

THIRD TUESDAY MEETING

March 21, 2006

The Jones County Board of Commissioners met for their Third Tuesday meeting at 6:30 p.m. March 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
Larry Childs – District 1 Commissioner
Mell Merritt – District 3 Commissioner
Bert Liston – District 4 Commissioner

Frank Childs, County Attorney was present. Michael D. Underwood, County Administrator was not present due to an illness.

Chairman Hawkins called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Ms. Emma Morgan with the Haddock Community Action Program opened with volunteer prayer followed by the pledge.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Comm. Gault requested adding an executive session to discuss Personnel and table New Business item 2 to be discussed in the executive session. Comm. Childs made a motion to approve the agenda. Comm. Merritt seconded. Vote – unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Amendments to the minutes were requested as follows: In the March 7, 2006, Minutes on page two under Reconvened reflected the time as 6:37 p.m.; the minutes should reflect 6:38 p.m. Comm. Gault made a motion to approve the minutes from the first Tuesday meeting on March 7, 2006, with the amendment. Comm. Childs seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Appoint Carolyn Ganz to the MATS Citizen Advisory Committee

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2. Approve advertising for bids for carpet in the government center.
3. Utility Service Communications Co. – Addendum to the Wireless Communications Management Agreement.

Comm. Gault made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. Frank Childs, County Attorney requested time to research item 3; this supplement gives Utility Service the authority to enter into license agreements with wireless carriers for terms to exceed ten years. Comm. Gault amended his motion to postpone item 3, and approve items 1 and 2 of the Consent Agenda. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. See attachments for specifications.

VISITORS:

1. Velma McFadden, with the Haddock Community Action Program requested lowering the speed limit on Highway 22 in the Haddock area to 45 miles per hour. Consensus of the Board was Highway 22 is owned by the state therefore making it a Georgia Department of Transportation issue. Ms. McFadden requested street lights, streetscape, and sidewalks for the Haddock downtown area to be funded through the TE grant. Comm. Gault said he will inquire on obtaining a street light to replace the blinking light in the Haddock downtown area. Ms. McFadden requested for the Board to provided Mr. Pounds a key to the Haddock Park bathroom; Mr. Pounds is a county employee. Comm. Gault said it is not in the budget to hire someone to oversee the Haddock Park this year; it may be considered in next year's budget. Ms. McFadden requested information on the procedures of reporting abandoned houses. The Board advised Ms. McFadden to contact the Code Enforcement Officer or Planning and Zoning to report abandoned homes and logging complaints.
2. Earl Colvin discussed the plans for the celebration of Jones County's Bicentennial year. Mr. Colvin requested the Boards' involvement and suggestions and plans to have an agenda in place by October or November 2006; the county's bicentennial is December 10, 2007. Mr. Colvin discussed having events to take place throughout the year in 2007.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Board discussed the pre-employment drug testing policy to include only the positions that are randomly tested. Consensus of the Board was

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- to leave the pre-employment drug test policy in place without changes until Frank Childs researches the legalities.
2. The Board had previously tabled the Animal Shelter building and department head discussion for the executive session.
 3. The Board discussed the bids for the lights at the recreational complexes. The complexes were bid out separately because Ken Gordon had previously volunteered to install the lighting at the Highway 18 complex; he withdrew his offer. The bids for the Highway 49 complex were opened on March 17, 2006. The bids for the Highway 18 complex are scheduled to be opened on April 3, 2006. It was explained that there had been some confusion among the vendors because of the dates, the complexes being bid, and the offer of volunteer labor at the Central Complex being retracted. The Board received a letter of request from Diane Wade, President of Middle Georgia Outdoor Lighting, and Incorporated to bid both complexes together. Comm. Childs made a motion to reject the bids from March 17, 2006, and re-bid both complexes together. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Comm. Childs amended his motion to include not opening the bids on April 3, 2006, and open all bids on the new date. Comm. Gault seconded the amended motion. Vote – unanimous. See attachments for specifications.
 4. The Board discussed bids for an air conditioner at the Library. Comm. Gault made a motion to award the bid for air conditioning at the Library to Tribble Heating and Air Conditioning, Incorporated to be funded through contingency with the decision of whether to replace the compressor or install a new unit to be at the discretion of the county administrator. The bid prices included both options. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. See attachments for specifications.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Board discussed the motion on March 7, 2006, to appoint a physician to the Jones County Health Board. Comm. Childs made a motion to rescind his motion from March 7, 2006, to appoint Dr. Clyde Green to the Jones County Board of Health. Comm. Merritt seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.
2. Consensus of the Board was to postpone the boundaries for Old Clinton for the third Tuesday meeting April 18, 2006.
3. Leila Land, Clerk of the Board / CFO presented the states' travel policy to the board. Consensus of the Board was to postpone employee travel expense policy for the second Tuesday meeting in

