

PLANNING AND ZONING
FIRST TUESDAY MEETING

March 4, 2008

The Jones County Board of Commissioners met for Planning and Zoning at 6:00 p.m. and their First Tuesday meeting at 6:30 p.m. March 4, 2008, in the Charlotte C. Wilson Conference Room at the Jones County Government.

Members present were:

Preston Hawkins - Chairman
David C. Gault – Vice-Chairman
Larry Childs – District 1 Commissioner
Mell Merritt – District 2 Commissioner
Bert Liston – District 4 Commissioner

County Attorney, Frank Childs, was present.

Chairman Hawkins called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
(Chairman Hawkins exercises his voting rights in the case of a tie.)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Leila Brittain, Clerk of the Board / Human Resource Director, had a request from Marguerite Simpson to be postponed for the first Tuesday, April 1, 2008, meeting due to inclement weather. Michael D. Underwood, County Administrator, requested to add the CHIP Grant for Haddock as Department Head number two. Frank Childs, County Attorney, requested to add Litigation to the Executive Session. Comm. Liston made a motion to approve the agenda with the amendments as noted. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.

Gary Thomas, Pastor of Elam Baptist Church, opened the meeting with an invocation followed by the leading of the pledge.

PLANNING AND ZONING:

Item A: Tim Pitrowski, Director of Planning and Zoning, discussed a request from the Jones County Board of Commissioners to create section 74.21 (31) to read, “All permitted uses within an M-1 (Wholesale and Light Industrial District).” This will create a new section of the county’s zoning ordinance that will allow all permitted uses in commercial and

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light industrial areas to also be legal in areas zoned for heavy industrial. Comm. Childs made a motion to create section 74.21 (31) to read, “All permitted uses within an M-1 (Wholesale and Light Industrial District).” Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. See attachments for specifications.

Item B: Tim Pitrowski discussed a request from Jerry C. Carpenter to rezone from M-1 (Wholesale and Light Industrial) to R-R (Rural Residential). The property is located on River Road and is approximately 2.0 acres. Comm. Childs made a motion to approve Jerry C. Carpenter’s request to rezone his property located on River Road from M-1 to R-R. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. See attachments for specifications.

Leila Brittain, Clerk of the Board / Human Resource Director, left the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Gault read a request from Leila Brittain to amend the third Tuesday February 19, 2008, minutes; Ms. Brittain had left the room. The minutes should reflect under Department Head number one the following: the Haddock Revitalization Committee requested *four* 36-gallon trash cans for Haddock. Ms. Webb gave the board a price of \$600 per trash can; a total of \$2,653.88, which *includes freight*. Comm. Gault made a motion to approve the minutes from the third Tuesday Meeting February 19, 2008 with the amendment as noted. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. See attachments for specifications.

Leila Brittain returned to the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

VISITORS:

1. Meredith Lipson, with Mauldin and Jenkins, discussed the audit for fiscal year 2007, and presented the Board with an audit agenda. The Board had several questions that were discussed. Ms. Lipson gave a brief overview of the 2007, financial statements. See attachments for specifications.
2. Lynmarie Storey, a resident of Riverbend Drive, presented the Board a handout and discussed water issues in her area in detail. Ms. Storey formally requested the Jones County Water Department to provide water service for the residents on Riverbend Drive. No action was taken at this time.
3. Marguerite Simpson was on the agenda to discuss Skinner Road improvements. This was postponed for the first Tuesday meeting, April 1, 2008.

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4. Jimmy Griffin and Matt McCarter with the Jones County National League requested the Board's assistance with funding for new batting nets and repairs to the recreation board room located at the Highway 18 Complex. The eaves of the building need to be enclosed, moisture problems resolved, and a window air conditioner needs to be installed for emergencies when children get overheated during games. Mr. Griffin discussed safety issues with the batting nets. Comm. Merritt made a motion to approve up to \$5,000 on batting nets and building repairs to be funded by the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. Bobby Wood, Parks and Recreation Director, discussed severe drainage problems behind the large baseball field at the Highway 18 Complex. Consensus of the Board was for Bobby Waldrop, Public Works Director, to look at fixing the drainage problem.
5. Earlene Hamilton gave the Board a handout and requested for the Board to allocate \$250,000 from the next Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax for the historic tannery in Clinton. The proceeds will be used to pay to preserve the historic tannery and make it accessible for educational purposes and tourism. Comm. Gault made a motion to incorporate into the next Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax \$250,000 of funding for the historic tannery in Clinton. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. See attachments for specifications

