

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

April 20, 2010  
6:00 P.M.

The Third Tuesday Business Meeting of the Jones County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:00 p.m. April 20, 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 6:04 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**Proclamation # 3:** Camp Hope Day – Daughters of the War of 1812

**New Business # 3b:** Letter to go with Resolution

**Motion:** Motion by Liston, second by Gault to approve the agenda.

**Vote:** Unanimously approved.

Invocation: Steve Johnson, Bradley Baptist

Pledge: Steve Johnson, Bradley Baptist

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**CONSENT AGENDA FOR  
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Call Meeting April 6, 2010
2. Public Hearing April 6, 2010
3. First Tuesday Meeting April 6, 2010
4. City/County Meeting April 13, 2010

**Motion:** Motion by Childs, second by Gault to approve Items 1-3 and to table the minutes from the City/County Meeting at TriCounty on April 13, 2010.

**Vote:** Unanimously approved.

Commissioner Childs requested a call meeting for the Board to discuss the April 13, 2010 meeting.

**VISITORS:**

1. Sheriff Reece – State of Georgia Certification

Chief Blue, Chief of Police for the City of Milledgeville and Incoming President of the Association of Chiefs of Police presented the recertification of the Jones County Sheriff Department. The Certification Program is now approximately 10 years old and began as a collaboration of the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, Georgia Sheriffs Association, and the Georgia Municipal Association. The Program has over 130 Standards to ensure Best Practices and that policies and procedures are followed. Georgia has over 600 police departments, 159 Sheriff Departments, and 50 other governmental police agencies. Of the approximated 809 agencies, 110 have met the Standards of Excellence and are certified. The recertification process has included five years of annual audits. The Joint Review Committee of the State of Georgia Law Enforcement Certification Program awarded the Jones County Sheriff Department Certification for the period of July 31, 2009 – July 30, 2012. Major Barbara Burnette was also recognized with the presentation of a plaque for her dedication and efforts to the State of Georgia Law Enforcement Certification Program as the Certification Manager for Jones County. Chief Blue recognized her exemplary service and work in managing the certification program.

2. Tom Queen, DOT – State Transportation Improvement Program.  
Was not present.
3. Lakesha Ross – Request County to maintain Callie Drive – Petition attached. Ms. Ross requested that Jones County accept the road and

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become responsible for its maintenance. The Board discussed the  
establishment of the subdivision in the 1980s.

**Motion:** Motion by Gault, second by Childs to have Max Davis research the  
right-of-way on Callie Drive like he has done on Taylor Road and get with the  
county attorney to see what it would take for the county to take it over.

**Vote:** Unanimously approved.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

1. National County Government Month April 2010. A copy of the  
proclamation and Jones County Fact Sheet is attached to the  
minutes.

**Motion:** Motion by Childs, second by Gault to adopt the proclamation.

**Vote:** Unanimously approved.

2. National Donate Life Month April 2010. A copy of the  
proclamation is attached to the minutes.

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

**Vote:** Unanimously approved.

3. Camp Hope Day Proclamation – Daughters of the War of 1812.  
A copy of the proclamation is attached to the minutes.

**Motion:** Motion by Liston, second by Gault to adopt the Proclamation.

**Vote:** Unanimously approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Land in conservation under 25 acres – Commissioner Childs
2. Land – 15 year timber conservation – Commissioner Childs

Items 1 and 2 were taken together. Commissioner Childs asked for them to be  
postponed for a work session with the Tax Assessors. (See attachments to the  
minutes).

**Consensus of the Board:** Consensus was to schedule a Work Session May 4,  
2010 at 5:00 pm.

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3. a. Resolution to apply for funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund LWCF for a sprinkler system at Jonesco Golf Course.
  - a. Letter of transmittal.

County Administrator, Mike Underwood explained the application. The estimated cost of the project is \$350,000. The grant would fund \$100,000 and the county would fund the remaining \$250,000 which was set aside in the 2009 SPLOST. (See attachments to the minutes).

**Motion:** Motion by Gault, second by Liston to authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution and letter.

**Vote:** Unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Water agreement with Baldwin County – Frank Childs – from 4-6-2010 meeting.

County Attorney Frank Childs had spoken with the Baldwin County attorney. Baldwin County no longer buys water from the City of Milledgeville and now goes through the Putnam County authority. They are now in a position to discuss selling water to Jones County.

**Consensus of the Board:** Consensus of the Board was for County Clerk Leila Brittain to contact Baldwin County and schedule a meeting on April 29, 2010 if possible.

2. Set Appreciation Dinner for Volunteer Fire and Rescue – Commissioner Childs

Don Graham has been communicating with the Fire Chiefs to schedule the celebration. After discussing a couple of dates, venue options, and type of gathering, consensus of the Board was to work towards a drop-in type event with food and family activities planned at Liberty Park. Parking should be assisted by the Sheriff's department. Of the two dates presented, May 29<sup>th</sup> was preferred. Mr. Graham will discuss the event further with the Fire Chiefs and notify the Board of final arrangements.

3. Election Agreement with the City of Gray. County Attorney Frank Childs presented the final copy of the agreement for the Chairman

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and County Clerk to sign and attest as previously approved at the  
April 6, 2010 meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Recreation Committee – Commissioner Liston, Chairman

Commissioner Liston gave a report of the meeting held April 13, 2010. Matt Goins, Recreation Director, had presented the Committee with a proposal to assist hosting tournaments at our recreation complexes that would bring additional revenues to the General Fund. Expansion of facilities available to the recreational league track team and security at the parks were discussed by the committee. See attachments to the minutes.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:** (Action only)

**John Lowe, Director of Public Works:** Announcement:

Honeysuckle Road  
Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>  
Replacement of cross drain  
One lane of roadway should remain open

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:** (Action only)

**Commissioner Childs:** Deposits received for facility rentals – tabled from 3-23-10.

Mike Underwood, County Administrator replied that accounting had implemented procedures as discussed with Commissioner Childs.

**Commissioner Robinson:** Commissioner Robinson requested that a meeting be scheduled with the City of Gray to discuss consolidation of the City and County Governments. Dave Wills with ACCG can assist governments with this process.

**Consensus of the Board:** Consensus of the Board was to have County Clerk Leila Brittain contact the City of Gray to schedule a meeting and have Dave Wills give a presentation on consolidation. Constitutional Officers and Department Managers will be invited to attend the meeting.

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**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

**Motion:** Motion by Gault, second by Childs to adjourn.

**Vote:** Unanimously approved.

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**MINUTES APPROVED**

At the time that minutes were approved, David C. Gault was no longer a commissioner due to qualifying to run for the Georgia House of Representatives, District 125. The District Two position was vacated on April 29, 2010.

Jones County Board of Commissioners:

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Preston Hawkins, Chairman

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Larry Childs, Vice-Chairman, District 1 Commissioner

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Tommy Robinson, District 3 Commissioner

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Bert Liston, District 4 Commissioner

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Leila Brittain, Clerk of the Board