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April. The Board requested that Mrs. Land and Mr. Underwood draft a similar policy.

4. The Board discussed the bid on waste. Comm. Childs proposed having a work session and then having a public hearing at the Civic Center. Comm. Childs made a motion to postpone the award of the bid on landfill disposal and curb side pick up for a work session on April 18, 2006 at 5 p.m. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. See attachments for specifications. Randy Loveless, employee of Public Works asked the Board if the price fluctuated or would be locked in. The bid price would remain constant for 5 years.
5. Charlie Cruze, with Middle Georgia Community Action discussed the third party agreement with Middle Georgia Community Action for the 5311 transit program. Comm. Gault made a motion to approve the third party agreement with Middle Georgia Community Action for the transit to include a salary increase to begin on April 1, 2006. Comm. Childs seconded the motion. Vote 3-1. Comm. Merritt opposed. See attachments for specifications.

Mr. George Sides, with Advanced Disposal requested that the public hearing and work session be postponed from April 4, 2006. He will be unable to attend. Comm. Childs made a motion to rescind his earlier motion and to have the public hearing the second Tuesday in April. Comm. Gault seconded. Vote – unanimous.

6. The Board discussed county employee work hours. Comm. Childs and Comm. Merritt propose increasing employee's work hours to keep offices open until 5:00 p.m.; current hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Comm. Gault and Comm. Liston are opposed to the increase of county work hours. Consensus of the Board was to postpone county employee work hours.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

1. Allen Green, EMA Director, on the agenda to discuss National Incident Management System, withdrew his request for discussion at this time.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Comm. Childs: Comm. Childs discussed the county imposing a business license ordinance. This would be a way to generate more revenue for the county. He also discussed Planning and Zoning fees that are imposed. He

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suggested also imposing a fee for variance approval similar to the fees that Bibb County imposes.

Comm. Gault: Comm. Gault discussed the fact that the last TE Grant the county received provided some sidewalks in Haddock. He suggested that the new TE Grant should continue the sidewalks in Haddock. Comm. Gault requested scheduling a work shop with Mr. Burnside to request it. Comm. Childs feels the Civic Center improvements need to be completed first. No action was taken.

Comm. Merritt: Had no comments.

Comm. Liston: Comm. Liston reminded the Board that the Highway 49 complex's opening ceremony is Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Bobby Waldrop, Director of Public Works discussed problems the county has from trucks parking on streets which are tearing up the roads. Consensus of the Board was for Mr. Waldrop to contact Tiffany Rogers, Code Enforcement Officer. The county's heavy equipment ordinance should address the issues that he has. Billy Mitchell and Bobby Waldrop have met and discussed the placement of speed breakers. Comm. Gault said a crew placed pea gravel on Holt Chapel road and it still has ruts in it. Comm. Gault suggested using the county's patching crew. Mr. Waldrop will go back to the area and fix the ruts.

ADJOURNMENT:

Comm. Childs made a motion to adjourn into executive session to discuss Personnel. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

RECONVENED:

The meeting reconvened at 8:55 p.m.

Comm. Gault discussed appointing Chris Brown, currently the Office Manager for the Animal Shelter, as the department head. Comm. Gault made a motion to promote Chris Brown as the Department Head with a six month probationary period and salary adjustment to be made September 1, 2006 with the new budget. Comm. Childs seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

Comm. Merritt made a motion to adjourn. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

APPROVED

Jones County Board of Commissioners

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David C. Gault, Vice-Chairman, District 2

Larry Childs, District 1 Commissioner

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Leila Land, Clerk of the Board