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Leila Brittain, Clerk of the Board / Human Resource Director, proposed having a new sound system installed in the Charlotte C. Wilson Conference Room. Ms. Brittain said there is currently \$5,000 allocated in the budget for the sound system. Comm. Gault made a motion to proceed with updating the sound system in the Charlotte C. Wilson Conference Room to include a portable sound system not to exceed \$5,000. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.
2. The Board discussed the letter of thanks addressed to Mr. DiPaolo, a teacher at Jones County High School, and his students which thanked them for the construction of the gazebo at the community park on Upper River Road. The letter was approved by consensus of the Board. See attachments for specifications.
3. Michael D. Underwood discussed the bids for the irrigation system at the ball fields. The bid specifications were advertised incorrectly and will need to be resubmitted for advertisement with the correct specifications. Mr. Underwood recommended advertising for bids in June due to baseball season. Consensus of the Board was to postpone the irrigation system for the ball fields until June 2008. See attachments for specifications.
4. Comm. Childs discussed the need to purchase a pick up truck for Laten Boniol, Assistant Public Works Director; funded by the \$200,000 that was

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allocated from the Special Purpose Local Option Sales for public works equipment. Bobby Waldrop, Public Works Director, gave the Board a copy of the proposal from Electric City Ford in the amount of \$17,850. Comm. Childs made a motion to approve the purchase of a pick up truck for the Assistant Public Works Director with the specifications presented by Bobby Waldrop in the amount of \$17,850, to be funded from the \$200,000 that was allocated in the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax for public works equipment. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. See attachments for specifications.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

1. Leila Brittain, Clerk of the Board / Human Resource Director, discussed the need for a cooling system for the computer room. The temperature needs to be lowered at least twenty-two degrees. Ms. Brittain received a quote from Shubert's Heating and Air to install a Rheem two ton air cooling system. Comm. Gault and Comm. Childs discussed other options. Comm. Childs made a motion to approve the purchase of a cooling system for the computer room and to obtain two prices. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. See attachments for specifications.
2. Michael D. Underwood, County Administrator, discussed a request from Sherry Kurtz, Administrator of the Community Home Improvement Program for Haddock. Ms. Kurtz has requested for the Board to approve expanding the area for the Community Home Improvement Program to all the unincorporated areas of Jones County. The Board will need to hold a Public Hearing to introduce the changes. Ms. Kurtz will prepare a request for the Chairman to sign and submit the changes to the Department of Community Affairs. Comm. Gault made a motion to proceed with the changes to the Community Home Improvement Program, to extend the program to all the unincorporated areas of Jones County. Comm. Childs seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Comm. Gault: Comm. Gault discussed complaints with customer service at the Water Department. Citizens in Haddock are paying their water bills and service is being disconnected. The citizens are not as upset about the error in their service as they are the treatment they are receiving from the customer service department. Michael D. Underwood will research the problem.

Comm. Childs: Comm. Childs requested the Board's approval to allocate the \$150,000 of funding for satellite recreation in his district at this time in the 2004 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax to build trails, buy fencing, and buy playground equipment for the community park on Upper River Road. The funds

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were allocated at a later date. Since funds are available now, the request was to move forward with the project at this time. Comm. Childs made a motion to approve \$150,000 in 2004 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax funds to build trails, buy fencing, and buy playground equipment for the new park on Upper River Road. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. Comm. Childs proposed rezoning from R-R to R-1 on Highway 18, from the school area down to Riverbend Road to promote growth for water services. Comm. Childs discussed the quote for repairs on the roof of the Old Bradley School; the quote was for \$12,500. Comm. Childs proposed having the Old Bradley roof sprayed with a membrane type roof to stop the leakage in the troubled areas. Comm. Liston and Comm. Merritt dually agree that the county needs to go by the contract. Frank Childs, County Attorney, said the county could renegotiate the contract to increase the rent.

Comm. Merritt: Comm. Merritt thanked everyone for coming to Fitzgerald for his mother's funeral.

Comm. Liston: Comm. Liston discussed the upcoming Thursday night forum with Macon Mayor Robert Reichert on annexation with the Board at length.

Comm. Childs: Comm. Childs asked the Board for clarification on purchasing the playground equipment for the community park on Upper River Road. Consensus of the Board was to bid out for anything over \$18,000. Purchasing all of the equipment at one time may reduce the cost when buying in quantity.

ADJOURNMENT:

Comm. Liston made a motion to adjourn into executive session to discuss Land Acquisition, Personnel and Litigation. Comm. Childs seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

RECONVENED:

The meeting reconvened at 9:05 p.m.

Comm. Childs made a motion to amend the budget to adjust the following two salaries requested: Operator at the Water Department to start at \$11.00 per hour and the Operator at Public Works to start at \$10.03 per hour with an increase of fifty cents per hour after the six-month probationary period is completed satisfactorily. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

Comm. Liston made a motion to adjourn. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

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APPROVED

Jones County Board of Commissioners

Preston Hawkins, Chairman

David C. Gault, Vice-Chairman, District 2

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Leila Brittain, Clerk of the Board