

THIRD TUESDAY MEETING

May 15, 2007

The Jones County Board of Commissioners met for their Third Tuesday meeting at 6:30 p.m. May 15, 2007, 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. Leila Brittain, Clerk of the Board, arrived at 8:15 p.m. Whitney Stevens, Personnel Technician, assisted Connie Mize, Chief Deputy Clerk.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Michael D. Underwood, County Administrator, requested for the Board to amend the agenda by adding two items. The first item requested was NB #6; the Resolution for the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority. The second item requested was OB #2; Travis Steed – water from the Macon Water Authority. Comm. Merritt made a motion to approve the agenda with the amendments as noted. Comm. Childs seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.

Reverend William Beaver was on the agenda to lead the invocation and pledge but was not present. - Comm. Gault, Vice Chairman/District II Commissioner opened the meeting with an invocation followed by leading of the pledge.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND PROCLAMATION:

Chairman Hawkins presented Jimmy Faulk, President of the Jones County Foster Parent Association, a proclamation to declare National Foster Care Month. Jones County Foster Parent Association was awarded Number One Association of the State of Georgia recently at the State Convention held in Jekyll Island. Jones County has 39 foster/adoptive homes in the county that

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serve 96 Jones County children and 40 boarding county children in the custody of the state. Our number of homes is third in middle Georgia behind only Bibb and Houston.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Gault made a motion to approve the minutes from the first Tuesday meeting, May 1, 2007. Comm. Merritt seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.

VISITORS:

1. Valvin Hambrick requested use of the Highway 49 Recreation Complex for the practice of a youth track program. Comm. Liston made a motion to allow Mr. Hambrick the use of the Highway 49 Recreational Complex field for youth track team practice as recommended by Bobby Wood, Director of Parks and Recreation. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.
2. Frank Davis, Treasurer for the Lake Jonesco Golf Association, presented the Board a hand out and requested for the county to match the state's funding for a pumping station at the golf course. One year ago Mr. Davis had written Representative Jim Cole and the Georgia General Assembly requesting assistance for proposed projects. The state has agreed to assist with the state's local discretionary funds. Consensus of the Board was for Michael D. Underwood to write a letter to Representative Jim Cole for the specifications. See attachments for specifications.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Phillip Rawlins a resident of Henderson Road, requested assistance correcting a drainage problem on his property. Consensus of the Board was for Mr. Rawlins to fix the problem with the stipulations he does so on his property only and it does not affect the water main or the road.
2. Comm. Gault requested approving New Business items 2, 3, 5, and 6 in one motion. Comm. Gault made a motion to approve items 2, 3, 5, and 6; to adopt the Transit Development Plan Resolution, authorize the Chairman to sign the 5311 Transit Operating Contract, the Joint Solid Waste Management Plan, and the Resolution for the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. See attachments for specifications.
4. Comm. Childs requested to postpone the water discussion. Consensus of the Board was to postpone the water discussion.

OLD BUSINESS:

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1. Charlotte Denise Ates was on the agenda to discuss her application for a Beer and Wine License and a Billiards License but was not present.
2. Travis Steed came before the Board at the first Tuesday meeting, April 2, 2007 to request the Board's permission to purchase water from the Macon Water Authority for his new home on Riverbend Drive. The Macon Water Authority has a two-inch line that runs by Mr. Steed's property to the house above his property. The Macon Water Authority is currently servicing the house above Mr. Steed's property with a meter and is willing to allow Mr. Steed to tie on and give him a meter if the Jones County Board of Commissioners sends a letter giving their approval to service these two houses. Consensus of the Board was for Michael D. Underwood to write a letter to the Macon Water Authority giving them the Board's permission to allow the Macon Water Authority to service these two houses with the stipulation the two houses revert to Jones County after the county installs a meter.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

