

PLANNING AND ZONING
FIRST TUESDAY MEETING

June 3, 2008

The Jones County Board of Commissioners met for Planning and Zoning and First Tuesday meeting at 6:00 p.m. June 3, 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 3 Commissioner
Bert Liston – District 4 Commissioner

County Attorney, Frank Childs, was present.

Chairman Hawkins called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
(Chairman Hawkins exercises his voting rights in the case of a tie.)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Michael D. Underwood, County Administrator, requested to add retirement benefits under Department Heads. Comm. Childs requested additional time under Commissioner Comments. Comm. Gault made a motion to approve the agenda with the amendments as noted. Comm. Merritt seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.

Dr. Wayne Mosley, Pastor of Gray Methodist and Clinton Methodist Church, opened the meeting with an invocation followed by the leading of the pledge.

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Item B: Tim Pitrowski, Planning and Zoning Director, discussed a request from Pitts Chapel United Methodist Church for a conditional use allow an addition to the existing church. The property is located at 132 Pitts Chapel Road. Comm. Merritt made a motion to approve Pitts Chapel United Methodist Church's request for a conditional use to allow an addition to the existing church. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. See attachments for specifications.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Merritt made a motion to approve the minutes from the Third Tuesday Meeting May 20, 2008. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. See attachments for specifications.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. ACCG Resolution and Power of Attorney for ACCG. All jurisdictions that have adopted the ACCG Defined Benefit Program for retirement prior to 2008 must adopt new plan documents to amend the program prior to 2009. The IRS is accepting filings for determination letters for those restated governmental plans. The Power of Attorney to ACCG is to allow their attorney to handle the filings and determinations with the IRS. Once we file with the IRS, the IRS will determine whether our amended Plan complies with all new federal laws passed since 2002.

Comm. Childs made motion to approve the consent agenda item as noted. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. See attachments for specifications.

VISITORS:

1. Pat Daniels represented Better Home Town and thanked the Board for their support. Better Home Town is having their fifth annual Day Lily Festival on June 6 and 7, 2008. Ms. Daniels presented the Board a handout and requested for Board members to attend the opening ceremony at 9:15 a.m. on Saturday June 7, 2008 to be recognized.
2. Troy Coon was not present at this time.
3. Tom Massengale with the Haddock soft ball leagues requested the Board's permission to host a fund raiser for the leagues. Comm. Gault made a motion to approve Tom Massengale and his assistants to sell refreshments to benefit Haddock Park softball leagues and to place a sign that no vendors are allowed on the premises without approval of the Jones County Board of Commissioners. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.
4. Sherri Bishop, a resident of 98 Parker Drive, requested for her water bill to be adjusted by removing the \$100 water meter tamper fee. Freddie Wiggins, Water Superintendent, said Ms. Bishop's water was cut off May 16, 2008 and at the time of cut off the meter read 580.280. On the following Monday the Water Department found Ms. Bishops water turned on, the curb stop broken and the meter read 581.60; Mr. Wiggins recommended charging a \$100 water meter tamper fee. Comm. Childs made a motion to charge

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Sherrri Bishop a \$100 water meter tamper fee as recommended by the Water Superintendent. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.

At this time Troy Coon was present.

2. Troy Coon owns property off of Highway 18 East on Childs Road. Mr. Coon requested the Board's permission to pave from Highway 18 East to his driveway; approximately 200 feet. Consensus of the Board was for Bobby Waldrop, Public Works Director and Laten Boniol, Assistant Public Works Director, to obtain an estimate on cost to pave approximately 200 feet of Childs Road; the county will be responsible for hiring a contractor and will grade the road and Mr. Coon will pay for paving. Mr. Coon will obtain the rights of way. Mr. Coon requested that the county notify him of the costs estimate before hiring a contractor.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Leila Brittain, Clerk of the Board / Human Resource Director, discussed the location of the Government Building sign. Comm. Childs made a motion to approve the location of the Government Building sign as recommended by Leila Brittain, Clerk of the Board / Human Resource Director, contingent on Chairman Hawkins approving the sight distance on Industrial Boulevard. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.
2. The Board discussed the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax allocation to the City of Gray. Comm. Liston made a motion to approve 80.8% allocation of the SPLOST to Jones County and 19.2% allocation of the SPLOST to the City of Gray. Comm. Merritt seconded the motion. Vote 3-1. Comm. Childs opposed. Michael D. Underwood discussed the need for a Work Session and Call Meeting to allocate the spending of the SPLOST. Consensus of the Board was to schedule a Work Session on June 17, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. to discuss SPLOST.
3. Freddie Wiggins, Water Superintendent, discussed the Hampton Lakes lift station pumps not working on Memorial Day and asked the Board who was responsible for the repairs. Comm. Gault made a motion to authorize Frank Childs, County Attorney, to write a letter to Wendell Parker in reference to the motors he was supposed to correct at the Hampton Lakes lift station with prior approval of the Board. The letter should also inform Mr. Parker that the Macon Water Authority did not accept his plans and the Board does not feel that it is the Jones County Water Department's responsibility to repair the motors at our expense. The county will put a hold on Mr. Parker's tap on fees until the county receives a response from him. Comm. Childs and Comm. Liston dually seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. Comm. Childs made a motion to authorize Freddie Wiggins, Water Superintendent, to purchase a back up motor for the Hampton Lakes lift station. Comm.

