain Mitchell's recommendation; Captain Mitchell is researching alternatives to the speed breakers in that area. Comm. Merritt made a motion to postpone the request for speed breakers at Confederate Drive, Rebel Drive and Stonewall Drive for the first Tuesday meeting March 7, 2006. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote 3-0. See attachments for specifications.
2. Curtis Barfield requested the Board fund him approximately \$200 to repair and replace broken windows at the Bradley County Auction building that he rents from the county and he will install the windows himself. The Board discussed the fact that the vandals were required to pay restitution to the county. Comm. Gault made a motion for the county to measure and purchase the windows and for Mr. Barfield to install them. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote 3-0. Mr. Barfield requested to give the Board a proposal for the auction of county surplus equipment. Consensus of the Board was to postpone Curtis Barfield's proposal for the auction of county surplus equipment for the first Tuesday meeting March 7, 2006.
3. Wayne Stevenson was on the agenda to request use the Overland Way Landfill for a model airplane club but was not present. Consensus of the Board was to table Mr. Stevenson's request for the first Tuesday meeting March 7, 2006.
4. Earlene Hamilton, representative of Jones County Middle Georgia Historic Preservation Advisory Commission discussed an eleven county web site project. The web site will help market cultural heritage, historic preservation and be used as an educational tool. Ms. Hamilton requested seed money from the county and a letter of support for the project; the suggested amount is \$200.00 - \$300.00. Comm. Gault made a motion to afford the Middle Georgia Historic Preservation Committee the \$300.00 seed money and a letter of support for the web site to be funded through contingency funds. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote 3-0. Ms.

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Hamilton will draft the letter of support and present it to the Board. See attachments for specifications.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Mearl Cooler, Golf Course Director, presented the Board with proposed changes to the golf course and a hand out of the changes sketched on a plat. The seventeenth and eighteenth holes would be redesigned as presented on the plat to allow the construction of a driving range. The cost for improvements will be approximately \$54,000 and most of the work will be complete by Mr. Cooler and his assistant Kevin Stevens. Comm. Gault made a motion authorizing Mearl Cooler to proceed with the plans as presented as long as he stays within his budget. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote 3-0. See attachments for specifications.
2. Consensus of the Board was to postpone the land at the High View Cemetery until Frank Childs, County Attorney, can render a legal opinion.
3. Bobby Waldrop, Public Works Director discussed chip sealing for Wheeler Road. Mr. Waldrop feels by chip sealing Wheeler Road it will extend the life of the road by 5 or 6 years. Comm. Liston made a motion for chip sealing county roads to be done at the discretion of Bobby Waldrop as long as he stays within his budget and the roads are completed equally among all districts. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Board discussed the proposals for solid waste disposal; two proposals were received. Comm. Gault made a motion to postpone the solid waste proposals for the third Tuesday meeting March 21, 2006. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote 3-0. See attachments for specifications.
2. The Board discussed the LAR06-S009-00(57) agreement between Jones County and the Georgia Department of Transportation. Comm. Gault made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the LAR06-S009-00(57) agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation. Comm. Merritt seconded the motion. Vote 3-0. See attachments for specifications.
3. Michael D. Underwood discussed the golf course storage building bids. Mearl Cooler recommended awarding the bid to Layton and Company. Comm. Gault made a motion to award the bid for the golf

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course storage building to Layton and Company in the amount of \$66,970. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote 3-0. See attachments for specifications.

4. Consensus of the Board was to postpone the appointment of the physician to the Jones County Health Board.
5. Consensus of the Board was to table Moore Road for the executive session.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Comm. Liston: Comm. Liston discussed the differences in the amount of voters in his district and Comm. Merritt's. Comm. Merritt has many more voters in his district and some of them live 1 ½ miles from Comm. Liston's home.

Comm. Merritt: Had no comments.

Comm. Gault: Comm. Gault discussed problems with ditches and water at Bradley Wayside and Haddock; some culverts are crushed. Bobby Waldrop will look at the problems with the water and ditches.

Chairman Hawkins: Had no comments.

Comm. Merritt discussed the need for a work session on the water system; OMI's contract ends March 31, 2006. Consensus of the Board was to have a Work Session to discuss the Water System on the first Tuesday March 7, 2006.

ADJOURNMENT:

Comm. Gault made a motion to adjourn into executive session to discuss litigation. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote - unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

RECONVENED:

The meeting reconvened at 8:26 p.m.

Comm. Merritt made a motion to begin the proceedings to close Moore Road from the Moore Family Home Place to Buck Road; tax map J52 Parcel 234 (J52-00-234 the Estate of Ethel Roberts). Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Comm. Merritt made a motion to adjourn. Comm. Gault seconded the motion.
Vote – unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

APPROVED

Jones County Board of Commissioners

Preston Hawkins, Chairman

David C. Gault, Vice-Chairman, District 2

Mell Merritt, District 3 Commissioner

Bert Liston, District 4 Commissioner

Leila Land, Clerk of the Board