1. Michael D. Underwood requested for the Board to appoint David Jahns as Director of Finance. Comm. Merritt made a motion to appoint David Jahns as the Director of Finance. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote 3-2. Comm. Merritt, Comm. Liston and Chairman Hawkins in favor. Comm. Childs and Comm. Gault opposed based on the Board's previous decision to make Michael D. Underwood responsible for accounting for a one-year trial period and David Jahns had no previous government accounting experience.
2. Leila Brittain, Clerk of the Board / Human Resource Director, had written an updated computer policy for the Board to adopt. Comm. Childs made a motion to approve the computer policy update. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. See attachments for specifications.
3. Freddie Wiggins, Water Superintendent, presented the Board a hand out and recommended for the Board to approve installing a 6-inch service line for Dr. Kara Moore's house and adjacent lot. The 6-inch service line would serve the 10.17 acre parcel, which is the proposed site for Dr. Kara Moore's residence, as well as a future single residence on the same 10.17 acre parcel. Comm. Childs made a motion to approve the installation of a 6-inch service line for Dr. Kara Moore's house and adjacent lot. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. See attachments for specifications. Bobby Wood has advertised for bids for an irrigation system for the Highway 18 Complex. The cost is approximately \$18,000, they have \$14,000. The City of Gray has extended the line to the future EMA site. Mr. Wiggins proposed using funding for EMA Special Purpose

Local Option Sales Tax for the additional \$4,000 and EMA hooking on to a valve on the pipe. No action was taken at this time. Comm. Childs discussed the proposed project of running water line from Upper River Road to Dames Ferry School. Comm. Childs said there is 2000 feet of undesirable line on Upper River Road and it will need replaced. Comm. Childs suggested running a 12-inch pipe in order to obtain the volume of water needed.

4. Laten Boniol, Assistant Director of Public Works, said they hope to finish Luke Smith Road tomorrow. Comm. Gault discussed complaints from citizens on Weaver Road concerning limbs being knocked over by the bush cutter; one fell over Ms. Dozier's fence. Comm. Gault requested for public works to send a more experienced employee to cut the limbs. Consensus of the Board was to remove the tree from Ms. Dozier's property and repair her fence. Comm. Gault and Laten Boniol will apologize to Ms. Dozier tomorrow. Comm. Liston commended Laten Boniol for a job well done on Largo Drive.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Comm. Childs: Comm. Childs proposed installing a time clock for the Keep Jones Beautiful Executive Director position. Michael D. Underwood said it would be difficult for that position to clock in and out due to meetings and working in the field. Comm. Childs suggested amending the Animal Control policy for nuisance dogs. Frank Childs, County Attorney, said the county has rules against nuisance animals. Comm. Childs suggested enforcing the policy and making the rules more stringent. Comm. Childs proposed for the county to require business licenses. The county currently requires a home occupation license at the cost of \$50 for a life time. Comm. Childs said requiring business license would help the county obtain more revenue and monitor the number of businesses in the community. Comm. Childs had discussed building fees with Tim Pitrowski, Planning and Zoning Director, and he said the county has not renewed them since 1996.

Comm. Gault: Comm. Gault requested the Boards' permission to use the Civic Center and the grounds on June 9, 2007 from 9:00 am to 3:00 p.m. for the Jones County Color Guard to have a fund raiser car wash. Comm. Gault made a motion to allow the Jones County Color Guard the use of the Civic Center for a car wash fundraiser on June 9, 2007. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. Comm. Gault said a logging truck on Holts Chapel Road has torn up the road.

Comm. Merritt: Comm. Merritt had no comments.

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Comm. Liston: Comm. Liston said the traffic light on Highway 49 is now activated. Comm. Liston said he felt the pre-construction meeting with Dykes went well.

Chairman Hawkins: Chairman Hawkins asked Bobby Wood if he was aware of Mr. Hambrick’s request for use of the Highway 49 Recreation Complex for a youth track practice. Mr. Wood said Mr. Hambrick did request use of the field and he has no problem with it because it is off season for football.

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 8:01 p.m.

RECONVENED:

The meeting reconvened at 8:56 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Comm. Gault made a motion to adjourn. Comm. Merritt seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

APPROVED

Jones County Board of Commissioners

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David C. Gault, Vice-Chairman, District 2

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