

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

August 17, 2010
6:00 PM

The Third Tuesday Meeting of the Jones County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:00 p.m. August 17, 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
Chap Nelson - 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 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 the agenda:

Request to add the following non-agenda items:

Executive Session: Litigation – Freddie Wiggins, Water Superintendent
New Business 7: Table until September 7, 2010 – Freddie Wiggins, Water Superintendent

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

Vote: Unanimously approved.

Invocation: James Paul, Plentitude Baptist Church

Pledge: James Paul, Plentitude Baptist Church

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**CONSENT AGENDA FOR
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Minutes: August 3, 2010
2. Minutes: August 3, 2010 Call Meeting
3. Minutes: August 5, 2010 Call Meeting
4. Minutes: August 9, 2010 Call Meeting
5. Minutes: August 11, 2010 Call Meeting
6. Minutes: August 16, 2010 Call Meeting

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

Vote: Unanimously approved.

VISITORS: The following visitors addressed the board. Action taken as follows:

County Attorney Frank Childs explained to those present the policy adopted on public participation in meetings, special work sessions and hearings. He explained that people that were either not on the agenda or had not signed in prior to the meeting but would like to speak would be given one minute to do so.

1. Charles Harrington - Citizen Concerns

Consensus of the Board: Consensus of the Board was to set a Work Session for Charles Harrington the third Tuesday of September (9/21/10) at 5:00 p.m.

2. Evelyn Hill - Adult Education
3. Louie Lashley – Concerns of Jones County Citizens

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Ordinance to replace Section 2-36 of the Jones County Code; Regular meetings held on the First and Third Tuesday – 2nd Reading and adoption
2. Ordinance to replace Section 2-43; Rules governing the Agenda – 2nd Reading and adoption
3. Ordinance to replace Section 2-48; Public participation – 2nd Reading and adoption
4. Ordinance to replace Section 2-46; Order of Business – 2nd Reading and adoption

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5. Ordinance to replace Section 2-32; Vice-Chairman Selection (to reflect local legislation adopted 1984; no amendments have been made since 1984). 2nd Reading and adoption
6. Jones County Board of Commissioners: Proposal to create section 146.4 of the *Comprehensive Land Development Resolution for the Unincorporated Area of Jones County* to create a utility placement schedule – 2nd reading and adoption of amendment to the ordinance.
7. Adopt Resolution for Preserve America Program and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of support.
8. Approve Commissioner Travel for the following:
 - a. CCAP Advanced Leadership – September 8-10, 2010 (Athens)
 - b. Fall Policy Conference – October 4-6, 2010 (Atlanta)
 - c. ACCG-GMA Joint Fall Training – November 5, 2010 (Macon)
 - d. Newly Elected Commissioners Conference – December 5-8, 2010 (Athens)

Item 7 was pulled out for discussion with Earl Colvin – see New Business 1.

Motion: Motion by Robinson, second by Childs to accept the consent agenda.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Earl Colvin – Preserve America Program - Adopt Resolution for Preserve America Program and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of support. Earl Colvin explained the Preserve America Program.

Chairman Hawkins called for a motion to adopt the Preserve America Resolution and to authorize the chairman to sign the letter of support. (See attachments to the minutes).

Resolution:

**Resolution of the Jones County Board of Commissioners
*Preserve America Community Designation***

WHEREAS, *Preserve America* is a White House initiative developed in cooperation with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the U.S. Department of the Interior, and the U.S. Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the goals of this initiative include a greater shared knowledge about our Nation's past, strengthened regional identities and local pride, increased

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local participation in preserving the country's irreplaceable cultural and natural heritage assets, and support for the economic vitality of communities; and

WHEREAS, this initiative is compatible with our community's interests and goals related to historic preservation; and

WHEREAS, designation as a *Preserve America* Community will improve our community's ability to protect and promote its historical resources; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Jones County Board of Commissioners will apply for the designation of Jones County as a *Preserve America* Community; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Jones County Board of Commissioners will protect and celebrate our heritage, use our historic assets for economic development and community revitalization, and encourage people to experience and appreciate local historic resources through education and heritage tourism programs.

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 17th day of August, 2010.

Chairman

Attest:

Clerk of the Board

Letter of Support:

Jones County Board of Commissioners
Government Center • P.O. Box 1359 • Gray, Georgia 31032
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County Administrator

Leila Brittain
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John Lowe
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Chap Nelson
District 2

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District 3

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P. O. Box 898
Macon, GA 31202-0898

Bert Liston
District 4

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Mr. Ronald D. Anzalone, Director
Office of Preservation Initiatives
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 803
Washington DC 20004

Dear Mr. Anzalone:

The Jones County Board of Commissioners enthusiastically supports the application being made for Jones County to be designated a Preserve America Community.

