

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

May 4, 2010
6:00 P.M.

The First Tuesday Business Meeting of the Jones County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:00 p.m. May 4, 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 Two Commissioner – Vacant Office
Tommy Robinson - District Three Commissioner
Bert Liston – District Four Commissioner

County Attorney Frank Childs was present. David C. Gault vacated his office April 29, 2010 when he qualified to run for the State House of Representatives, District 125. An election will be held November 2, 2010 to fill the vacancy.

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:

Visitor 2. Sheriff Butch Reece – Emergency Radios

NB 3. Proclamation

Visitor 3. Marion Hatton – Set qualifying fees for County Commission
District Two vacancy

DH. Table Don Graham, he is out of town in training.

Motion: Motion by Liston, second by Robinson to approve the amended agenda.

Vote: Unanimously approved. (3-0).

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Invocation: Dr. Steve Albanese, First Baptist Church of Gray

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PLANNING AND ZONING:

Item C: (Item C: from the 4-19-2010 P&Z Board Meeting). Sandra Pegg: Request to rezone 1.5 acres from Ag-1 (Agricultural-Rural) to M-2 (General-Commercial) for the purpose of operating a truck repair shop. Property is located at 2190 Hwy 18 east; parcel size is 4.5+/- acres.

Motion: Motion by Robinson, second by Liston to approved the request with Planning and Zoning Board's recommendations.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

**CONSENT AGENDA FOR
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Minutes: City/County Meeting April 13, 2010
2. Minutes: April 20, 2010 Call Meeting
3. Minutes: April 20, 2010
4. Minutes: April 29, 2010 Call Meeting

A meeting was held April 29, 2010 in Baldwin County. A quorum was not present; therefore, there are no minutes to approve.

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

Vote: Unanimously approved.

VISITORS:

1. Mary Musselman – Blue Star Memorial Marker (Gray Garden Club, Oliver Morton Chapter of DAR, and Gray Station Better Home Town. Mary Musselman requested permission to place the marker in Carol's Park or at the Courthouse. She presented information to the Board about the marker. See attachments to the minutes.

Motion: Motion by Childs, second by Liston to approve the request of placing a marker around the courthouse or Carol's Park.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

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2. Sheriff Butch Reece – Emergency Radio concerns. Sheriff Reece and Major Barbara Burnette discussed E-911 equipment with the Board. The county's newest equipment is 12 years old. Technical support and parts are no longer available. If the system goes down, the county will lose its E-911 revenue and have to go through a lengthy process to reinstate. The new equipment needed and mandated to have by 2012 will cost approximately \$567,000. A grant has been applied for; however, the grant through Jim Marshall's office won't be let until October 2010. There wasn't a consensus on where the funding would come from at this time; funding will be researched further.

Motion: Motion by Childs, second by Liston to approve the purchase of the equipment.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

3. Marion Hatton, Chairman of the Board of Elections/Elections Superintendent. A Special Election will be held in conjunction with the General Election on November 2, 2010 with the runoff, if applicable, on November 30, 2010 to fill the vacant District Two Commissioner office. Qualifying for the office will begin at 9:00 a.m. June 28th and will end at noon on July 2nd. See attachments to the minutes.

Motion: Motion by Liston, second by Robinson to adopt qualifying fees of \$378.00.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Middle Georgia Clean Air Coalition request for a commitment Resolution supporting Anti-Idling, Alternative Fuels and Green Corridor. See attachments to the minutes.

Motion: Motion by Childs, second by Liston to adopt the resolution.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

2. Dr. Debbie Gadd – appointment to replace Michael Vaden on the Animal Control Board (under Dangerous Dog state laws).

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Motion: Motion by Liston, second by Robinson to appointment Dr. Debbie Gadd to the Animal Control Board.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

3. Proclamation honoring resident of Jones County. A copy of the Proclamation is attached to the minutes.

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

Vote: Unanimously approved.

DEPARTMENT HEADS: (Action items only)

1. Don Graham- Arrangements for Volunteer Fire and Rescue Celebration. Tabled – Mr. Graham is out of town attending training.
2. Freddie Wiggins. Jerry McMillan gave a quote of \$14,000 to bore under the road for connections to the County's water system in the Creekside Plantation water project.

Motion: Motion by Robinson, second by Childs to go ahead and allow Jerry McMillan at the previously stated price to do the bores at Creekside at Freddie's discretion.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Animal Control – Bert Liston – Vice Chairman
 - a. Animal Control Ordinance update. Commissioner Liston will now serve as the Chairman of the Committee because of the vacancy in the District Two Office. Chairman Liston briefly gave an update on the proposed Animal Control Ordinance. One last committee meeting will be May 10, 2010 to finalize the drafted ordinance before presenting it to the Board with committee recommendations. The first reading of the drafted ordinance is to be placed on the next commission meeting agenda.
2. Water and Sewer Committee – Larry Childs, Chairman
 - a. Meeting with Baldwin County. Chairman Childs gave a summary report of the Public Meeting that was held in Baldwin County with their staff to discuss the purchase of services for the Hitchcock Road area of Haddock. The two county attorneys will

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continue to draft an intergovernmental agreement for water service.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS: (No action taken)

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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

Vote: Unanimously approved.

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Jones County Board of Commissioners:

Preston Hawkins, Chairman

Larry Childs, Vice-Chairman, District 1 Commissioner

Tommy Robinson, District 3 Commissioner

Bert Liston, District 4 Commissioner

Leila Brittain, Clerk of the Board