

THIRD TUESDAY MEETING

March 18, 2008

The Jones County Board of Commissioners met for their Third Tuesday meeting at 6:30 p.m. March 18, 2008, 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.

Chairman Hawkins called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.
(Chairman Hawkins exercises his voting rights in the case of a tie.)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Michael D. Underwood, County Administrator, requested to amend the agenda to include NB #2 Acceptance of the roads in Trotter's Ridge Subdivision and OB #4 New Accessory Building Standards. Comm. Childs requested to amend the agenda to add advertise for playground equipment for the community park on Upper River Road. Comm. Gault made a motion to approve the agenda with the amendments as noted. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.

Berry Collins, Minister of Music at First Baptist Church, opened with volunteer prayer. Judy Livingston, 4-H Program Assistant for Jones County, and the Senior 4-H'ers who won their District Project Achievement followed by the leading of the pledge.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Chairman Hawkins introduced the High School Senior 4-H participants as follows: Alexandra Pettigrew, Clayton Smith and Maggie Williams. Chairman Hawkins presented each of the High School Senior 4-H participants a certificate

of achievement in recognition of the 4-H District Project Achievement. See attachments for specifications.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Childs asked Michael D. Underwood about the water account issues that were addressed in the first Tuesday, March 4, 2008 meeting. Mr. Underwood said after a review of the situations reported, he found that two of the three individuals mentioned were at least two months in arrears prior to cutoff; the third was never cutoff. Mr. Underwood said treatment of the customers was addressed to personnel within the water department expressing the need for acts of professionalism during the performance of their duties. Comm. Childs made a motion to approve the minutes from the first Tuesday March 4, 2008, and the Call Meeting March 11, 2008 minutes. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approve the Chairman and County Attorney to sign – A County Rights-of-Way Agreement for DOT Projects as follows:
 - a. PR978 – Improvements of 1.399 Miles of Six Streets in Haddock.
 - b. PR738 – Grading and Draining on Homer Roberts Road.
 - c. PR739 – Base and Paving on Homer Roberts Road.
2. Approval of recreation policies as follows:
 - a. Jones County American League Baseball – South Complex.
 - b. Jones County National League Baseball – Central Complex
 - c. Jones County Midget Football
 - d. Jones County Youth Basketball

Comm. Gault made a motion to approve the county rights-of-way agreements for the Department of Transportation projects as noted and to postpone the recreation policies for the first Tuesday meeting, April 1, 2008. Comm. Childs seconded the motion. Comm. Childs requested that Michael D. Underwood and Bobby Wood make sure that the county’s smoking policy at the ball fields be incorporated into these policies. Vote – unanimous. See attachments for specifications.

VISITORS:

1. Pastor Ernestine Sherard was on the agenda but not present.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Board discussed a request from Jignesh Patel for a billiard license. Comm. Liston made a motion to approve Jignesh Patel's request for a billiard license. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. See attachments for specifications.
2. Tim Pitrowski, Planning and Zoning Director, discussed the roads in Trotter's Ridge Subdivision and the developer's bond expires March 20, 2008. The roads are ready to be accepted by the county; one area of the sidewalk is not completed and the developer will be required to post a bond for this section. Comm. Gault made a motion to accept the roads in Trotter's Ridge Subdivision with the stipulation the developer posts a bond for the incomplete sidewalk. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.
3. Comm. Childs discussed the need to advertise for playground equipment for the community park on Upper River Road. Consensus of the Board was to advertise for playground equipment for the community park on Upper River Road on March 27, 2008 and have a Call Meeting on April 3, 2008 to award the bid.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Allan Green, Director of EMA, gave the Board a rough draft of the Debris Management Plan for Jones County. Mr. Green and Bobby Coulter, discussed FEMA's pilot project for debris removal after a disaster. The Board also discussed in detail the ambulance service in Jones County and the recent vote at the Region V Board meeting. Comm. Gault requested to advertise for the paving of the Haddock Fire Station parking lot to coincide with the Local Assistance Road Paving projects (LARP) to obtain a better price through purchasing a larger quantity. Comm. Gault made a motion advertise for bids for the Haddock Fire Station parking lot to coincide with LARP. Comm. Merritt seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. See attachments for specifications.
2. Comm. Gault discussed obtaining Commercial Drivers' Licenses for county employees. Comm. Gault made a motion to allow any county employees that need to take the written portion of the Commercial Drivers' License test to do so and they be allowed one hour of time off from the county and must use one hour of their time for CDL classes. Comm. Childs and Comm. Merritt dually seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.

