

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

November 16, 2010
6:00 P.M.

The Third Tuesday Business Meeting of the Jones County Board of Commissioners was held at 6:00 p.m. November 16, 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 6:22 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Add the following non-agenda items:

New Business 6: Outdoor Watering Ordinance first reading – Mike Underwood

Invocation: Ronnie Hinson, Real Life Church
Pledge: Ronnie Hinson, Real Life Church

PLANNING & ZONING:

Item A: Tower Assets, LLC: Request a Conditional Use to install a cell tower. Property is located at 150 Blounts Chapel Rd, and consists of 18.93 +/- acres, zoned Ag-1 (Agricultural-Rural).

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Chairman Hawkins called for a motion.

Motion: Motion by Nelson, second by Childs to table this until the next meeting.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

**CONSENT AGENDA FOR
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Minutes: November 4, 2010
2. Minutes: November 8, 2010 Multi-county Meeting

Chairman Hawkins called for a motion.

Motion: So moved by Liston, second by Robinson.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

PROCLAMATION: Jones County High School Girls Fast Pitch Softball Team. See attachment to the minutes.
Chairman Hawkins presented Coach Lyons and the team with the proclamation.

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

Jones County High School Girls' Fast Pitch Softball Team

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2010, the Jones County High School Girls' Fast Pitch Softball Team began the 2010 Fast Pitch Softball season, playing in 43 regular season games; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of the 18 Fast Pitch players reflect their dedication to promoting Coach Blake Lyons' objectives of teamwork and success; and

WHEREAS, the skills and discipline of Girls' Fast Pitch team members in Region 3-AAAA led to 35 victories during the 2010 JCHS Fast Pitch Softball season; and

WHEREAS, the Fast Pitch players worked diligently and steadfastly toward their state championship victory in 2010, having won the region championship for the second consecutive season; and

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2010 in Columbus, Georgia, the Jones County High School Girls' Fast Pitch Softball Team won the AAAA State Fast Pitch Softball Championship completing a four game sweep of the state

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Elite Eight Tournament and outscoring their opponents 30-6; and

WHEREAS, the members of The Jones County High School Fast Pitch Softball team warrant recognition and praise.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Jones County, Georgia, this 16th day of November, 2010, that this body does hereby honor and pay tribute to *the Jones County High School Girls' Fast Pitch Softball Team* and proclaim November 16, 2010 as

JONES COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FAST PITCH DAY.

Let a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting.

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 16th day of November, 2010.

Chairman

Attest: _____

Clerk of the Board

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Reappoint Cheryl Varnadoe to the Health Board. Six year term: 01/01/2011 – 12/31/2016.

Chairman Hawkins called for a motion.

Motion: So moved by Liston, second by Childs.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

2. Reappoint Earlene Hamilton to Planning & Zoning Board term expires 12/31/2010. This is a five year term and is the county wide member.

Chairman Hawkins called for a motion.

Motion: So moved by Childs, second by Nelson.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

3. Reappoint Charles Newberry as PHO – Mike Underwood

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County Administrator Mike Underwood explained the two year contract with Charles Newberry which had expired. He serves as the Personnel Hearing Officer.

Chairman Hawkins called for a motion.

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

Vote: Unanimously approved.

4. Clarify Water Rates – Commissioner Childs

The board discussed the water rates in Haddock. The rates were not increased November 1, 2010. The board discussed holding a call meeting on the issue.

Motion: Motion by Nelson, second by Childs to table until the next meeting.

Vote: Motion approved 3-2. (Childs, Hawkins, Nelson)

Opposed: Liston and Robinson

5. 1st Tuesday Commissioner Meeting in December is the same night as the Christmas Parade – Leila

Chairman Hawkins called for a motion to move the meeting to Monday December 13, 2010.

Motion: So moved by Robinson, second by Liston with the motion to also include that December 13th will be the only meeting in December.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

Commissioner Childs requested that Mike Underwood look into flumes and to include flumes and loans for the water system on the call meeting agenda.

6. Outdoor Watering Ordinance – Mike Underwood

County Administrator Mike Underwood explained that new legislation was passed in 2010 requiring all counties to adopt an outdoor watering ordinance to be in effect by January 1, 2011. Mr. Underwood distributed a copy of the Jones County ordinance and explained the requirements in the ordinance.

DEPARTMENT HEADS: No action taken.

CITIZEN COMMENTS (3 minutes - signed in): There were none.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Childs: Commissioner Childs asked that the call meeting for Haddock water rates be held 30 minutes before the First Meeting in December.

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Consensus of the Board: Consensus of the board was to have a called meeting December 13, 2010 at 5:30 pm. The agenda will include Haddock water rates, flumes, and loans for the water system.

Commissioner Nelson: Commissioner Nelson discussed issues being researched by the animal control committee which he chairs.

A subcommittee, the Work Group Committee has been formed to focus on issues that have been discussed.

The following operational changes have been made that are within the guidelines set by the animal control ordinance:
The local ordinance does not require for animals to be put down after five days. We will make every reasonable effort to find homes for any animals where it is appropriate. Animals will be kept as long as reasonably possible or until the facility is at operational capacity.

CITIZEN COMMENTS (1 minute - not signed in): There were none.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned to go into Executive Session for personnel at 7:20 pm.

Chairman Hawkins called for a motion to adjourn into executive session for personnel.

Motion: So moved by Liston, second by Nelson.

Vote: Unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Personnel

RECONVENE: The meeting reconvened at 7:35 pm.

Chairman Hawkins called for a motion to go back into open session.

Motion: So moved by Liston, second by Robinson

Vote: Unanimously approved.

Motion: Motion by Robinson, second by Liston to adopt the proposal given to us by the accounting department and the head of the department, LaVita Crutchfield. Commissioner Robinson requested to also add to the motion that this is a savings to the county of almost \$20,000 and Commissioner Liston alluded to that.

The proposal from accounting was as follows (see attachment to the minutes):

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Increase Teresa Brantley, Teresa Tarpley, Brandi Pritchett, and Brandy Watkins, an additional \$2.50 per hour, with the exception of the Finance Director LaVita Crutchfield, additional \$3.50 per hour.

The current hourly rates for the above individuals are as follows:

Teresa Brantley \$10.37; this will increase her rate to \$12.87=24%

Teresa Tarpley \$12.50; this will increase her rate to 15.00= 20%

Brandi Pritchett \$10.89; this will increase her rate to \$13.39= 23%

Brandi Watkins \$10.30; this will increase her rate to \$12.80= 24%

LaVita Crutchfield \$21.79; this will increase her rate to \$25.29= 16%

This distribution is based on the restructuring of duties in the finance department, because of the open Staff Accountant position that will not be filled. This is an approximate savings for the County of \$19,622.58.

Discussion: Commissioner Childs requested that: (on) his comment made about comp time; however, he would like to let Mike Underwood to have the ability to authorize time off if they have to work over but that would go strictly through the county administrator and not LaVita. With budget and audit there will be overtime.

Vote: Approved by a vote of 3-1. (Childs, Liston, Robinson)

Opposed: Nelson.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Motion: Motion by Liston, second by Childs.

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

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