

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

July 20, 2010  
6:00 PM

The Third Tuesday Meeting of the Jones County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:00 p.m. July 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 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 6:03 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Add the following non-agenda items:

- New Business 2. Ordinance to replace Section 2-36 of the Jones County Code;  
Regular meetings held on the First and Third Tuesday – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Reading
- New Business 3. Ordinance to replace Section 2-43; Rules governing the  
Agenda - 1<sup>st</sup> Reading
- New Business 4. Ordinance to replace Section 2-48; Public participation – 1<sup>st</sup>  
Reading

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New Business 5. Ordinance to replace Section 2-46; Order of Business – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

New Business 6. Ordinance to replace Section 2-32; Vice-Chairman Selection (to reflect local legislation adopted 1984; no amendments have been made since 1984). 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

New Business 7. Sewer improvements on November 2 ballot.

Old Business 2. Meeting Policy – one addition

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New Business 8. Engineering for remaining streets in Creekside Plantation area for waterlines – Tommy Robinson

New Business 9. Approval of list of Priority Items; approval of policy for sewer; and approval of loan process for priority items as referred by the Water Committee – Larry Childs

New Business 2-6: Table as requested by County Attorney

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

**Vote:** Unanimously approved. (3-0).

**Invocation:** Barry Collins, Pastor of Worship at First Baptist Church of Gray

**Pledge:** Boy Scout Troop 911

**CONSENT AGENDA FOR  
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Minutes: July 8, 2010

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

**Vote:** Unanimously approved.

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

1. Special Recognition: Robert N. “Butch” Reece
2. Clinton Methodist Church

Copies of the resolutions are attached to the minutes.

**RESOLUTION OF THE JONES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
HONORING**

*Robert N. “Butch” Reece*

WHEREAS,

Sheriff Robert N. “Butch” Reece is highly regarded by the citizens of Jones County and by local and state government officials as a person

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- of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and
- WHEREAS, Sheriff Reece graduated from Jones County High School in Gray, Georgia, and attended Abraham Baldwin College and the University of Georgia; and
- WHEREAS, he served as guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty in the United States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting democracy; and
- WHEREAS, Sheriff Reece has dedicated 32 years to law enforcement and served as Sheriff of Jones County since 1981; and
- WHEREAS, during his tenure as sheriff, he has been instrumental in launching an enhanced 911 service for Jones County, establishing a new Law Enforcement Center in 1998, creating the Safe House for victims needing temporary placement, and implementing new courthouse security protocol; and
- WHEREAS, under his leadership on July 27, 2004, the Sheriff's Department received the distinction of becoming a Georgia Certified Law Enforcement Agency in the state of Georgia and was recertified July 31, 2009 through the year 2012; a level of excellence achieved by only 110 out of 811 law enforcement agencies in Georgia; and
- WHEREAS, his leadership and commitment has been recognized with numerous honors and awards, including a Distinguished Humanitarian Award from the Georgia Sheriff's Association, an Outstanding Citizen Award from Woodman of the World, the 1987 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award from the Jones County Lions Club, a 1992 Male Citizen of the Year Award from the Jones County/Gray Chamber of Commerce, a Justice Integrity Service Award from the Department of Justice United States Marshall, a District Award of Merit, and the 2010 Golden Eagle Scout Award; and
- WHEREAS, Sheriff Reece has been united in love and marriage to his wife, Linda, for 39 wonderful years, and they have been blessed with two children, Robert and Keri, and twin grandsons, Max and Reece; and
- WHEREAS, Sheriff Reece has exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, and his efficient and effective commitment to excellence has been continually recognized by his peers; and
- WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the members of this Board show their gratitude for the unique and often unheralded contributions of Sheriff Reece and all local law enforcement officers on behalf of the citizens of Jones County.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Jones County, Georgia, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2010, that this body commend the selfless dedication exhibited by Sheriff Robert N. "Butch" Reece in carrying out the difficult duties of his vocation for over three decades, extend to him our utmost appreciation for having so purely and truly defined for others the meaning of public servant. Let a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a copy furnished to Sheriff Robert N. "Butch" Reece in testimony hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Chairman has hereunto set his hand and the Clerk has attested his signature and has caused the Seal of the County to be affixed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2010.