3. Michael D. Underwood, County Administrator, discussed the increase in commissioner salaries. Georgia Law states that under the Home Rule Procedure Commissioners can increase their compensation by adopting the new compensation rate prior to the next qualifying period which is April 28 through May 2, 2008. Prior to this adoption a notice must be placed in the local paper specifying the fiscal impact of the compensation increase and must be advertised in the legal organ for three consecutive weeks. Advertisements were placed in the February 21, 28th and March 6th editions of the Jones County News. After the motion to adopt, a second and a majority vote, the new compensation increase would not become effective until January 1, 2009. Comm. Childs made a motion to approve the increase in commissioners' salaries through the Home Rule requirements. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote 3-1. Comm. Liston opposed.
4. Tim Pitrowski, Planning and Zoning Director, gave the Board a handout and discussed the proposed amendments concerning the implementation of design guidelines for accessory buildings. Consensus of the Board was to postpone the amendment to accessory building standards for the April 1, 2008 meeting.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

1. Michael D. Underwood, County Administrator, discussed the following:
 - a. Sheriff Butch Reese during the budget process had asked for one full time and two part time positions for security at the courthouse. He has requested for the two part time positions be converted to a full time position. This will lead to stability and a greater degree of security by having the same two people providing security. The sheriff is able to accomplish this and remain within the budget. Comm. Merritt made a motion to approve combining the two part time positions in the Sheriff's Department for security at the courthouse to one full time position. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.
 - b. Terra Burney, President of the Home Owners' Association for Hampton Lakes, requested the Board's assistance with power bills for two lift stations in Hampton Lakes. Georgia Power Company will be cutting off power to the two lift stations within Hampton Lakes located on Cole Drive and Haley Street. Jones County is able to take over payment of these two bills without interrupted electric service. Interruption of service is of the utmost importance to avoid a possible sewer spill. Michael D. Underwood said from the point that Jones begins payment of these two bills; the county would not

be responsible for the prior unpaid balance. The average bills are \$65 for Cole Drive and \$140 for Haley Drive. To assure that no future construction is allowed until the lift stations are brought up to what is required; the water department must not allow any sewer hook ups within the Hampton Lakes area. Comm. Childs made a motion to stop issuing water and sewer permits for all of Hampton Lakes and take over the payment of the power bill for the Hampton Lakes lift stations (Cole Drive and Haley Street), with the stipulation the county is not liable for the unpaid prior balance, and that this will not obligate the county to take over the system, or to maintain the system. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.

- c. Clay Wiggins with the Sheriff’s Department received a request to establish an address for parcel #J02-00-14. This property is located near the intersection of Union Hill Church Road and an unnamed U.S. Forestry maintained road. In order to precede with the request the small portion of the road in question will have to be named. The road continues into Jones County from Putnam County, which is named Bradley Road in Putman County. Comm. Gault made a motion to name the U. S. Forestry maintained road, parcel J02-00-14, Bradley Road. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. The Board explained that the road will continue to be a Forestry maintained road; the county is not formally accepting it as a county road.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Comm. Childs: Comm. Childs had no comments.

Comm. Gault: Comm. Gault discussed the Haddock baseball field with Bobby Wood, Parks and Recreation Director. The field needs approximately 30 to 35 loads of dirt; the current dirt will not absorb water or grow grass. The cost of dirt is approximately \$7.00 per load. Consensus of the Board was for Laten Bonoil, Assistant Public Works Director, to apply dirt to the baseball field in Haddock. Comm. Gault said Fifth Road ditches are filled with dirt and need to be cleaned out.

Comm. Merritt: Comm. Merritt said he received a call concerning Royal Lane off of Lite-N-Tie, and requested for public works to check on the status of the road.

Comm. Liston: Comm. Liston said the Adult Literacy program on Highway 49 has 15 people enrolled at the present time. Comm. Liston said Chairman Hawkins and he attended the PLAN breakfast and they expressed their desire for the Board of Commissioners to attend the PLAN Retreat. The deadline for

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registration is March 28, 2008. Tim Pitrowski, Planning and Zoning Director, asked if the Planning Commission was invited. Consensus of the Board was to invite the Planning Commission and for Connie Mize, Chief Deputy Clerk, to assist Michael D. Underwood, County Administrator, with the reservations.

At this time Chairman Hawkins allowed comments from the audience. Ms. Watts a resident of 157 Old River Road discussed problems with her road and requested for it to be paved.

Freddie Wiggins, Water Superintendent, said the county did not receive any bids for the trailer on Curtis James Road. Consensus of the Board was to have the trailer on Curtis James Road removed. Mr. Wiggins gave the Board a handout and requested guidance with the color and logo for the water tank on Curtis James Road. Comm. Gault made a motion to for the paint color of the new tank to be Tank White with the logo “Jones County Water System” to be on the tanks. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. Mr. Wiggins discussed the 2005 Ordinance requiring all new meters to be radio ready and requested the Board’s approval to purchase 500 new water meters at \$175 per meter. The board discussed various terms, one of them being a lease purchase of \$9,000 per month at 4.25% interest. Comm. Gault made a motion to allow our water superintendent to advertise for bids for new water meters with the stipulation the new meters are a lease purchase for one year. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. See attachments for specifications.

Comm. Childs stated that we need the supporters of impact fees to attend the next Public Hearing for impact fees.

ADJOURNMENT:

Comm. Merritt made a motion to adjourn. Comm. Childs seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

APPROVED

Jones County Board of Commissioners

Preston Hawkins, Chairman

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David C. Gault, Vice-Chairman, District 2

Larry Childs, District 1 Commissioner

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Bert Liston, District 4 Commissioner

Leila Brittain, Clerk of the Board