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Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. Consensus of the Board was to place the Hampton Lakes Subdivision roads on the June 17, 2008 agenda.

4. Mark Roberts with Hudson Plantation said two years ago the subdivision was ready for the county to accept the roads. The Public Works Department marked the roads that needed repair and Mr. Roberts fixed the repairs. Since then heavy trucks have damaged the entrance to Hudson Plantation and the Board had not accepted the roads to date. Frank Childs, County Attorney, suggested for public works and Mr. Roberts to look at the repairs needed for the county to accept the Hudson Plantation roads. Comm. Childs made a motion not to accept the Hudson Plantation roads until the repairs are made. Motion died for lack of a second. Consensus of the Board was for Comm. Childs, Wendell Cannon, Road Inspector, Bobby Waldrop, Public Works Director, Laten Boniol, Assistant Public Works Director and Mark Roberts to look at the repairs needed for the county to accept the Hudson Plantation roads and place the approval of Hudson Plantation roads on the June 17, 2008 agenda.
5. Mark Roberts was included with item four above.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

1. Freddie Wiggins, Water Superintendent, said on May 16, 2008, well #7 went out at Henderson Road. Mr. Wiggins had a video survey of the well and the column pipe is laying against the screen and the vibration has caused an indentation in the column pipe. Mr. Wiggins said the well looked good but suggested installing a five inch pipe rather than continuing with the six inch pipe. The cost for repairs to well #7 is \$19,763. Comm. Liston made a motion to approve spending \$19,763 to repair Well #7 on Henderson Road. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. Comm. Gault had met with a commissioner from Baldwin County and he would like to meet with the Jones County Board of Commissioners. Comm. Gault would like for Baldwin County, Putman County and Jones County to apply for a Regional Emergency Grant for the contaminated wells on Hitchcock Road to assist with the water line installment. Also, Freddie Wiggins said one of his employees got over heated and he has instructed his employees to take breaks during the hot weather.
2. Michael D. Underwood, County Administrator, discussed his concerns with insurance benefits being offered to retirees without approval from the Board. Mr. Underwood said this would be an accounting nightmare. He stated his concerns of the financial burden the benefit will have on the county especially with the number of employees growing. Ms. Brittain explained that there is a limit of 10% of the insured group being retirees. There was also concern for the increased workload requiring another part time employee to track the benefit. Ms. Brittain explained that currently, less

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than a part time employee handles insurance for the 300 plus employees and 174 full time insured. With a limit of 10%, at the current numbers, we wouldn't have more than 17.4 retirees and it shouldn't require an additional person to track retirees. Underwood's main question was whether this policy was ever adopted by the Board. He had researched the minutes and couldn't find the adoption of a policy. He had asked several employees about the policy and no one remembered having seen information on it. Comm. Gault said the Board accepted this policy when they adopted the Employee Handbook. Since the question was raised as to whether Ms. Brittain had discussed the policy with any commissioners or employees, Mrs. Mize stated that the meetings had been recorded. Ms. Brittain explained that she had given out several memos that explained the changes to the handbook. Chairman Hawkins instructed Mrs. Mize to locate the recording and for she, Mr. Underwood and Ms. Brittain to listen to them.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Comm. Childs: Comm. Childs requested for the Board to approve the purchase of Excel 2007 software for his home computer to allow him to perform county business. Comm. Gault made a motion to allow the purchase of Excel 2007 for Comm. Childs to perform county business. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.

Comm. Gault: Comm. Gault saved his comments for the executive session.

Comm. Merritt: Comm. Merritt requested a survey to be obtained on Bethlehem Church Road. Comm. Merritt made a motion to obtain a survey of Bethlehem Church Road. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.

Comm. Liston: Comm. Liston thanked Freddie Wiggins, Water Superintendent, and all of his employees for the work they perform.

ADJOURNMENT:

Comm. Liston made a motion to adjourn into an executive session to discuss personnel. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

RECONVENED:

Comm. Childs made a motion to reconvene the regular meeting. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. The meeting reconvened at 7:40 p.m. Comm. Gault made a motion to set the entry pay for the Public Works Secretary / Dispatcher / Recycling Supervisor, at \$12 per hour and potentially increase 50 cents per hour after six months, the Public Works Supply Clerk / Brenda Mercer

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will stay at her current salary as a lateral move, and set the entry pay for the EMA Secretary, at \$9.50 per hour and potentially increase 50 cents per hour after six months. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

Comm. Liston made a motion to adjourn. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 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 Brittain, Clerk of the Board