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Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the Board

**RESOLUTION OF THE JONES COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS HONORING  
Clinton United Methodist Church**

WHEREAS, the Jones County Board of Commissioners wishes to recognize Clinton United Methodist Church on the celebration of its 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Sunday, July 18, 2010; and

WHEREAS, at the July 1810 Term of the Inferior Court of Jones County the presiding Justices appropriated to the use of the "Methodist connection" in the town of Clinton, one acre of land adjoining the one already laid out; and

WHEREAS, the four acres of land was deeded to the trustees of the church on July 14, 1821 for the sum of \$100.00; and

WHEREAS, the receiving trustees of the deed were William Flewellen, Elisha Tarver, Peter Clower, James Jones, and Pierce Lewis; and

WHEREAS, the church's frame building which was erected in 1821 and remodeled in 1896 still hosts the worship services today; and

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WHEREAS, Clinton United Methodist Church was the first in North Georgia to organize a Foreign Missionary Society; and

WHEREAS, celebrating the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is a tremendous accomplishment and a testimony to the dedication and service of the many members over the years that have given of their time and unselfish love and devotion through their works which have kept the church strong and a true blessing to our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Jones County, Georgia, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2010, that this body does hereby honor and pay tribute to Clinton United Methodist Church.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Chairman has hereunto set his hand and the Clerk has attested his signature and has caused the Seal of the County to be affixed.

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Chairman

Attest:

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Clerk of the Board

**Motion:** Motion by Liston, second by Robinson to adopt the resolutions.

**Vote:** Approved unanimously. (3-0).

**VISITORS:**

1. Recognition of softball teams – Matt Goins, Recreation Director. Two little league ball teams were recognized by Matt Goins, Recreation Director and by Rep. Bubber Epps. Both teams competed in Taylor County and won their tournaments and the opportunity to represent the State of Georgia in the next round of competition. The Jones County National League’s girls ten and under team and the Jones County Dixie League’s girls eight and under team will represent the State of Georgia in tournaments held in Mississippi and Texas.

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Mr. Goins also recognized the Jones County United Sport team that is currently representing the State of Georgia in competition in Nebraska.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Approval of FY 2011 5311 Operating Contracts

**Motion:** Motion by Childs, second by Liston to approve.

**Vote:** Unanimously approved. (3-0).

2. Ordinance to replace Section 2-36 of the Jones County Code; Regular meetings held on the First and Third Tuesday – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Tabled
3. Ordinance to replace Section 2-43; Rules governing the Agenda - 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Tabled
4. Ordinance to replace Section 2-48; Public participation – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Tabled
5. Ordinance to replace Section 2-46; Order of Business – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Tabled
6. Ordinance to replace Section 2-32; Vice-Chairman Selection (to reflect local legislation adopted 1984; no amendments have been made since 1984). 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Tabled
7. Sewer improvements on November 2 ballot. Doug Redmond, Executive Director of the Jones County Development Authority reported that the Development Authority Board met last week and would like to request that the Commissioners remove that item from the November 2<sup>nd</sup> ballot.

**Motion:** So moved by Liston, second by Childs.

**Vote:** Unanimously approved.

8. Engineering on remaining streets in Creekside Plantation area for waterlines.

**Motion:** Motion by Robinson, second by Childs to authorize Tim Ingram to do the remaining streets in Creekside subdivision.

**Vote:** Unanimously approved.

9. Water/Sewer Priority List, Policy for sewer at Hampton Lakes, and Authorize loan process for priority list.

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**Priority List:** Commissioner Childs discussed the priority list provided by Tim Ingram at the water committee meeting 7/20/2010 at 5:00 p.m. A copy is attached to the minutes. The Water Committee recommends approval.

| PRIORITY SUMMARY<br>FOR JULY, 2010 |  |                 |                     |
|------------------------------------|--|-----------------|---------------------|
| Option                             | Location                                   | Cost            | Potential Customers |
| <b>PRIORITY 1</b>                  | 2 MILLION GALLON GROUND STORAGE TANK       | \$ 1,000,800.00 |                     |
| <b>PRIORITY 2</b>                  | NEW WELL @ INDUSTRIAL PARK                 | \$ 272,184.00   |                     |
| <b>PRIORITY 3</b>                  | GRISWOLDVILLE ROAD - LINE UPGRADE          | \$ 320,683.20   |                     |
| <b>PRIORITY 4</b>                  | SUPERVISORY CONTROL AND DATA ACQUISITION   | \$ 294,000.00   |                     |
| <b>PRIORITY 5</b>                  | UPGRADE EXISTING PUMPS AT STAGE COACH ROAD | \$ 65,000.00    |                     |
| <b>PRIORITY 6</b>                  | HENDERSON ROAD RAILROAD BORE               | \$ 20,000.00    |                     |
|                                    | <b>TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COSTS</b>            | \$ 1,972,667.20 |                     |

