

THIRD TUESDAY MEETING

November 21, 2006

The Jones County Board of Commissioners met for their Third Tuesday meeting at 6:30 p.m. November 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

County Attorney, Frank Childs, was present. Connie Mize, Chief Deputy Clerk, was not present. Charleen Banks, Secretary, assisted Leila Land Clerk of the Board.

Chairman Hawkins called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.
(Chairman Hawkins exercises his voting rights in the case of a tie.)

Allan Green, Director of EMA, opened with volunteer prayer followed by leading the flag pledge.

PLANNING AND ZONING:

Item A: Tim Pitrowski, Director of Planning and Zoning, discussed the request made by Healy Land and Development. Healy Land and Development proposed to create a 65 lot subdivision in the PUD district. The property is located on Upper River Road near the River North entrance. The Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval. Comm. Childs expressed his concerns with the lot sizes and soil tests for septic tanks. A representative from Healy Land and Development said the lots are a minimum of .55 of an acre and nine acres of green space. Comm. Childs asked how many lots would be affected by the poor soil and failure to pass the perk tests. The testing results had been received and the front section passed the tests. Healy representatives reported that the back section would need alternative sewer systems. Comm. Childs recommended Healy Land and Development hire the county engineer, Tim Ingram, to

render his opinion. Comm. Childs made a motion to postpone Healy Land and Development's request for the first Tuesday meeting January 2, 2007. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. Consensus was that the cost of obtaining an opinion from Tim Ingram would be paid by Healy Land and Development.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Comm. Gault made a motion to approve the agenda with the amendment to discuss Consent Agenda item 5. Comm. Merritt seconded the motion. Vote - unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Gault stated he wants his comments from that meeting included verbatim in the minutes. Comm. Gault made a motion to approve the first Tuesday minutes November 9, 2006, contingent on inserting his comments to Old Business #1 once that information has been received in the clerk's office. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote - unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. POP Resolution – Insurance Benefits.
2. Advertise for proposals for the administration services for the CHIP Grant.
3. Approval of the Right of Way Agreement, for the Georgia Department of Transportation contract, advertise for bids for PR000-S009-00(292) Parking Lot for Fire Station #9 and Fire Station on Green Settlement Road 3,300 square yards right of way.
4. Approval of the Georgia Department of Transportation PR000-S009-00(293) Parking Lot and Drive at Fire Station #10 – Base and Plant Mix Resurfacing and advertise for bids.
5. Approval of the Georgia Department of Transportation PR000-S009-00(291) Davis Road (CR118) Base and Plant Mix Resurfacing contract and advertise for bids.

Comm. Merritt made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1-4 and to discuss item 5. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote- unanimous. See attachments for specifications. Comm. Childs said the base and plant mix resurfacing for Davis Road was approved by the state but he has not received any information on it. Comm. Childs said he wants to make sure this funding doesn't affect any other projects that were approved previously. Michael D. Underwood, County Administrator, said it doesn't change anything; it is in this

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year's budget. Comm. Childs said he has made two motions to obtain the rights-of-way on the S curve where the proposed development will access Upper River Road and they have not been obtained yet. Chairman Hawkins asked who was responsible for obtaining the rights-of-ways. Comm. Childs said he had all five citizens ready to donate their rights-of-way. The Board approved for Michael D. Underwood to obtain the rights-of-way. Mr. Underwood said he had sent letters concerning the rights-of-ways but had no replies. Comm. Gault made a motion to approve Consent Agenda item 5. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.

VISITORS:

1. Tom Massengale, a resident in Haddock discussed the ball park being purchased two years ago and he feels it should have been cleared. Comm. Gault has had many complaints from the residents in Haddock concerning the ball park. Consensus of the Board was for Bobby Waldrop, Public Works Director, to schedule to clear, burn, seed and mulch the Haddock ball park.
2. Jimmy Madison was on the agenda but not present.
3. Tommy Pruitt, Chief of the Fire Station on Highway 49, expressed his concerns with rescue truck breaking down and sometimes not starting. Mr. Pruitt requested to purchase a chassis or a new truck. Cost of the chassis is approximately \$50,000 and cost of a truck approximately \$120,000. The Chief also stated the City's rescue truck is also in need of repair. Comm. Gault made a motion to approve the purchase of a chassis up to \$50,000 for Highway 49, fire station to be funded out of the 1999 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Board discussed the bid for a new contract providing ambulance services for the county. Comm. Childs stated he discussed this in 2005 and has concerns with the ambulance service being tied to the county's indigent care. County Attorney Frank Childs discussed several changes in the Federal Laws. Frank Childs will research the indigent care issues. Joe Robinson with Mid GA Ambulance addressed the Board and discussed changes that the Hill-Burton Act made. Comm. Childs made a motion to table this item until the first Tuesday meeting January 2, 2007. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.
2. The Board discussed the first Tuesday meeting in February conflicting with the Legislative Conference. Comm. Gault made a motion to move the first Tuesday meeting, February 6, 2007, to the first Thursday, February 8, 2007. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.

