

**MINUTES OF THE CALL MEETING OF THE
JONES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

July 27, 2010
3:00 PM

The Jones County Board of Commissioners held a Call Meeting at 3:00 p.m. July 27, 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 not 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 3:03 p.m.

New Business:

1. Budget Work Session with Constitutional Officers and Department Managers

County Administrator Mike Underwood began the meeting by giving a history of the yearly budgeted expense and total revenues received for the fiscal years 2007 – 2010. He explained to the department heads and constitutional officers that currently the budgeted expenses exceed revenues by \$1 million. He discussed the current fund balance, the shortfall in the actual revenues for 2010

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as compared to budgeted revenues, the preliminary tax digest numbers recently received from the Board of Assessors, the estimated value of a mill for 2011, and increases in two of the county's expenses: retirement contributions and health insurance premiums.

Mr. Underwood explained that there are three basic choices to consider in reviewing the current budget status: impact employees, impact services, or impact the taxpayers. By requesting all departments, including funded outside agencies (DFACS, Health, River Edge, etc.), to make additional reductions to their budgets, we are essentially impacting services. Departments were instructed to return their budgets with any changes by Friday. The commissioners will be given the new budget numbers the first of next week and will then meet to discuss them.

Sheriff Butch Reece and Bart Jackson, Clerk of Superior Court, discussed a couple of specific budget items with Mr. Underwood and the Finance staff.

Adjournment: Preston Hawkins adjourned the meeting at 3:36 p.m.

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MINUTES APPROVED

Jones County Board of Commissioners:

Preston Hawkins, Chairman

Larry Childs, Vice-Chairman, District 1

Tommy Robinson, District 3 Commissioner

Bert Liston, District 4 Commissioner

Leila Brittain, Clerk of the Board