

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

August 26, 2010
2:00 PM

The Jones County Board of Commissioners held a Call Meeting at 2:00 p.m. August 26, 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 not 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 2:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Add the following non-agenda items

New Business 2: Approve allocation of funds for materials for water projects –
Plantation Road/Greenwood Road – Commissioner Robinson

New Business 3: US Marshall's office – Budget

Executive Session: Add Executive Session - Personnel

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

Vote: Unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Adopt 2011 Budget and set millage rate

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The Board moved to **New Business 3**. Commissioner Childs discussed budgeted revenue and expenses in the Sheriff's budget for the US Marshall's Office. No action was taken.

Adopt the 2011 Budget and set millage rate. Finance Director LaVita Crutchfield provided the Board with a package that contains a budget summary showing the budgets adopted for 2010 and the proposed budgets for 2011 as well as the millage rate computations. The budgets included are for General Fund, Juvenile Cost and Fees Fund, Law Library, Confiscated, Drug Education, Jail, River North Special Tax District, 2004 SPLOST, 1999 SPLOST, 2009 SPLOST, 2006 TE Grant, CHIP Grant, Water & Sewer Fund, and Lake Jonesco Golf Course. The total of all the above budgets amounts to \$23,154,033. Mrs. Crutchfield asked for a motion to adopt the resolution adopting all the named budgets for fiscal year 2011. (See attachments to the minutes).

Motion: So moved by Childs, second by Liston.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

Mrs. Crutchfield also asked for a motion to adopt the resolution establishing millage rates for 2010-2011 for Jones County, Georgia. The gross millage rate of 17.51, with a roll back of 2.78 mills for local option sales tax for the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Jones County, Georgia, and a roll back of 1.42 mills for the insurance premium tax for the unincorporated area of Jones County, Georgia; therefore, results in the following millage rates: the Unincorporated Area is 13.31 mills, the Incorporated Area is 14.73 mills, and the Special Service Tax District River North is 1.07 mills.

Motion: So moved by Liston, second by Childs.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

2. Approve allocation of funds for materials for water projects – Plantation Road/Greenwood Road – Commissioner Robinson

Water Superintendent Freddie Wiggins discussed costs proposals that he and the commissioners had been given. The proposal was from Ingram and Associates. (See attachments to the minutes). The board also discussed a new type of pipe available that is less expensive than materials currently being used. The board plans to tour the manufacturing plant in about a month. Several counties in Georgia are currently using the new lightweight pipe. More research on the

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advantages and disadvantages will be done. Two areas were discussed that could be designated as tests sites for the material.

The proposal before them for the Creekside area was not a bid. The advertisement for bids will be published in next week's paper and bids will be opened on Friday. Because the price of pipe will increase significantly on September 1, 2010, the bid process will be shorter.

Motion: Motion by Robinson to put aside \$350,000 for completion of the Creekside area project from the 2009 SPLOST. The motion was amended to put aside \$350,000 for additional materials for the Creekside area project from the 2009 SPLOST. Commissioner Nelson seconded.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned to go into Executive Session for personnel at 2:29 p.m.

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

Vote: Unanimously approved.

RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened at 2:47 p.m.

Motion: Motion by Liston, second by Robinson to reconvene.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

County Administrator Mike Underwood reminded the Board of the 4:00 meeting with the city. Bob Rychel with the Middle Georgia Regional Commission will conduct the meeting.

The board briefly discussed personnel and hiring policy.

Consensus of the Board: Consensus of the Board was that any recommendations made by Commissioners during the hiring process will be shared with all commissioners prior to the Department Head hiring an employee.

Don Graham, EMA Director, announced that the two fire stations not certified were inspected earlier that morning and both passed inspection. All of the county's fire stations were then inspected and they all passed. ISO will be in Jones County in 70 days to complete the process.

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Consolidation with the City's fire station was discussed. Several changes will be made that will increase the number of points given by ISO which contribute to improving our ratings.

The board discussed a fire station on Highway 57.

The Pre-disaster Mitigation Plan has been accepted by GEMA and FEMA and will be in effect for five years.

Mr. Underwood announced that the City cancelled the 4:00 p.m. meeting later that afternoon. A new date will be set, possibly next week.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Motion: Motion by Liston, second by Robinson 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