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3. Aging Report on outstanding water bill balance. Comm. Gault made a motion to write off the past due water department accounts receivable balances under \$15.00 as recommended by Mike Underwood. Comm. Merritt seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.
4. The Board discussed the ditches and drainage problems on Holloman Road. Ms. Nell Harris and several other residents were present and discussed past issues with the Board. Consensus of the Board was for Michael D. Underwood and Bobby Waldrop to look for the Holloman Road survey that had been done several years ago.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Board discussed impact fees. Several members of the audience had comments and requested that they be allowed to give the commissioners input before final decisions are made. They discussed Fayette County using in house personnel to implement impact fees. Jones County has received recommendations from Middle GA RDC to contract the services out. The proposal from Ross Associates for Impact Fees was given to the Board. Comm. Gault made a motion to table the discussion until meeting with home builders. Comm. Childs seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.
2. The Board discussed the award of bid for the Sheriff’s Department 2007 Ford W12 F-150 4x2 Crew Cab pick-up truck. Comm. Childs made a motion to award the bid of the 2007 Ford W12 F-150 4x2 crew cab pick up truck for the Sheriff Department to Riverside Ford in the amount of \$21,391.75. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.
3. Award the bid for the Sheriff’s Department 2007 Ford E-350 Super Duty Extended Wagon XL. Comm. Childs made a motion to award the bid for the 2007 Ford E-350 Super Duty Extended Wagon XL for the Sheriff Department to Riverside Ford in the amount of \$29,954. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

1. Freddie Wiggins, Water Department Superintendent, presented the Board with hand outs explaining the expansion of water lines from the city to the Highway 18 Recreational Complex. The City is will to share in the cost of the expansion. Comm. Childs expressed his concerns with the watering of the grass at the complex. Michael Underwood, County Administrator, wanted to know could this project be funded through the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax. Comm. Childs stated that he

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wants a financial report each month for the Water Department; he hasn't received a report for several months. Comm. Gault asked about the amount of cash the Haddock water system had when the county took it over. Leila Land, County Clerk stated that at one time there had been at least \$80,000 in that account. Mr. Wiggins also stated that the water tank in Haddock had not been cleaned out in three years. Mr. Wiggins recommended that the tank be washed out and to have the inside and outside of the elevated water tank be inspected.

2. Bobby Waldrop stated that he is three employees short at this time. The recreation project in Haddock was briefly discussed. Comm. Childs made a motion to approve the use of overtime for the Haddock Ball Fields. Comm. Gault seconded. Vote-unanimous.
3. Mike Underwood stated that there was a Comprehensive Plan Update coming up. We will need five people from each district to appoint in December.

Chairman Hawkins called for comments from citizens.

Tammy Stevens discussed an issue on Holloman Road. Neva Mareno had requested permission to place mobile homes on her property July 6, 2006. The request was denied by the Board of Commissioners. She has moved a trailer in any way. Tammy requested the Board take action for the violation. Mike Underwood instructed her to get with Code Enforcement.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Comm. Childs: Comm. Childs said the Board has talked long and hard about the impact fees. He stated the he wants to allow input, but we have an obligation to the citizens to do everything to help with taxes. Comm. Childs said letters were sent out concerning an ambulance having trouble with the names of High Tower Road and Tower Road.

Comm. Gault: Comm. Gault said he hopes the Board doesn't think he is trying to get out of impact fees; he feels there needs to be a public hearing with the home owners and builders to hear their input. He stated that he feels it is best to get input from both sides.

Comm. Liston: Comm. Liston thanked the Board for the rescue truck decision. He stated that he feels that if we have a work shop on fees that it will just be more of the same and longer.

Comm. Merritt: Comm. Merritt had no comments.

Chairman Hawkins: Chairman Hawkins said he agrees with Larry Childs.

ADJOURNMENT:

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Comm. Gault made a motion to adjourn into an executive session to discuss Litigation. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

RECONVENED:

The meeting reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Comm. Gault made a motion to adjourn. Comm. Merritt seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:51 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

Bert Liston, District 4 Commissioner

Leila Land, Clerk of the Board