

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

April 6, 2010
6:00 P.M.

The First Tuesday Business Meeting of the Jones County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:00 p.m. April 6, 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
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 6:05 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Add the following non-agenda items:

1. Visitors # 1 – Doug Redmond and Pat Daniels
2. NB # 8 Election Agreement – City of Gray
3. Department Heads – Freddie Wiggins – Paint sewerage truck
4. NB # 9 – Georgia Power, Friendship Church Road – Commissioner Robinson
5. Table Commissioner Childs' issue under Comments – due to family illness he will not be at the meeting – Commissioner Gault.

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

Vote: Unanimously approved.

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Invocation: Gary Thomas, Elam Baptist Church
Pledge: Gary Thomas, Elam Baptist Church

PLANNING AND ZONING: *There are no Planning and Zoning Items tonight*

**CONSENT AGENDA FOR
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Minutes: 03-16-10 Call Meeting Work Session
2. Minutes: 03-16-10 Third Tuesday Meeting
3. Minutes: 03-23-10 Call Meeting

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

Vote: Unanimously approved.

PROCLAMATION:

1. Adopt Proclamation honoring Esther Foster.

Motion: Motion by Gault, second by Robinson to adopt the proclamation.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

2. Presentation of Proclamation to Mrs. Esther Foster – 2010-2011 Georgia District Governor of the Georgia Pilot International. Chairman Hawkins presented Mrs. Foster with the Proclamation.

VISITORS:

1. Doug Redmond and Pat Daniels – Chamber & Gray Station Better Home Town for Day Lily Golf Tournament. Doug Redmond requested the use of the Jonesco Clubhouse for a dinner during their Day Lily Festival Golf Tournament without charge. Mike Underwood, County Administrator stated that Better Home Town is an organization that the county already presently funds as an annual appropriation of the general fund and so it's a cooperative partnership between the two local governments, the city and the county, and it would be an arm's length county/city function for the Day Lily Festival. Frank Childs, County Attorney will research the issue.

Motion: Motion by Robinson, second by Gault that they can use the clubhouse (at no charge) contingent on Attorney Childs' findings.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Amend road policy to establish a standard for installation of utilities on county roads. – Requested by Commissioner Childs at the March 16, 2010 meeting. Tim Pitrowski, Director of Planning and Zoning, researched a utility placement schedule and obtained copies of Bibb County’s requirements and distributed them to the commissioners for their reference. Mr. Pitrowski explained that the county’s Application and Permit for Utility Facility Encroachment should be amended to include this information to require installations along our existing roads comply with this schedule. To require new subdivisions to install utilities in the same manner, we would need to amend zoning regulations. This would require a motion by the Board to begin the text amendment process.

Motion: Motion by Gault, second by Robinson to amend the Comprehensive Land Development Resolution to add section 146.4, utility placement schedule and to amend the application and permit for Utility Facility Encroachment.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

2. Jones County Capital Improvements Element:
 - a. Approve Annual Update
 - b. Approve Transmittal Resolution

Motion: Motion by Liston, second by Gault to approve items a. and b.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

3. Application for License – Thomas Burnette: (2870 New Clinton Road) See attachments to the minutes.
 - a. License for Beer – Consumed and Wine – Consumed on premises;
 - b. Billiard License - 2 tables

Motion: Motion by Liston, second by Robinson to approve items a. and b.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

4. Approve Walnut Creek Shooting Preserve Recycling Center Lease Agreement Current agreement ends 04/30/2010. Attorney Frank Childs presented the Board with the copy of a lease. See attachments to the minutes. This is an extension of the original

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lease as provided in the terms by renewing the agreement. The renewal will expire April 30, 2015.

Motion: Motion by Liston, second by Robinson to extend the lease agreement's initial term five years which would last until April 20, 2015.

Vote: Commissioner Gault said that he would abstain until he received a report back from Mr. Underwood about a shooting team practice.

After discussion, Chairman Hawkins called for a vote.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

5. Award bid for materials on Creekside Plantation waterline project. The bid summary is attached to the minutes. Water Superintendent Freddie Wiggins recommended accepting the low bid of \$288,814.23 from Ferguson Waterworks.

Motion: Motion by Robinson, second by Liston to go with the low bid from Ferguson Waterworks.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

6. Internet Server – Will Harp. Will Harp, IT Director, provided the Board with a cost estimate of \$13,399.61 for a new Dell server from Total Technology Group. Funds were rolled over from the 2009 Budget. See attachments to the minutes.

Motion: Motion by Gault, second by Liston to buy the server.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

7. Supplemental Agreement # 1 between DOT & Jones County (Capital Contract for ARRA Funds) (Revised to include one 12-21 passenger vehicle and wheelchair lift) – Note: Original contract date December 3, 2009 was for software and totaled \$20,400. The supplemental includes the vehicle with lift. 100% federally funded. 0.0% required by Jones County.

