

MINUTES OF THE CALL MEETING OF THE
JONES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 26, 2010
6:00 PM

The Macon Water Authority Board and the Jones County Board of Commissioners met January 26, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in a joint meeting to discuss water and sewer issues.

Members Present: **Jones County Board of Commissioners**
Preston Hawkins, Chairman
Larry Childs, Vice Chairman
Tommy Robinson, District 3
Michael D. Underwood, County Administrator
Freddie Wiggins, Water Superintendent
Tim Ingram, Engineer
Margie Tyson, Administrative Assistant

Macon Water Authority
Frank Amerson, Chairman
Steve Rickman, District 3
James Patterson, District 4
Ed DeFore, City
Tony Rojas, Executive Director
Ray Shell, Assistant Executive Director and Field
Operations Director

Leila Brittain was unable to attend. Margie Tyson, Executive Assistant attended in Ms. Brittain's place.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Chairman Hawkins and Chairman Amerson at 6:23 PM

Invocation: Ed DeFore, City Representative for Macon Water Authority.
Invocation followed by dinner.

Meeting reconvened at 7:11 PM

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Jones County Administrator Mike Underwood discussed the water and sewer needs of Jones County seeking common ground between Jones County and Macon Water Authority.

Macon Water Authority Chairman, Frank Amerson ending any further discussion on the reduction in water rates, cited the contract Macon Water Authority has with Monroe County.

Flumes - Consensus was that Jones County should take over ownership of sewer infrastructure and install flumes in 2 locations. Macon Water Authority Director Tony Rojas advised that a contract was being put together. Jones County would be charged retail rates for the sewer. Lateral hook ups would be acceptable; however, Jones County would need to get approval from the Macon Water Authority for additional sewer hook ups. Director Rojas indicated there would not be any capacity expenses to hook up flumes. Flume design would be approved by the Macon Water Authority prior to installation.

Development Opportunities- Macon Water Authority Chairman Amerson and Jones County Vice Chairman Larry Childs discussed potential opportunities in large tracts of undeveloped property near Walnut Creek and River North area. This area would utilize Poplar Street Plant which has good capacity.

Jones County Administrator Mike Underwood discussed \$300.00 monthly base fees in relation to River Bend hooking onto 36 inch lines. Macon Water Authority Assistant Director, Ray Shell said it might be possible to use Phase I and still have fire protection. Consensus was that the Macon Water Authority agreed to review the base monthly fee and get back with the Jones County Board of Commissioners.

Jones County Administrator Mike Underwood discussed the quote by the Macon Water Authority for the flumes and whether the quote was for materials only or materials and labor. Macon Water Authority Director Tony Rojas said the quote included labor whether MWA did the actual work or not. Director Rojas indicated that the Macon Water Authority would maintain once installed.

Jones County Administrator Mike Underwood discussed the need for sewerage at the Industrial Park. Macon Water Authority Director Tony Rojas said the Macon Water Authority could not be of assistance due to the distance to Industrial Park. Jones County will need a centralized system.

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Jones County Vice Chairman Larry Childs discussed an earlier meeting with the Macon Water Authority regarding a Master Water Plan and looking at that issue again. Macon Water Authority Director Tony Rojas said the Macon Water Authority would be willing to pay for half of the fee to develop a new master plan. Director Rojas suggested that we schedule a meeting to discuss the needs and split the cost of the plan.

Jones County Vice Chairman Larry Childs discussed the need for Water Shed Assessment. Macon Water Authority Director Tony Rojas said the assessment has been completed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Minutes Approved:

Jones County Board of Commissioners:

Preston Hawkins, Chairman

Larry Childs, Vice Chairman

Tommy Robinson, District 3

Leila Brittain, County Clerk