

THIRD THURSDAY MEETING

July 20, 2006

The Jones County Board of Commissioners met for Third Thursday meeting at 6:30 p.m. June 20, 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

County Attorney Frank Childs was not present. Comm. Childs and Comm. Liston were not present.

Chairman Hawkins called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.
(Chairman Hawkins exercises his voting rights in the case of a tie.)

Eagle Scout Troop 911 opened by leading the pledge. Whitney Palmer, Scout Master for Troop 911 followed with volunteer prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Comm. Gault made a motion to approve the agenda. Comm. Merritt seconded. Vote 3-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Merritt made a motion to approve the minutes from the first Thursday meeting, July 6, 2006 with an amendment to correct the date from Tuesday to Thursday. Comm. Gault seconded. Vote 3-0.

VISITORS:

1. Jim Cole presented Eagle Scout Bryan Tillman the state of Georgia flag that was flown over the Georgia Capitol June 6, 2006, in honor of Mr. Tillman's outstanding achievement as Eagle Scout. Comm. Gault presented a letter from Senator Johnny Grant. Representative Alan Freeman recognized Bryan Tillman for his accomplishments and presented a letter from Congressman Jim Marshall. Chairman Hawkins presented Bryan Tillman with a Proclamation from the Jones County

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Board of Commissioners for his achieving Eagle Scout statue and his outstanding achievement.

2. Floyd Comer, EHSV for Jones County Health Department, presented a proposed Environmental Health fee schedule and comparison to other counties. Mr. Comer discussed budgetary short comings and proposed fees with the Board. Mr. Comer recognized Rallie Cogburn, Chairman of the Board of Health, and Linda Harrell, Office Manager who were present at the meeting. Comm. Gault made a motion to adopt the new fee schedule and proposal as presented by Mr. Comer. Comm. Merritt seconded the motion. Vote 3-0. See attachments for specifications.
3. Paul Garrison, with the Keep Jones County Beautiful Board and Master Gardeners, requested recognition for Tammy Brittain, after serving ten years as the director for Keep Jones County Beautiful. Mr. Garrison proposed naming the conference room next to Mrs. Brittain's office at the Civic Center The Tammy Brittain Conference Center. Comm. Gault made a motion to name the conference room next to Tammy Brittain's office the Tammy Brittain Conference Center with a plaque. Comm. Merritt seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.
4. David McNealy requested funding assistance from the Board for three local baseball teams who are going to the World Series in Tennessee. The girls won the Georgia State Championship last week and are requesting \$1,800.00 for new helmets. There are two boy teams who will possibly be in the World Series making it a total of 65 children. After discussion, the commissioners decided to fund the five teams a total of \$3,500. Comm. Merritt motioned to give \$3,500 to the National League to use at their discretion. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Board discussed nomination for the council position on the Region V Emergency Medical Services Council. The position is currently held by Robert Coulter, his term expired June 30, 2006. Comm. Gault made a motion to reappoint Robert Coulter to the Region V Emergency Medical Services Council contingent on his acceptance. Comm. Merritt seconded the motion. Vote 3-0. See attachments for specifications.
2. The Board discussed the resolution authorizing the County Administrator to execute the contract amendment for reimbursement of funds from the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund. Comm. Merritt made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the County Administrator to execute the agreement governing expenditures for the state and local government cost. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote 3-0. See attachments for specifications.

