

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

March 2, 2010
6:00 P.M.

The First Tuesday Business Meeting of the Jones County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:00 p.m. March 2, 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, District One Commissioner
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. An audio copy of the meeting is kept on file in the County Clerk's office.

Call to Order: Chairman Hawkins called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

- NB 5 Wealot Property – Commissioner Childs
- NB 6 Amend Unsafe Buildings Ordinance - policy on collections –
Comm. Childs
- NB 7 Census Proclamation – ACCG
- NB 4 Table until March 16, 2010 Meeting
- NB 8 Minutes – Commissioner Robinson

Motion: Motion by Liston, second by Childs to accept the agenda as amended.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

Invocation: Dr. Donnie Melton
Pledge: Dr. Donnie Melton

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PLANNING AND ZONING:

Item A: Jones County Board of Commissioners: Proposal to amend section 147.2 of the Comprehensive Land Development Resolution for the Unincorporated Area of Jones County, to require sidewalks to be completed before a final plat is approved.

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

Vote: Unanimously approved.

Item B: Terry R. Byrd: Request a Conditional Use to place a double-wide as a second home on a lot of less than 10 acres. Property is located at 315 Luke Smith Road. Lot size is 5± acres, zoned R-R (Rural-Residential).

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

Vote: Unanimously approved.

**CONSENT AGENDA FOR
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Minutes: 2-16-2010

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

Vote: Unanimously approved.

2. Minutes: 2-04-2010 amend to include requested comments

Motion: Motion by Robinson, second by Liston not to approve the amended minutes.

Vote: Motion passed. Hawkins, Liston, Robinson in favor.

Opposed: Gault opposed.

Abstained: Comm. Childs did not attend the meeting on 02-04-2010, so he did not vote.

SWEARING IN OF ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS: Frank Childs

County Attorney Frank Childs administered the oath to animal control officers, Tina Humphries and Jennifer Allen.

VISITORS:

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1. City of Gray – elections. Mayor Gus Wilson requested the county to conduct their next election which will be with the July primary. A contract will be needed between the City and the County.

Motion: Motion by Liston, second by Gault that Marion Hatton, Election Superintendent, will conduct the special election for the City of Gray on the July primary to fill the seat of a councilperson that resigned to take another job subject to Frank Childs looking into the arrangement being for this election only, at a cost of \$1,000 that the City will pay the County.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Loan of artifacts to the school museum (History and Heritage). County Clerk Leila Brittain asked for Board approval to loan the 1940 and 1952 DOT maps that are framed at the government center to the History and Heritage Committee. They would remain the property of the County and would be displayed at the W. E. Knox Civic Center. They are the only existing copies of the maps.

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

Vote: Unanimously approved.

2. Appointment to Jones County Health Board. The chairman of the Health Board recommended Cheryl Varnadoe. She would fill the unexpired term of Michael Vaden. The term expires 12-31-2010.

Motion: Motion by Gault, second by Liston to appoint Cheryl Varnadoe to the Health Board.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

3. Beer and Wine License Consumed on premises and Packaged to go – Mary K. Moore, Town Creek Food Shop & Gas

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

Vote: Unanimously approved.

4. Telephone System – Mitel Communications/Mike Underwood Tabled until March 16, 2010.
5. Wealot Property – Comm. Childs. The board discussed the issue; no action was taken.

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6. Policy on collections for abandoned buildings – (Amend Unsafe Buildings Ordinance). The Board discussed possible changes to policy with the county attorney, code enforcement officer, and tax commissioner. No action was taken.
7. Census Proclamation – sent from ACCG. Chairman Hawkins read the Proclamation aloud and then called for a motion to adopt.

Motion: So moved by Gault, second by Liston to adopt the proclamation.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

8. Minutes – Commissioner Robinson. The Board discussed the amount of detail that should be included in the minutes. The county attorney read the county ordinance aloud.

Motion: Motion by Robinson, second by Liston to have what the state law and the county ordinance requires; and if there is any information that is needed, the clerk can add one or two sentences on a subject; and if verbatim comments are requested, it has to be approved by the Board in advance.

Vote: Approved by vote of 3-1. (Childs, Liston, Robinson in favor).

Opposed: Gault opposed.

DEPARTMENT HEADS: No action taken.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS: (Action items only)

Commissioner Childs: Commissioner Childs requested the Board's permission to put together a committee to gather information and provide feedback on the community's needs and expectations with the new Senior Center.

Consensus of the Board: Consensus of the Board was to have a committee to provide information.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm to go into Executive Session for Land Acquisition.

Motion: Motion by Liston, second by Robinson to adjourn to go into Executive Session for Land Acquisition.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Land Purchase

RECONVENE: The Board reconvened at 7:27 pm.

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Motion: Motion by Liston, second by Robinson to reconvene.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

Commissioner Gault asked for the Board's support in casting his vote at the NACo conference for the candidate from Georgia for Second Vice-President. The Board agreed.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.

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

Vote: Unanimously approved.

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Jones County Board of Commissioners:

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Leila Brittain, Clerk of the Board