

MINUTES OF THE THIRD TUESDAY MEETING OF THE
JONES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 19, 2010
6:00 P.M.

The Third Tuesday Business Meeting of the Jones County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:00 p.m. January 19, 2010 in the Charlotte C. Wilson Conference Room at the Jones County Government Center.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Members present representing a quorum of the board was:

Preston Hawkins-Chairman
Larry Childs - Vice-Chairman
David Gault – District Two Commissioner
Tommy Robinson - District Three Commissioner
Bert Liston – District Four Commissioner

County Attorney Frank Childs was present.

Chairman Hawkins exercises his voting rights in the case of a tie or to constitute a quorum. Attachments to the minutes are filed separately from the minutes in clasp envelopes labeled by meeting in the commissioner vault.

AGENDA:

Call to Order: Chairman Hawkins called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Invocation: Dr. Wayne Moseley, Gray United Methodist Church

Pledge: Dr. Wayne Moseley, Gray United Methodist Church

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Amend the agenda to add the following non-agenda items:

NB # 6 – Change the hours paid for holiday pay – Comm. Childs

Executive Session for Land Purchase – Comm. Gault

Department Heads - Tim Pitrowski: Sidewalks

NB # 7 – Commissioner Robinson – Creekside Plantation Water

Motion: Motion by Gault, second by Liston to accept the agenda with amendments.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

**CONSENT AGENDA FOR
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Minutes: First Tuesday Meeting January 5, 2010. Request to amend the minutes to reflect *Middle Georgia* Regional Commission, not *Central Georgia* on New Business # 1. The error on the agenda was used to make the motion to approve advertisements. The correction is needed to the motion to reflect the appropriate agency.

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Motion: Motion by Liston, second by Childs to approve the minutes.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

1. Jarrell Greene - Gray United Methodist Church Sign. Jarrell Greene, Chairman of the Trustees of Gray United Methodist Church presented Chairman Hawkins with a rendering of signs that the church is considering. He requested permission to place the sign on county property by Carol's Park.

Motion: Motion by Robinson, second by Gault for the Board to give approval for Gray United Methodist Church to erect an approved sign in the basic location that they are requesting which is on county property.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

Earlene Hamilton addressed the Board on the issue.

2. Melinda Hodges – Dog Issues. Melinda Hodges discussed issues with the Board. The board invited her to attend the Animal Control Commissioner Committee Meeting January 27, 2010 at 2:30 p.m. The Board asked that Mr. Woodrum and Mr. Simmons also be invited to attend the committee meeting.

No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Amendment to Commissioner Committee By-Laws. See attachments to the minutes. The by-laws were amended to remove the section under the finance committee that the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners changes annually and to add Commissioner Robinson on the committees that Chairman Hawkins will chair. This would allow for three commissioners to serve on those committees: Hawkins, Childs, Robinson.

Motion: Motion by Gault, second by Liston to accept.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

2. Approve Georgia Historical Records Advisory Board Grant, \$1,500 - Authorize Chairman Hawkins to sign the grant contract. Grant period January 12, 2010 – March 31, 2010. Requires \$225 county match – in-kind or cash. (The current records management budget will cover the matching funds). Will be used for archival quality storage supplies – envelopes and boxes. See attachments to the minutes.

Motion: Motion by Gault, second by Childs to approve.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

3. Comm. Gault – approval of CDL fees on county charge card

Motion: Motion by Childs, second by Gault to approve.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

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4. Approve qualifying fees for Board of Education. See attachments to the minutes.

Motion: Motion by Liston, second by Gault to approve.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

5. Advertise for bids on a track hoe with a rock hammer – Comm. Childs

Motion: Motion by Childs to advertise for bids.

The Board discussed the issue in further detail. Comm. Childs requested to add to his motion that the equipment includes a bucket. More discussion by the Board followed.

Motion: The motion was seconded by Comm. Robinson.

Vote: Approved 3 -2. Childs, Hawkins, Robinson in favor.

Opposed: Gault, Liston

6. Change hours paid for holiday pay – Comm. Childs. Comm. Childs discussed the financial savings to go back to the old policy of working five eights on the weeks that we have a holiday.

Motion: Motion by Childs, second by Robinson that we go back to the way we were paying holiday pay that 40 hour work week employees that work four tens will four eights on the week of a holiday.

Vote: Approved 3 – 1. Childs, Liston, Robinson in favor. This will be effective February 1, 2010.

Opposed: Gault

7. Creekside Plantation water – Comm. Robinson discussed the water distribution crew with good weather would be caught up in the next couple of months or more and in order to keep them working, we should move ahead with the Creekside Plantation/Gray Highway water project.

Motion: Motion by Robinson, second by Childs to give the Board's approval to have the engineer to go ahead and begin with the jobs he has to do to get us ready to proceed with this.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

DEPARTMENT HEADS: (Action items only).

Tim Pitrowski – Sidewalks

Consensus of the Board: was for Tim Pitrowski, Director of Planning and Zoning to be the amendment process on the sidewalk policy. County Attorney Frank Childs will look into the bonds mentioned the county holds from developers in the next day or two. Consensus was for Mr. Pitrowski to follow the recommendation of the county attorney.

Motion: Motion by Childs, second by Gault to amend the policy on sidewalks that they be installed and complete and in place prior to the approval of the final plat.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

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Mike Underwood – phone system. County Administrator Mike Underwood discussed the lease of the current phone system ending in March and asked about purchasing a new system or continuing with a maintenance agreement on the old one. Purchase of the new system decision must be made by January 31, 2010.

Motion: Motion by Gault, second by Liston to table this for further research.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS: (No action items).

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Motion: Motion by Liston, second by Gault to adjourn into Executive Session for Land Purchase.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened at 8:33 p.m.

Motion: Motion by Gault, second by Liston to reconvene the regular session meeting.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Motion: Motion by Liston, second by Childs to adjourn.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

MINUTES APPROVED

Jones County Board of Commissioners:

Preston Hawkins, Chairman

Larry Childs, Vice-Chairman, District 1

David C. Gault, District 2 Commissioner

Tommy Robinson, District 3 Commissioner

Bert Liston, District 4 Commissioner

Leila Brittain, Clerk of the Board