

PLANNING AND ZONING  
FIRST TUESDAY MEETING

July 1, 2008

The Jones County Board of Commissioners met for Planning and Zoning / First Tuesday meeting at 6:00 p.m. July 1, 2008, in the Charlotte C. Wilson Conference Room at the Jones County Government. Members present were:

Preston Hawkins - Chairman  
Larry Childs – District 1 Commissioner  
Mell Merritt – District 3 Commissioner  
Bert Liston – District 4 Commissioner

David C. Gault- Vice-Chairman was not present.  
Frank Childs, County Attorney, was not present.

Chairman Hawkins called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.  
(Chairman Hawkins exercises his voting rights in the case of a tie.)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Comm. Childs requested to add an executive session to discuss personnel. Leila Brittain, Clerk of the Board / Human Resource Director, requested to adopt a resolution for E911 fees as NB #5. Chairman Hawkins requested to advertise for bids for a roll off truck as NB #6 and chip seal New Salem Church / Miller Road and R.L. Wheeler Road as NB#7. Comm. Liston made a motion to approve the agenda with the amendments as noted. Comm. Merritt seconded the motion. Vote 3-0. Comm. Gault was not present.

James Paul with Plentitude Baptist Church opened the meeting with an invocation followed by the leading of the pledge.

**PLANNING AND ZONING:**

Item A: Tim Pitrowski, Planning and Zoning Director, discussed a request from William L. and Beth Brown for a conditional use to allow a second home on property located at the end of Gray Road. The property is zoned AG-1 (Agricultural) and is approximately 5.0 acres. No

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opposition was present. Comm. Childs made a motion to approve William L. & Beth H. Brown's request for a conditional use to allow a second home. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote 3-0. See attachments for specifications.

Item B: Tim Pitrowski discussed a request from Lark Haskins to rezone from C-2 (General Commercial) to M-1 (Wholesale and Light Industrial) with a conditional use to allow an above ground fuel storage tank. The property located on Garrison Road, parcel size is approximately 10 acres. The Planning and Zoning Board recommended denial because no one was present for discussion. Mr. Haskins said the storage tank will be a 4,000 gallon above ground unit. No opposition was present. Comm. Merritt made a motion to approve Lark Haskins' request to rezone from C-2 to M-1 with a conditional use to allow an above ground fuel storage tank on Garrison Road contingent on the EPD regulations and approval. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote 3-0. See attachments for specifications.

Item C: Tim Pitrowski discussed a request from Barbara V. Churchwell to rezone a 10,000 square foot area from C-2 (General Commercial) to R-R (Rural Residential) to allow a single-family dwelling. The property is located at 1803 Highway 49, and approximately 7.40 acres. No opposition was present. Comm. Merritt made a motion to approve Barbara V. Churchwell's request to rezone a 10,000 square foot area from C-2 to R-R to allow a single-family dwelling. Comm. Childs seconded the motion. Vote 3-0. See attachments for specifications. Commissioner Childs reminded the Board that he had requested before and would like to suggest again that lots of this nature need to be subdivided for tax purposes. Currently we allow one lot to have two separate zonings which appraise differently and have an effect on the tax digest.

Chairman Hawkins asked Tim Pitrowski for the status of Hampton Lakes. Mr. Pitrowski said he has not had a response from the contractor at this time but will check on the status of the request.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Comm. Childs made a motion to approve the minutes from the third Tuesday June 17, 2008, meeting. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote 3-0. Consensus of the Board was to postpone the minutes from the executive session.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. The Board discussed a request from Tabatha Taylor for a Beer and Wine License. No opposition was present. Comm. Liston made a motion to approve Tabatha Taylor's request for a Beer and Wine License. Comm. Merritt seconded the motion. Vote 3-0. See attachments for specifications.

At this time Chairman Hawkins tabled NB #2 until Laten Boniol, Assistant Public Works Director, was present for discussion. Chairman Hawkins tabled NB #3 until Bobby Wood, Parks and Recreation Director, was present for discussion.

4. Comm. Childs proposed charging rental fees for the picnic area and gazebo area at Liberty Park to assist on utility bills. Comm. Liston was opposed to charging a fee. Consensus of the Board was to postpone charging rental fees for parks.