We recognize and support the need to preserve our national heritage through preservation of our heritage assets, discovery of our heritage through historic places, protection of historic resources and promotion of historic assets. With the establishment of the Jones County Historic Preservation Commission in December 1985, the Board of Commissioners has worked diligently to make preservation a priority in Jones County.

Jones County is rich in history and natural beauty. Originally inhabited by the Creek Indians, Jones County was partitioned from neighboring Baldwin County on December 10, 1807. The original county seat of Clinton was one of the fastest growing centers of trade and culture in Georgia. It was a bustling town known for commerce and gracious living and the site of a factory of manufacturing cotton gins in the 1800s. Moving into the twentieth century, the city of Gray became the county seat in 1905. Gray is supported by excellent rail and highway access. Now a mixture of the old and the new flourish in the county which is dotted with small, quaint communities: Round Oak, Griswoldville, Haddock, Wayside, Bradley, East Juliette, James, and Clinton. Each of these communities is unique and rich in history, offering a glimpse of what life has been like in Georgia over the last two hundred years, and all are important to Jones County's heritage. Our early history has been preserved by the publication of the *History of Jones County, Georgia 1807 – 1907*, Bicentennial Edition by Carolyn White Williams.

A variety of individuals and organizations have been working for many years to preserve Jones County's History and Heritage. In addition to affording Jones County increased recognition, tourism, economic development opportunities, designation as a Preserve America Community will bring Jones County one step further in accomplishing Mrs. William's vision "to cultivate an awareness and appreciation of all that

is indigenous and idiomatic to this heart of Georgia which is Jones County [with] our sense of culture coming out of a desire to make our own contribution richer and finer for our county, state, and nation.”

Your favorable review of this application is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Joseph P. Hawkins, Chairman
Jones County Board of Commissioners

Motion: So moved by Childs, second by Liston.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

2. Amend Water and Sewer Ordinance for collection expenses. 1st Reading – Freddie Wiggins. Tabled until September 7, 2010.

3. Finance Committee Quarterly Meetings – Comm. Robinson
Commissioner Robinson had previously discussed the need for mandatory quarterly Finance committee meetings.

Motion: Motion by Robinson, second by Liston that the Finance Committee meets the first Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the months of November 2010, February 2011, June 2011, and September 2011.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

4. Approval of Engineer fees Creekside Plantation Water – Comm. Robinson

Mike Underwood left the room temporarily. The board moved ahead to Department Heads.

DEPARTMENT HEADS: No action was taken.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

The following citizens addressed the board with their concerns:

- Bobby May
- Tommy Hinson
- Terrie Denson

Chairman Hawkins asked if there were others in the audience that would like to speak for one minute. Mr. Newman Moore came forward and addressed the board.

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The board then took New Business 4. Approval of Engineer fees Creekside Plantation Water – Comm. Robinson

Mike Underwood, County Administrator, presented three different proposals from Ingram Associates. The scope of services included Design Services and Construction Administration.

- Water System Expansions – Plantation Road from Greenwood Road to Lite-n-Tie Road. The fee on a lump sum basis including all labor, material and equipment is \$22,582.50 for 18,066 linear feet.
- Water System Expansions – Plantation Club Subdivision. The fee on a lump sum basis including all labor, material and equipment is \$9,375 for 7,500 linear feet.
- Water System Expansions – Greenwood Road from Gray Highway to Plantation Road. The fee on a lump sum basis including all labor, material and equipment is \$7,500 for 6,000 linear feet.

Motion: Motion by Robinson, second by Childs to approve the proposal from Ingram and Associates for \$39,457.50 for engineering of the waterlines in the aforementioned areas.

Discussion: Commissioner Childs clarified that this was a project that had already been approved; it just went over the amount we thought it would cost. The funds will be paid from SPLOST.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS: (Action items only)

Larry Childs: Commissioner Childs serves as the Vice Chairman on the Finance Committee. He would like to withdraw from that committee and requested that the Board replace him with Commissioner Chap Nelson, District 2.

Motion: Motion by Childs, second by Robinson to accept Chap Nelson as the Vice Chairman of that committee.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT: The board adjourned into Executive Session for litigation at 6:48 p.m.

Motion: Motion by Liston, second by Childs to adjourn into Executive Session for litigation.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened at 7:12 p.m.

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Motion: Motion by Childs, second by Liston to reconvene the meeting.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

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

Vote: Unanimously approved.

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MINUTES APPROVED

Jones County Board of Commissioners:

Preston Hawkins, Chairman

Larry Childs, Vice-Chairman, District 1

Chap Nelson, District 2 Commissioner

Tommy Robinson, District 3 Commissioner

Bert Liston, District 4 Commissioner

Leila Brittain, Clerk of the Board