

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

July 08, 2010
6:00 P.M.

The First Business Meeting of the Jones County Board of Commissioners was held Thursday at 6:00 p.m. July 08, 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 of the full board. 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 6:06 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

New Business 5. Wording for the referendum November 2; additional 1 mil levy

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

Vote: Unanimously approved. (3-0).

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Invocation: Frank Childs, County Attorney

Pledge: Frank Childs, County Attorney

There was no Planning & Zoning on the agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA FOR
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Minutes: Call Meeting June 15, 2010
2. Minutes: June 15, 2010

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

Vote: Unanimously approved. (3-0).

VISITORS:

1. Ashley Tyson Mackin, new Probate Court Prosecutor – Mike Underwood. Ms. Mackin was introduced to the Board of Commissioners.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Reappoint Cliff Bowen to Historic Preservation Committee.
2. Resolution to accept Houston County Board of Commissioners' petition to join the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority. See attachments to the minutes.
3. 2010-2011 Third Party Operator Agreement for Operation of Georgia DOT Section 5311 Transit System. See attachments to the minutes.
4. 2010-2011 Third Party Operator Agreement for Operation of Georgia DHR Unified Transit System. See attachments to the minutes.
5. Transit Service Policy. See attachments to the minutes.
6. Van Driver Guidelines. See attachments to the minutes.
7. Ratify the adoption of the Entity Authorization form to establish accounts at Magnolia State Bank in the transfer of funds for the Water Department. See attachments to the minutes.

Motion: Motion by Liston, second by Childs to approve the consent agenda.

Vote: Unanimously approved. (3-0).

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NEW BUSINESS:

1. Adopt amendments to the Soil Erosion, Sedimentation, and Pollution Control Ordinance (1st Reading) – Tim Pitrowski. No action taken.
2. Request to place bid for Fire & Training Trailer for Fire Department – Don Graham. Don Graham, EMA Director, discussed the trailer that will be funded through the grant. The grant requires a 10% match that will be funded through SPLOST. See attachments to the minutes.

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

Vote: Unanimously approved.

3. Georgia Indigent Defense Services Agreement for 2010-2011. See attachments to the minutes.

Motion: Motion by Liston, second by Robinson to approve the Georgia Indigent Defense Agreement for 2010-2011.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

4. Adopt resolutions to amend the authorized signatures on bank accounts with State Bank and Trust – removal of David Gault who vacated the office upon qualifying to run for state office. See attachment to the minutes.

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

Vote: Unanimously approved.

5. Wording for the referendum November 2; additional 1 mil levy. Greg Mullis and Doug Redmond with the Jones County Development Authority attended the meeting. Mr. Mullis proposed the wording to be placed on the ballot to the Board. Commissioner Robinson asked that the word “tax” be included after the word mil. The wording must be approved by the Department of Justice for inclusion on the ballot. The following was presented to the Board:

“Shall the Board of Commissioners of Jones County collect an additional one (1) mil (tax) on all property within the County to fund sewer improvements and economic development in Jones County for a period not to exceed 20 years?”

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Motion: Motion by Robinson, second by Childs to approve the wording if we add the word “tax” after the word mil in the proposal by the Development Authority.

Vote: Unanimously approved. (3-0).

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approve policy and forms for Commissioner Meetings – Preston/Leila. Tabled from 06/15/2010 Meeting. In order to expedite meetings while also providing a professional decorum, provide pertinent information needed by the commissioners to make informed decisions, and provide the clerk with ordinance information in the format as requested by the publisher of the *Code of Jones County, Georgia*, the attached meeting policy was presented. See attachments to the minutes.

The Chairman opened the floor for discussion with the audience at this time.

Motion: Motion by Liston, second by Robinson that we approve this Jones County Board of Commissioners Meeting Policy with the one exception where it says that no questions will be accepted; that will be deleted.

Vote: Unanimously approved. (3-0).

This will go into effect at the next commissioner meeting.

2. Cost estimate for waterline replacement and hydrants in Princess Ann area – requested at 06/15/2010 meeting. Freddie Wiggins distributed costs information prepared by Tim Ingram and Associates for the project at the meeting. The Board briefly discussed Princess Ann, Joycliff Circle, Creekside and R. L. Wheeler Road. Commissioner Childs requested that water rehab projects be added to the Water System budget. These projects will be discussed at a water committee meeting. See attachments to the minutes.

The Board discussed the meeting policy and forms in more detail. No changes noted.

DEPARTMENT HEADS: (action only)

John Lowe: John Lowe, Public Works Director, received a bid of \$28,000 for limb grinding at the inert landfill on Overland Way to bring the county into compliance with EPD regulations. Mike Underwood, County Administrator,

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reported that the last two or three visits by EPD cited the requirement to process the yard debris in one of two ways; either by grinding it or covering it with dirt.

Motion: Motion by Childs, second by Robinson to approve the bid of \$28,000.

Vote: Unanimously approved. (3-0).

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. EMA – Commissioner Robinson. Commissioner Robinson called on Don Graham, EMA Director, to provide an update on the research of the county’s ISO ratings. Several things can be done to lower the ISO ratings which would result in a decrease in homeowner’s insurance premiums in the areas affected.

The first issue addressed was to begin the certification process of Stations 9 and 10 on the Eatonton Highway and Griswoldville Road. After certification is received, ISO will rate the area. An anticipated decrease of one class in the rating could save as much as \$298 annually on insurance premiums.

Also discussed was the installation of waterlines with the addition of fire hydrants, such as those currently being laid through Creekside, up Gray Highway (129) to R. L. Wheeler Road. When waterlines are added, they will impact the points used in the formula for ISO ratings.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS: (action only)

Commissioner Childs: Comm. Childs requested that the Water Committee Meeting be scheduled July 20, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. He would like for Tim Ingram to attend if possible. He asked that the storage tank project that was approved about six months ago be added to the committee agenda. A decision must be made about the funding so that the project continues to move forward. With the water system paying off bonds this year that amounted to approximately \$89,000 annually, research should be done to bring to the committee meeting to verify the availability of those funds to now go towards paying for the storage tanks. Commissioner Childs also asked to include sewer in Hampton Lakes on the committee agenda.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: There were none at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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

Vote: Unanimously approved. (3-0).

MINUTES APPROVED

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