

## THIRD TUESDAY MEETING

September 16, 2008

The Jones County Board of Commissioners met for their Third Tuesday meeting at 6:30 p.m. September 16, 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 and Connie Mize, Chief Deputy Clerk were not present. Jill Thompson, Personnel Technician, and Margie Tyson, Executive Assistant, attended in their place.

Michael D. Underwood, County Administrator was not present. He attended the Southeast Training Assessment for Work Force Development.

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:**

Freddie Wiggins, Water Superintendent, requested to amend the agenda to add discussion for water and sewer under Department Heads. Tim Pitrowski, Planning and Zoning Director, requested to add River Cliff Subdivision under Department Heads. Comm. Gault made a motion to approve the agenda with the amendments as noted. Comm. Merritt seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.

Danny Mundy, Pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, opened with volunteer prayer followed by the leading of the pledge.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Comm. Merritt made a motion to approve the minutes from the second Tuesday September 9, 2008, meeting. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. See attachments for specifications.

**VISITORS:**

1. Wayne Stevenson, President of Dixie Aeromasters, is currently under contract with Jones County for the use of the closed Overland Way Landfill for a model airplane club. Mr. Stevenson gave the Board an update on the improvements and requested the Board's approval to install an above ground sprinkler system and water meter at Overland Way at no cost to the county. Mr. Stevenson has received approval from the Environmental Protection Division and discussed installing a water meter with Freddie Wiggins, Water Superintendent. Comm. Merritt made a motion to approve the installation of an above ground sprinkler system and a water meter at Overland Way with the stipulations there is no cost to the county. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. Mr. Stevenson said Dixie Aeromasters said they have invested over \$20,000 in the property at Overland Way and requested for the Board to extend the term of their lease to a nine year lease; the current lease is from year to year. Frank Childs, County Attorney, said the county could not legally contract for more than four years to coincide with the new Board. Consensus of the Board was to postpone Wayne Stevenson's request to extend the lease at Overland Way until January when the new Board takes office.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. The Board discussed a request from Krunal K. Patel for a Beer and Wine License. Comm. Liston made a motion to approve the request from Krunal K. Patel for a beer and wine license for his business located at 2440 Shurling Drive. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. See attachments for specifications.
2. The Board discussed a request from the Sheriff's Department to advertise for bids for three Ford Crown Victoria's and three Dodge Chargers. Comm. Gault made a motion to approve the Sheriff Department's request to advertise for bids for three Ford Crown Victoria's and three Dodge Chargers and to include the equipment

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needed. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. See attachments for specifications.

3. The Board discussed the bids received for 2.6 miles of grading and drainage on Homer Roberts Road (CR1) beginning at SR11/22 and ending at Lite-N-Tie Road (CR290). Jack Colter, a resident of Homer Roberts Road, was in the audience and expressed his concerns with road being passable after a rain. Comm. Merritt made a motion to award the bid for 2.6 miles of grading and drainage on Homer Roberts Road (CR1) beginning at SR11/22 and ending at Lite-N-Tie Road (CR290) to Middle Georgia Road Builders for \$311,062. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. See attachments for specifications.
4. Freddie Wiggins, Water Superintendent, received one bid to remove the sand filter from River North and install it at the Masseyville Water Plant. Mr. Wiggins recommended the Board award the bid to Taylor Enterprises for \$33,679. Comm. Childs made a motion to award the bid to remove the sand filter from River North and install it at the Masseyville Water Plant to Taylor Enterprises for \$33,679. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. See attachments for specifications.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

1. Tim Pitrowski, Planning and Zoning Director, discussed the maintenance agreement for River Cliff Subdivision roads will end next month and Mr. Pitrowski said he anticipates he will recommend acceptance of the roads at that time. Mr. Pitrowski discussed his concern with the sidewalks not being completed. The developer has requested to post a bond until the completion of the sidewalks. Comm. Childs made a motion for the county to obtain two bids for River Cliff Subdivision sidewalks and to use the highest bid for the bond issued to the developer. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.
2. Freddie Wiggins, Water Superintendent, requested the Board's guidance on water and sewer bills being received after working hours on the due date. Comm. Childs made a motion to accept water bills received by 8:00 a.m. following a business and not to apply any late fees to those payments. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.
3. Laten Boniol, Public Works Director, announced John Lowe as the new Assistant Public Works Director; he has been with the county for approximately two weeks. Mr. Boniol said that Bennie Edwards, Tire Technician with Public Works, passed away yesterday. Mr. Edwards's visitation will be on September 18, 2008, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Collins Funeral Home and the funeral will be at Mount Salem Baptist

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Church on September 19, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Edwards was employed with the county for approximately thirty years. Mr. Boniol discussed a water main leaking at Crestview Subdivision; it has been leaking for a week. Mr. Boniol discussed his concerns with the road bed deteriorating due to the water leak and he considers this an emergency. Mr. Boniol is working with Decius Aaron with the City of Gray to fix the problem. Comm. Gault said the public works employees need to be ready for their CDL test in approximately three to four weeks.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:**

**Comm. Gault:** Comm. Gault thanked Laten Boniol, Public Works Director, for his crew's work in Haddock. The crew has been removing trees and preparing for the Block Grant project.

**Comm. Merritt:** Comm. Merritt asked for the status of the Hitchcock Road water. Comm. Gault said he has been in touch with Russell Brett with the Governors office. Comm. Gault has also been working with Freddie Wiggins, Water Superintendent. Comm. Gault needs to obtain a copy of the drawings, audit and grant proposal and take it to Mr. Brett and he will try to obtain emergency funding for Hitchcock water.

**Comm. Liston:** Comm. Liston asked about the status of Hampton Lakes. Frank Childs, County Attorney, said they canceled the meeting and will tentatively reschedule a meeting in the middle of October. Comm. Liston asked when the property for the fire station on Highway 49 would be cleared. Laten Boniol said he plans to begin to clear the property on Highway 49 next week. Comm. Liston said they are having a going away party for Pam Christopher, Development Authority Executive Director, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Thursday September 18, 2008 at La Fiesta.

**Comm. Childs:** Comm. Childs discussed a request from citizens to remove the hill between the store and River Bend Road. Consensus of the Board was for Comm. Childs to proceed with the preparation to remove the hill located on River Bend Road.

At this time Chairman Hawkins asked for comments from the audience.

Terry Duckworth discussed his concerns with Fifth Road. Chairman Hawkins said public works has plans to stock pile dirt from Plum Creek to repair Fifth Road and will work on the road repairs as time permits. Mrs. Duckworth discussed the rights-of-way.

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Comm. Childs made a motion to amend his motion to accept water bills received by 8:00 a.m. following a business and not to apply any late fees to those payments to be effective September 16, 2008. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Comm. Gault made a motion to adjourn into an executive session to discuss personnel. Comm. Childs seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

**RECONVENED:**

Comm. Gault made a motion to reconvene the regular meeting. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. The meeting reconvened at 8:05 p.m.

Comm. Childs made a motion to increase salaries of the following Water Department employees: Jeffrey Pehlke and Tracy Ross by fifty cents per hour, Henry O’Neal and Freddie Wiggins an increase of \$1.00 per hour to be effective next pay period. Comm. Liston seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Comm. Childs made a motion to adjourn. Comm. Gault seconded the motion. Vote – unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**APPROVED**

Jones County Board of Commissioners

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Preston Hawkins, Chairman

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David C. Gault, Vice-Chairman, District 2

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