Tim Pitrowski and Lark Haskins approached the Board to clarify the specifications of the above ground fuel storage tank. Mr. Haskins apologized and informed the Board that after making phone calls, he realized that he had misspoken about the size of the tank. He said the tank will be a 12,000 gallon above ground fuel tank not a 4,000 tank. The motion stands; contingent on EPD's approval.

2. Laten Boniol, Assistant Public Works Director, discussed the specifications of bids received for a lube and fuel truck. Mr. Boniol recommended the 2003 International 4300 for \$39,750. Comm. Childs made a motion to award the bid for a 2003 International 4300 to Purser Truck Sales, Inc. for \$39,750. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote 3-0. See attachments for specifications.
3. Bobby Wood, Parks and Recreation Director, discussed the bids for construction of an irrigation system at the Central and South Recreation ball fields. Mr. Wood recommended awarding the bid to Paul's Irrigation for \$21,812.61; this was the lowest bid. Comm. Merritt made a motion to award the bid for construction of an irrigation system at the Central and South Recreation Ball Fields to Paul's Irrigation for \$21,812.61. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote 3-0. See attachments for specifications.
5. Leila Brittain, Clerk of the Board / Human Resource Director, discussed a request from the Sheriff's Department for approval of a resolution to increase wireless E911 charges from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per month. Comm. Childs made a motion to approve the resolution to increase the wireless E911 charges from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per month. Comm. Merritt seconded the motion. Vote 3-0. Ms. Brittain discussed questions that were raised about the E-911 fees on cell phones being paid to Macon/Bibb County and not to Jones County for residents in Jones County with Macon addresses. The state law requires land line service providers to give a list of Jones County residents with a Macon exchange to the Sheriff's department. They in turn process the list and are paid the E-911 fees collected. The state law doesn't require cell phone service providers to do the same; therefore those fees are

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not paid to Jones County. Ms. Brittain suggested starting with the local delegation since it is a state law that would need to be changed. Comm. Childs stated that Jones County is losing revenue and that it should be addressed. Ms. Brittain reminded the Board that general fund subsidizes the E-911 budget and any additional revenues up to the point of the subsidy that could be gained from the change in the law would reduce property taxes. See attachments for specifications.

6. Laten Boniol, Assistant Public Works Director, requested the Board's approval to advertise for bids for a roll off truck; the cost will be approximately \$95,000 to \$100,000. Mr. Boniol said two roll off trucks are currently down and discussed specifications for a new roll off truck. Comm. Childs made a motion to advertise for bids for a roll off truck as specified by Laten Boniol, Assistant Public Works Director. Comm. Merritt seconded the motion. Comm. Merritt then expressed his concerns with the money being spent for equipment and asked if there was money left in the budget for these expenses. He stated that he didn't want to be using the road paving money for Homer Roberts Road. Vote 3-0.
7. Laten Boniol discussed the need and cost of chip seal for New Salem Church / Miller Road and R. L. Wheeler Road. At the current time asphalt concrete is approximately \$72 a ton. Chip Seal preserves the asphalt for approximately 5-7 years. Comm. Childs made a motion to chip seal New Salem Church / Miller Road and R. L. Wheeler Road. Comm. Merritt seconded the motion. Comm. Merritt asked for further explanation on the chip seal process and what would be needed after the 5 to 7 years expired. He also expressed concerns with the maintenance expense of roads following the chip seal process. Vote 3-0.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

1. Bobby Wood, Parks and Recreation Director, thanked the Board for the Dooley Ford Truck. The Board approved the purchase at the June 17, 2008 meeting for the Recreation Department.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:**

**Comm. Childs:** Comm. Childs had no comments.

**Comm. Merritt:** Comm. Merritt had no comments

**Comm. Liston:** Comm. Liston requested air conditioning at the Highway 49 fire station for Election Day.

There were no comments from the audience.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Comm. Liston made a motion to adjourn into an executive session to discuss personnel. Comm. Merritt seconded the motion. Vote 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

**RECONVENED:**

Comm. Liston made a motion to reconvene the regular meeting. Comm. Merritt seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. The meeting reconvened at 7:39 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Comm. Childs made a motion to adjourn. Comm. Merritt seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

**APPROVED**

Jones County Board of Commissioners

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Leila Brittain, Clerk of the Board