

THIRD THURSDAY MEETING

July 17, 2008

The Jones County Board of Commissioners met for their Third Thursday meeting at 6:30 p.m. July 17, 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.

Leila Brittain, Clerk of the Board / Human Resource Director, was not present. Jill Thompson, Personnel Technician attended in her absence.

Chairman Hawkins called the meeting to order at 6:35 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 add himself to Department Heads. Comm. Childs and Comm. Gault requested to add an Executive Session to discuss Land Acquisition. Comm. Gault requested to add gun permits at recreational facilities as NB #5. Freddie Wiggins, Water Superintendent, requested to add himself to Department Heads to discuss water for Tammy Malone, Haddock grant, Hitchcock Road and Hampton Lakes lift stations. 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 with volunteer prayer followed by the leading of the pledge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Merritt made a motion to approve the first Tuesday July 1, 2008, minutes. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. See attachments for specifications.

VISITORS:

1. Evelyn Hill with the Adult Education Program presented the Board handouts and gave an update of the Jones County Adult Education Program. Ms. Hill said the county's adult education program had 178 students this past year and 57 successfully completed the program and earned their GED's. Ms. Hill requested continued support from the Jones County Board of Commissioners for \$20,000; this is the same amount as last year. Comm. Gault made a motion to approve the Central Georgia Technical College Adult Education Program request for \$20,000. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. See attachments for specifications.
2. Terry Smith was on the agenda but not present.
3. Ann Hatton was on the agenda but not present.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Donald Black presented the Board with information and discussed a request from JC PLAN Housing Committee to submit a grant application for a homeless count. In January 2009, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs will sponsor its second state count of homeless and precariously housed individuals and families. The count is part of an ongoing effort to create county level homeless information in Georgia. This year \$3,000 will be given to the county to help facilitate the counting process. Comm. Childs made a motion to approve the request from JC PLAN Housing Committee to submit a grant application for a homeless count on January 27, 2009. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. See attachments for specifications.
2. Chris Deming, Senior Project Manager for The Trust for Public Land requested for the Board to submit an application to the Georgia Land Conservation Program on their behalf. The Trust for Public Land is in the process of conserving a 900 acre tract of land in the Oconee National Forest. The project is supported by the Georgia Wildlife Federation, the Audubon Society and other important local and regional conservation

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organizations. The diverse groups view this effort as a means to protect the Cedar Creek Wildlife Management Area and the recreational opportunities it provides to the residents of Jones County and Georgia. The Trust for Public Land is working to secure up to \$3 million dollars through the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) for the eventual purchase of this property. Georgia Department of Natural Resources has recommended for TPL to consider the Georgia Land Conservation Program as a source of matching funds. The Georgia Land Conservation Program requires applications to be submitted by a local government agency. TPL would remain responsible for completing all paperwork and due diligence items associated with the application process. Comm. Gault made a motion to submit the Land Conservation Program Application on behalf of The Trust for Public Land. The Trust for Public Land will be responsible for completing all paperwork and due diligence items associated with the application process. Comm. Childs seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. See attachments for specifications.

3. Bobby Waldrop, Public Works Director, discussed bids for a new roll off truck. Mr. Waldrop recommended awarding the bid to Nalley Motor Truck for a 2007 manual transmission Peterbilt for \$94,739. Comm. Childs made a motion to award the bid for a new roll off truck for public works to Nalley Motor Truck for \$94,739 as recommended by Bobby Waldrop. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote 3-1. Comm. Childs, Comm. Gault and Comm. Liston approved. Comm. Merritt opposed.
4. Allan Green, EMA Director, discussed bids for a F550 truck 4x4 cab chassis without a body for EMA. Mr. Green recommended awarding the low bid to Riverside Ford for \$32,192. Comm. Childs made a motion to award the bid for a F550 Truck 4x4 Cab Chassis without body for EMA to Riverside Ford for \$32,192. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.
5. Comm. Gault discussed his concerns with citizens having guns at the recreation complexes. Comm. Gault said a policy needs to be established allowing only officers in uniform to carry guns at the recreation complexes. Comm. Gault made a motion to authorize Frank Childs, County Attorney, to obtain information on laws concerning gun permits for recreational facilities. Comm. Childs seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

1. Michael D. Underwood, County Administrator, reported to the commissioners that Paul's Irrigation, the low bidder on the sprinkler

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system for the Central and South ball fields had not responded that time is a factor in completing the job before July 31, 2008. Mr. Underwood asked that a motion be made to rescind the bid awarded to Paul's irrigation made on July 1, 2008. Mr. Underwood then requested the bid to be awarded to the second lower bidder; Outdoor Escapes Inc. for the amount of \$32,500. Comm. Liston made a motion to rescind the bid awarded to Paul's Irrigation for \$21,812.61 for an irrigation system at the Central and South Recreation Ball Fields; and award the bid to Outdoor Escapes for \$32,500. Comm. Merritt seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. Mr. Underwood stated that Governor Purdue had established a program for Georgia that establishes communities as a Georgia Certified Work Ready Community. The Jones County Chamber of Commerce has started the process of obtaining that certification but it requires testing of different segments of the population. The Government sector of the population was one that needed to be tested and 31 individuals had to volunteer. Mr. Underwood informed the commissioners that he would ask volunteers to take the four-hour test. The testing will be in the morning or in the afternoon during the latter part of July or in the beginning of August at the Chamber. The volunteers will be paid as if on duty. Mr. Underwood informed the commissioners that the budget meetings would begin on Monday and Tuesday, July 21 and 22, 2008, at 5 p.m.

2. Freddie Wiggins, Water Superintendent, and Tammie Malone a resident of 1053 Highway 49, requested the Board's assistance to provide water to her residence. Ms. Malone said when the rock quarry blasts, she looses water. Frank Childs, County Attorney, said since this is a private well the county cannot financially assist Ms. Malone in her request. Freddie Wiggins, Comm. Merritt and Comm. Gault will meet with Cliff McKeever at Martin Marietta to negotiate running water line to the quarry and Pitts Chapel Road. Mr. Wiggins discussed Hitchcock Road and gave the Board an estimate of expenses. See attachments for specifications. Comm. Gault requested to submit the plans to Senator Grant to obtain funds to run water lines from Nelson Road to Hitchcock Road. Comm. Gault made a motion to submit the plans and the grant to Senator Grant to obtain funds to run water lines from Nelson Road to Hitchcock Road. Comm. Childs seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. Mr. Wiggins discussed the Hampton Lakes lift stations with the Board at length. Comm. Liston made a motion to authorize Frank Childs, County Attorney, to write a letter to Wendell Parker about the sewer / road problems at Hampton Lakes. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Comm. Childs: Comm. Childs had no comments

Comm. Gault: Comm. Gault thanked Laten Boniol, Recreation and the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in laying the sod in Haddock. Comm. Gault requested for public works to cut the grass on Old Milledgeville Road at the ball field and the possibility of a portable potty for the ball field.

Comm. Merritt: Comm. Merritt requested for the Board to revisit requiring a county business license.

Comm. Liston: Comm. Liston said that the Department of Transportation is looking into reducing the speed limit on Highway 49 at Mattie Wells School from 45 mph to 35 mph.

ADJOURNMENT:

Comm. Liston made a motion to adjourn into executive session to discuss Land Acquisition. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote - unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

RECONVENED:

Comm. Gault made a motion to reconvene the regular meeting. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. The meeting reconvened at 8:37 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Comm. Childs made a motion to adjourn. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 838 p.m.

APPROVED

Jones County Board of Commissioners

Preston Hawkins, Chairman

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