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3. Bobby Bonner, Director of Building and Maintenance, requested a new truck using the surplus in this year's budget for transporting workers. Comm. Gault made a motion to allow Bobby Bonner advertise for bids for an extended cab truck to transport workers not to exceed \$18,000, and to purchase the vehicle without further approval from the Board. Comm. Merritt seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.
4. The Board discussed water delivery for Map J45 property. Old Clinton Properties requested that the Board grant permission to the City to provide water to their new development. The current Service Delivery Strategy designates the county provide service. Attorney Charlie Newberry was present on behalf of Old Clinton Properties. Steve Johnson, a resident of Clinton Crossing expressed his concerns for the buffer zone that was previously granted by the Board of Commissioners. Possible annexation into the City was also discussed. Comm. Gault made a motion to approve with provisions that the water line comes off Highway 129. Comm. Merritt seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Board discussed appointing Mauldin and Jenkins as the auditing firm for the 2006 audit. Comm. Merritt made a motion to accept Mauldin and Jenkins as the auditing firm for the 2006 audit with the condition that the county prepare a request for proposal for next year's audit. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.
2. The Board discussed the TE Project, Phase II Design Services proposals. Jack Burnside requested proposals a second time and expressed his reservations with Ingram and Associates in his letter to Michael D. Underwood. Mr. Burnside wrote that Ingram and Associates are not pre-qualified by Georgia Department of Transportation; which is mandatory and feels they lack the expertise with previous TE projects. Mr. Underwood had discussed this with Tim Ingram; Mr. Ingram assured Mr. Underwood that there would not be any problems due to the fact he is doing sub-work with these type projects and they are pre-qualified by the Georgia Department of Transportation. Comm. Gault made a motion to accept Ingram and Associates, for the TE Project, Phase II design services. Comm. Merritt seconded the motion. Vote 3-0. See attachments for specifications.
3. The Board discussed the request from the First Baptist Church that was postponed from the first Thursday meeting July 6, 2006. Frank Childs was not present. Chairman Hawkins had previously spoken to Mr. Brittain and informed him to proceed with the use of the well and a lease agreement will be obtained later.

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4. The Board discussed the storage of the old clock from the courthouse bell tower. Earlene Hamilton suggested the Centennial Committee rededicating the clock as a heritage display at the courthouse. Consensus of the Board was for Bobby Bonner to meet with Earl Colvin on restoring the clock and Tammy Brittain for storing it. The Board discussed replacement of gables for the courthouse; the sloped cornice work is seriously deteriorated. Comm. Gault made a motion to do the necessary work on the eaves and gables in the sum of \$29,011.00, to be funded through the '99 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax or where the funds are available. Comm. Merritt seconded the motion. Vote 3-0. See attachments for specifications.
5. The Board discussed the Department of Transportation and County Right of Way agreement for Lite-N-Tie Road, Cumslo Road and Joycliff Road. Comm. Gault made a motion to approve the Department of Transportation and County Right of Way Agreement. Comm. Merritt seconded the motion. Vote 3-0. See attachments for specifications.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

1. Leila Land, Clerk of the Board / CFO, requested guidance from the Board for county employee's health insurance. Several agents have approached her requesting opportunity to bid. Consensus of the Board was to use the current broker. Mrs. Land discussed the proposal from Wesley Music for sound equipment for the Charlotte C. Wilson Conference Room. Consensus of the Board was to advertise for sound equipment and present the bids to the Board for approval at the third Tuesday meeting August 15, 2006.
2. Freddie Wiggins, Water Superintendent, discussed the need for new ordinances and policies. Mrs. Land stated that she has already begun typing some new policies that had been discussed at a May meeting of Mr. Underwood, County Administrator, Mr. Wiggins, herself, and the water system employees involved in billing and accounting. She requested that inclusion in the development of those policies before presenting them to the Board. Mr. Wiggins is in need of an ice machine for the water department and will obtain prices and bring it back before the Board.
3. Bobby Waldrop will discuss the need for a front end loader at the next commissioner meeting since the agenda had already been approved. Consensus of the Board was for bid packages to be prepared and sent out now.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Comm. Gault: Had no comments.

Comm. Merritt: Had no comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

Comm. Merritt made a motion to adjourn into executive session to discuss personnel. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

RECONVENED:

The meeting reconvened at 8:52 p.m.

Comm. Gault made a motion authorizing Bobby Waldrop, Public Works Director, to change salaries in his department as he sees fit. Comm. Merritt seconded the motion. Vote 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Comm. Merritt made a motion to adjourn into executive session to discuss personnel. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

RECONVENED:

The meeting reconvened at 9:07 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Comm. Merritt made a motion to adjourn. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

APPROVED

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Preston Hawkins, Chairman

David C. Gault, Vice-Chairman, District 2

Mell Merritt, District 3 Commissioner

Leila Land, Clerk of the Board