

THIRD TUESDAY MEETING

August 19, 2008

The Jones County Board of Commissioners met for their Third Tuesday meeting at 6:30 p.m. August 19, 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

Frank Childs, County Attorney, was present. Connie Mize, Chief Deputy Clerk, was not present. Jill Thompson, Personnel Technician, attended in her absence.

Chairman Hawkins called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. (Chairman Hawkins exercises his voting rights in the case of a tie.)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Freddie Wiggins, Water Superintendent, requested to add sand filter at River North and the price for the water line on Highway 49, under Department Heads. Comm. Childs and Comm. Gault will discuss their business under Comm. Comments. Comm. Gault made a motion to approve the agenda with the amendments as noted. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote- unanimous.

N. L. Bellury, Pastor of Lake Shore Community Church, was on the agenda to open with invocation but was not present. Laten Boniol, Public Works Director, opened the meeting with an invocation followed by the leading of the pledge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Comm. Merritt made a motion to approve the first Tuesday August 5, 2008, minutes and the August 8, 2008, Call Meeting minutes. Comm. Childs and Comm. Liston dually seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. See attachments for specifications.

VISITORS:

1. Earl Colvin, Director of the Jones County School System Facilities, requested permission to run water and sewer lines along county rights-of-way for a new elementary school. The school is scheduled to be constructed on Turnerwoods Road near its intersection with Morton Road. Mr. Colvin said the land for the new school is a 60 acre tract and requested permission to place an acceleration and deceleration lane on Morton Road and permission to obtain the easements to improve the road. Mr. Colvin said he anticipates the new school will open in August of 2010. Comm. Childs made a motion to grant the Board of Education permission to lay water and sewer lines on county rights-of-way on Turnerwoods Road and to allow acceleration and deceleration lanes on county rights-of-way at the new school. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.
2. Chris Parrish and Darrell Earwood, requested use of the county's ball fields and to sell concessions for a charity event on September 6, 2008. The fundraiser will help pay for the renovation of a home. The improvement will assist with the care of a child with cerebral palsy who had just spent 76 days in the hospital. Comm. Liston made a motion to approve the use of the Highway 49 Recreation Complex September 6, 2008 for a benefit tournament for Stephanie Parrish at a reduced rate. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. Comm. Liston made a donation; Comm. Childs offered his services as a contractor. Comm. Gault offered his assistance with the renovations at the home and Chairman Hawkins said the board could not give use of the field free of charge but the board members would divide the cost among themselves as a personal donation.
3. Curtis Barfield said he and his partner Bobby Russell would not be renewing their lease for the Bradley-Wayside Auction at the end of this year. The price of the lease for the old school in Bradley will increase due to the improvements the county made to the facility. Comm. Gault reminded the board that the county spent \$20,000 for a new roof for the building and suggested charging \$750 a month. No action was taken at this time. See attachments for specifications. The county will review all information and have an answer by the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Leila Brittain, Clerk of the Board / Human Resource Director, discussed the Wellness Grant the county received this year. Ms. Brittain has not spent all of the funds from the grant this year and requested the board's

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permission to roll the remainder of the funds not spent at the end of the year into the 2009 budget. Consensus of the board was to put funds not spent at the end of the year in the 2009 budget.

2. Leila Brittain discussed voluntary insurance benefits with the board. An insurance agent has offered Aflac Insurance to the county for county employees and the employees would have to pay 100% of the cost. Consensus of the Board was for Leila Brittain to send a memo to employees to see if anyone is interested in voluntary insurance.
3. Larry Beck, Safety Director, discussed the proposed amendment to the safety policy for the transportation of flammable liquids in unauthorized containers. Gault made a motion to adopt the amendment to the safety policy for the transportation of fuel in unauthorized containers. Comm. Childs seconded. Vote – unanimous. See attachments for specifications.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

1. Freddie Wiggins, Water Superintendent, discussed sand filter problems at the Masseyville Water Plant. The Masseyville Water Plant has not been used for approximately two months due to iron and magnesium problems. Mr. Wiggins proposed moving the system at River North to the Masseyville Water Plant and presented the board two quotes for repairs. Mr. Wiggins said it will cost approximately one million dollars to replace the filter with a new one or approximately \$33,000 to refurbish the one from River North. Comm. Childs made a motion to advertise for bids for the work at the water department as presented by Freddie Wiggins for one week. Comm. Liston seconded. Vote – unanimous. See attachments for specifications. Mr. Wiggins said he received a price for running the water line on Highway 49 from Cliff McEaver with Martin Marietta for \$96,540. The price includes materials, fire hydrants, boring under the rail road tracks; the price does not include labor.
2. Laten Boniol, Public Works Director, thanked the board for his promotion to Public Works Director. Comm. Gault asked if they have purchased air conditioners for the two motor graders. Mr. Boniol will obtain prices for the installation of air conditioners on the motor graders. Comm. Merritt asked about the progress on Luke Smith Road. Mr. Boniol said they patched the spot that failed and will continue to fix the places that fail. Mr. Boniol discussed the repairs fro R.L. Wheeler Road.
3. Michael D. Underwood, County Administrator, said he is waiting on the Department of Transportation notice to proceed with Homer Roberts Road. Comm. Gault asked Mr. Underwood when he was going to bid out for the grant in Haddock. Mr. Underwood said he has bid it out and

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working with the contractor to reduce the price. The price was 1.1 million and it has been reduced to \$741,000; this will require the county to help with the work.

4. Frank Childs, County Attorney, read the resolution for the Tax Assessors to the Department of Revenue. Leila Brittain, Clerk of the Board / Human Resource Director, will send the resolution to the Department of Revenue. See attachments for specifications.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Comm. Merritt: Comm. Merritt requested to install a four-way stop at Bateman Lane in the Pines Subdivision. Comm. Merritt has discussed it with Sheriff Reece and he is in favor of the four-way stop. Comm. Merritt made a motion to put a four-way stop on Bateman Lane in the Pines. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.

Comm. Liston: Comm. Liston said he attended the first fire station SPLOST meeting and the crowd was sparse. Comm. Liston said the firemen were excited about campaigning for the SPLOST.

Comm. Gault: Comm. Gault thanked Laten Boniol, Public Works Director, and Bobby Wood, Parks and Recreation Director, for the work at the Haddock ball field. Last weekend Haddock had a five team tournament with approximately 250 people attending.

Comm. Childs: Comm. Childs requested to set an opening date for Liberty Park. Woodsmen of the World have donated a flag and Comm. Childs would like to have the Color Guard present the flag at the ceremony. Consensus of the Board was to have the opening ceremony for Liberty Park on October 11, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. Comm. Childs discussed problems with a ditch on Plentitude Church Road.

Freddie Wiggins said the deadline for the grant for Hitchcock Road is next week.

ADJOURNMENT:

Comm. Liston made a motion to adjourn. Comm. Childs seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

APPROVED

Jones County Board of Commissioners

Preston Hawkins, Chairman

David C. Gault, Vice-Chairman, District 2

Larry Childs, District 1 Commissioner

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Leila Brittain, Clerk of the Board