

THIRD TUESDAY MEETING

May 16, 2006

The Jones County Board of Commissioners met for their Third Tuesday meeting at 6:30 p.m. May 16, 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. Leila Land, Clerk of the Board / CFO, was not present. Tannie Hoffman, Payroll Clerk / Worker's Compensation Administrator, attended in her absence.

Chairman Hawkins called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Comm. Gault made a motion to approve the agenda. Comm. Merritt seconded. Vote – unanimous.

Tommy Freeman of Plentitude 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 made a motion to approve the agenda with the following amendments: On Planning and Zoning Old Business Item A, Comm. Liston made a motion to deny Mr. and Mrs. Reeves request. The minutes reflect Vote 3-2, the minutes should reflect Vote 2-2; Chairman Hawkins did not vote. Comm. Gault seconded. Vote - unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. LARP County Right-of-Way contracts as follows:
 - a. Davis Road
 - b. Deer Ridge Lane
 - c. Hunting Circle
 - d. Morris Road
 - e. Morton Road
2. Reappoint Mrs. Jimmie Pitts – Jones County DFACS Board
3. Imposition of Wireless 911 Charges - Resolution

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Board discussed the request from G. B. Moore, III, Circuit Public Defender, for the fiscal year 2006-2207, contract between Jones County and Indigent Defense. Mr. Moore is requesting \$70,274.43, an increase of \$400.00, from last year. Comm. Childs made a motion to approve the contract between the Indigent Defense office and Jones County. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. See attachments for specifications. Vote – Unanimous.
2. The Board discussed the letter of resignation from G. B. Moore, III, from the Jones County Board of Health; the effective date would be when someone else is appointed to the position. Mr. Moore recommended Bill Matthews with the Jones County Development Authority, and Dr. Rallie Cogburn, recommended Mr. Michael Vaden; both have agreed to the position. Comm. Childs made a motion to nominate Michael Vaden to serve on the Jones County Board of Health. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. See attachments for specifications. Vote – Unanimous.
3. The Board discussed the developments adjacent to the county rights-of-way. One development of serious concern is Stonebrook Subdivision and the road exiting the subdivision onto Lite-N-Tie Road. The construction of the curb, which is approximately six inches high, exceeds into the county’s rights-of-way, and it is dangerously close to the paved portion. The Board’s concern is that this is a liability that could possibly cause serious injury if someone were to leave the pavement and hit the curb. Comm. Childs made a motion to adopt a policy for developers to install typical section design curb and gutters

adjacent to county road ways for all entrance and exits into subdivisions. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote- unanimous. The Board discussed driveway permits and city subdivisions on private drives that are tied into county rights-of-ways. Tim Pitrowski, Director of Planning and Zoning, proposed policy changes to allow Planning and Zoning to enforce site planning on rights-of-way. Comm. Childs made a motion authorize Planning and Zoning to enforce site planning on county rights-of-way. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. Comm. Childs amended his motion to include requiring necessary permits from Planning and Zoning for rights-of-way. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. Michael D. Underwood will write a letter to inform the developer to re-construct the entrance of Stonebrook Subdivision creating a typical section design curb and gutter adjacent to Lite-N-Tie Road.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Board discussed the request from Mrs. Olgie, President of Creekside Plantation’s Homeowners Association, for a three way stop at Ashland Way. Mrs. Olgie delivered the petition from residents of Plantation Road and Ashland Way to Leila Land, Clerk of the Board / CFO, earlier this week. Comm. Merritt discussed the sight distance with Billy Mitchell, with the Jones County Sheriff’s Department. Captain Mitchell had expressed his concerns of sight distance for the three way stop. Chairman Hawkins had received phone calls from residents in opposition to the three way stop. Consensus of the Board was to postpone the request for the first Tuesday meeting June 6, 2006, to allow Captain Mitchell adequate time to review the area. See attachments for specifications.
2. Leila Land was not present for the discussion of administrative staff hours. Consensus of the Board was to postpone the administrative staff work hours discussion until Leila Land is present.
3. Michael D. Underwood, Administrator presented the Board a proposal for employee appreciation day. Comm. Merritt made a motion to approve the proposal to have employee appreciation day on June 16, 2006, at Jonesco Golf Course. Public Work’s department is on a four day work schedule and will not work on Monday June 12, 2006, in exchange for Friday June 16, 2006; county offices will close at 12:00 p. m. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. See attachments for specifications.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