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**Motion:** Motion by Robinson, second by Childs to approve the priority list as read by Commissioner Childs.

**Vote:** Unanimously approved. (3-0).

**Sewer improvements.** Commissioner Childs reported the recommendation of the Water Committee to allow residents to finance sewer tap-on fees where there is already sewer in the county by making payments providing that sewer mains are at their house and the county would not have to run any additional lines; they will pay that fee upfront and once it is paid, then the county will hook up to sewer.

**Motion:** So moved by Robinson, second by Childs.

**Vote:** Unanimously approved. (3-0).

**Loan Process:** Commissioner Childs explained that the committee recommended the Board's approval of sending this priority list to the administrator and for him to move forward with the funding process. Various loan options had been discussed earlier in the Water Committee meeting.

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**Motion:** So moved by Robinson, second by Childs.

**Vote:** Unanimously approved.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Second reading of amended Soil Erosion Ordinance; adoption of Ordinance.

**Motion:** Motion by Liston, second by Robinson to adopt the Ordinance.

**Vote:** Unanimously approved.

2. Meeting Policy – addition to limit Citizen Comments to 5 speakers.

**Motion:** Motion by Childs, second by Robinson to adopt the amendment to the Meeting Policy.

**Vote:** Unanimously approved.

## **DEPARTMENT HEADS:** (Action only).

**Freddie Wiggins:** Freddie Wiggins, Water Superintendent requested a flag pole at the water department to replace the one that was moved to the new Highway 49 Fire Station. The flag pole that was moved had been donated by Mr. Kelley to the fire station.

**Consensus of the Board:** Consensus of the Board was to replace the flag pole and for Don Graham to look into the cost.

**Mike Underwood:** Mike Underwood, County Administrator, reported that he has received preliminary tax digest numbers and the Board will need to begin meeting to discuss the 2011 budget.

**Consensus of the Board:** Consensus of the Board was to schedule a Budget Meeting Tuesday, July 27 at 3:00 pm.

Mr. Underwood reported that he had attended a meeting of officials concerning a community healthcare system where by a group of community centers are helping form or establish one in Jones County to satisfy a portion of the population that is underserved at the present time. They will fill out and submit a grant. The federal government would fund the grant for a particular area. They currently have offices in Twiggs County, Sandersville and several in our northeastern area and would like to put one in Jones County. They are requesting a letter of support to move in that direction.

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**Motion:** So moved by Childs, second by Robinson.

**Vote:** Unanimously approved.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:** (Action only).

**Commissioner Childs:** Comm. Childs reported that the Chairman of the Tax Assessor Board has requested a decision from the commissioner concerning the limitations placed on the size of tract that will qualify for Conservation Use. Currently, we have to honor as small as five acre tracts. The State's recommendation was a minimum of 25 acres.

**Consensus of the Board:** Consensus of the Board was to place this on the next agenda.

Comm. Childs asked about the request from the residents on Taylor Road for the County to take over the road. Max Davis, Surveyor, has reviewed this issue. Currently, no one is paying taxes on the rights-of-way.

**Consensus of the Board:** Consensus of the Board was for County Attorney Frank Childs to look further into this issue.

**Chairman Hawkins:** Chairman Hawkins in reviewing his calendar stated that the County has a meeting scheduled July 27, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. with the City at Tri County.

**Consensus of the Board:** Consensus of the Board was to change the budget meeting on July 27 from 5:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

Terrie Denson, 144 Altman Road, addressed the board with her comments and concerns.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

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

**Vote:** Unanimously approved.

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**MINUTES APPROVED**

Jones County Board of Commissioners:

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Preston Hawkins, Chairman

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Larry Childs, Vice-Chairman, District 1

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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