Motion: Motion by Liston, second by Gault to approve the supplemental agreement.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

8. Election Agreement – City of Gray. County Attorney Frank Childs discussed the election agreement that he and Joan Harris, the City Attorney, have drafted. City Council approved it at their meeting

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April 5, 2010. The county would agree not to rescind the agreement before the end of the year (2010). Thereafter, a provision allows for termination with a 60 day notice. The city will pay the county \$1,000 for elections that are conducted. Contact information still needs to be added to the document before it is sent to the Department of Justice. (No attachment at the meeting).

Motion: Motion by Robinson, second by Gault to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

9. Power poles – Friendship Church Road – Commissioner Robinson. Chairman Hawkins explained that the county has to grade the road and the power poles must be moved to enable us to do so. The first bill from Georgia Power was approximately \$97,000. The cost has been reduced to \$61,000. Commissioner Robinson acknowledged Chairman Hawkins for setting up the meeting and negotiating the cost to save the county money.

Motion: Motion by Robinson, second by Liston to approve the \$61,000 to move poles on Friendship Church Road so that we can grade the road.

Vote: Commissioner Gault said that he would not vote (abstain) until the minutes and tapes were researched to verify previous discussion that this wouldn't cost the county anything. After further discussion, Chairman Hawkins called for a vote.

Vote: Approved with vote of 3 in favor – Hawkins, Liston, Robinson.

Opposed: Gault opposed.

Commissioner Robinson: asked for an update from the Animal Control Committee on the progress with amending the Animal Control Ordinance. Commissioner Gault gave him an update on progress made through their last meeting March 4, 2010. Attorney William Noland is in the process of making changes to the drafted ordinance. The committee meeting scheduled for April 8, 2010 at 6 pm was canceled because Gault will be having medical tests done. The committee members present rescheduled the meeting for April 21, 2010 at 6 pm. Leila Brittain, County Clerk reminded the Board that they will need to appoint someone to replace Michael Vaden on the Dangerous Dog Committee since Mr. Vaden moved. This will be added to the Animal Control Committee agenda to provide a recommendation to the Commissioners.

DEPARTMENT HEADS: (Action items only)

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John Lowe: Mr. Lowe, Public Works Director, announced the closing of Pineview Road in the Braswell Lake subdivision June 8, 2010 for culvert repairs.

Freddie Wiggins: Mr. Wiggins, Water Superintendent, requested that the sewer pump cab be painted to prevent further rust damage. Funds from SPLOST will be used.

Motion: Motion by Liston, second by Robinson to approve \$1,200 to paint the top of the tank of the truck.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

Matt Goins: Mr. Goins, Recreation Director, answered questions from Commissioner Liston about combining the Little Leagues at the two main complexes.

Mike Underwood: Mr. Underwood answered questions from Commissioner Gault about the repayment of funds from the 2009 SPLOST to his recreation allotment. The River Bend Road project to which he loaned \$100,000 of his satellite recreation SPLOST funds has been completed. The original motion for the loan was discussed. Mr. Underwood asked, so they (accounting) would know, that a formal motion be made that you take the money out of the Water Sewer fund to replace the money that you placed into the Water Sewer Fund out of 2009 SPLOST.

Motion: Motion by Gault that I get my money back so that I won't be told that we don't have money for recreation.

Chairman Hawkins asked for a formal motion.

Motion: Motion by Gault, second by Liston that his money that he loaned District One be returned from the monies we're collecting from the 2009 SPLOST.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Childs: Deposits received for facility rentals – tabled from 3-23-10 Tabled in Commissioner Childs's absence.

Commissioner Gault: Comm. Gault asked attorney Frank Childs about the intercounty agreement with Baldwin County to purchase water on Hitchcock Road for the 13 wells that have failed.

Consensus of the Board: Consensus was that Mr. Childs will look into this further and let us know something by the next commissioner meeting. This will be placed on the next agenda.

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Commissioner Liston: Discussed several issues with the Board. One issue discussed was financing tap on fees for sewer at Hampton Lakes.

Consensus of the Board: Consensus of the Board was to refer this to the Water Committee.

Representative Bubber Epps: attended the meeting and addressed the Board. They discussed several issues facing local and state governments.

INFORMATION:

1. County Attorney opinion requested at the 03-16-10 Meeting on facility rental- reduced rate for Class of 1960. Attorney Frank Childs rendered an opinion on waiving or reducing rental fees. Unless there is some compelling issue, we have to adhere to the recently adopted fee schedules. In this case, he just couldn't justify a reduction.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Motion: Motion by Liston, second by Gault to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

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MINUTES APPROVED

Jones County Board of Commissioners:

Preston Hawkins, Chairman

David C. Gault, District 2 Commissioner

Tommy Robinson, District 3 Commissioner

Bert Liston, District 4 Commissioner

Leila Brittain, Clerk of the Board