1. Michael D. Underwood requested clarification of the sick leave donation policy from one employee to another. Larry Brown, South Division Superintendent / Sanitation Director, has requested to donate sick time to Chris Brown, Department Head for the Animal Shelter. Tannie Hoffman, Payroll Clerk / Workman's Compensation Administrator, explained if an employee has exhausted all of their sick leave and vacation time, another employee can donate their time by filling out a form in her office, obtaining their department managers approval and being approved by Mr. Underwood. Mr. Underwood proposed creating a sick leave pool policy and presented the Board a hand out. See attachments for specifications. Consensus of the Board was for Frank Childs, County Attorney, to render a legal opinion for the proposed employee sick leave pool. Mr. Underwood proposed impoundment fees for the animal shelter; \$25 for the first offense, \$50 for the second offense, and \$100 for the third offense with a boarding fee of six dollars per day and payment for medication received. Comm. Childs made a motion to adopt impoundment fees for the animal shelter at \$25 for the first offense, \$50 for the second offense, and \$100 for the third offense with boarding fee's of six dollars per day and payment for medication received. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.

The Board discussed the proposed new animal shelter building's funding and location. The county is in the process of obtaining a survey for the land at Bradley/Wayside.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Comm. Gault: Comm. Gault discussed Larry Beck, Safety Officer; giving the department managers an inspection list to conduct in their department and then waits a month before giving them a report. Comm. Gault recommends Mr. Beck giving a list of the safety inspection to the department managers and let them make corrections verses making them wait a month before getting the report. Michael D. Underwood will take care of the problem. Comm. Gault discussed Mr. Underwood being overloaded with work and feels the county needs an assistant administrator; Comm. Childs was in agreement. Mr. Underwood feels the county is not large enough for assistant administrator. Chairman Hawkins referred to Monroe County not having a city administrator and supports Mr. Underwood's opinion; Comm. Liston and Comm. Merritt agree.

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Comm. Childs: Comm. Childs said Frank Amerson is willing to donate land at Upper River Road for a community park and requested a six foot fence to divide the property. Comm. Childs recommended curb side pickup at Juliette.

Chairman Hawkins: Chairman Hawkins asked Larry Brown how many time bins are being emptied. Mr. Brown said they are being emptied at least three times a week.

Comm. Merritt: Had no comments.

Comm. Liston: Comm. Liston discussed the Board of Education not wanting to use Johnny Reeves property as a school bus turnaround.

Chairman Hawkins requested that Michael D. Underwood check if county employees who are required to have a commercial driver's license are required to have a driver's medical card.

Freddie Wiggins, Water Superintendent, expressed his appreciation to Bobby Waldrop, Director of Public Works, for the assistance on cutting trees. Mr. Wiggins announced that the water department will have special training from the Environmental Protection Agency next week.

At this time Chairman Hawkins took citizens comments.

Steve Johnson, a resident of Clinton Crossing, requested for the Board to make sure when the city annexes Highway 129 and Highway 122 behind Exchange Bank that they apply county buffers. Comm. Gault made a motion to authorize Frank Childs to file an objection when notification of this annexation on properties behind Dr. Kelleher occurs. Comm. Childs seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

Comm. Gault made a motion to adjourn into executive session to discuss Personnel. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

RECONVENED:

The meeting reconvened at 8:37 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Comm. Gault made a motion to adjourn. Comm. Childs seconded the motion.
Vote – unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

APPROVED

Jones County Board of Commissioners

Preston Hawkins, Chairman

David C. Gault, Vice-Chairman, District 2

Larry Childs, District 1 Commissioner

Bert Liston, District 4 Commissioner

Mell Merritt, District 3 Commissioner

Connie Mize, Chief Deputy Clerk