

**JONES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Jones County Government Center  
Charlotte C. Wilson Conference Room  
First Tuesday Business Meeting  
January 7, 2020  
6:00 PM

The Jones County Board of Commissioners met for their First Tuesday business meeting at 6:00 p.m. January 7, 2020 in the Charlotte C. Wilson Conference Room at the Jones County Government Center. Members present were:

Chris Weidner – Chairman  
Sam Kitchens- Vice Chairman - District I Commissioner  
Jonathan Pitts – District II Commissioner  
Tommy Robinson – District III Commissioner  
Daylon Martin - District IV Commissioner (present at 6:06 p.m.)  
Ashley Brodie – County Attorney  
Jason Rizner – County Administrator  
Shannon Wagner – HR Director / Interim County Clerk

Chairman Weidner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Attachments to the minutes are filed separately from the minutes in a clasp envelope labeled by meeting in the commissioner’s vault.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Chairman Weidner asked for approval of the agenda. Comm. Pitts made the motion to approve the agenda. Comm. Robinson seconded. Vote – Unanimous.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** Terry Moore gave the invocation followed by the leading of the pledge.

**PLANING AND ZONING:**

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

**CONSENT AGENDA AND FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

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| 1. Work Session             | - | December 3, 2019 5:00 p.m. |
| 2. Joint City / County Mtg. | - | December 3, 2019 5:30 p.m. |
| 3. First Tuesday            | - | December 3, 2019 6:00 p.m. |
| 4. Work Session             | - | December 4, 2019           |
| 5. Work Session             | - | December 9, 2019 5:00p.m.  |
| 6. Called Meeting           | - | December 9, 2019 6:00 p.m. |
| 7. Called Meeting           | - | December 13, 2019          |

Comm. Pitts made the motion to approve the minutes. Comm. Kitchens seconded.  
Vote – unanimous.

**VISITORS - Three minutes limit –**

Terry Wimes, 224 Brookwood Trail, spoke to the Board about making Brookwood Trail a public road and the County maintaining the road. Ashley Brodie, County Attorney, stated that this would need to be researched and the cost of the right of ways and deeds would need to be taken into consideration. Chairman Weidner stated that this would be researched and brought back in front of the Board for consideration.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Chairman Weidner spoke to the Board about the importance of supporting the Jones County Board of Education.
2. Matt Goins, Parks, Rec. & Golf Director, continued the conversation about the County supporting the Board of Education. Mr. Goins stated that the Board of Education needed the County to support them with the services that some of our departments could do. He stated that they are not asking for any monetary support. The High School will need a new concrete pad for bleachers and help with the drainage issue around the track. Com. Pitts, Robinson, and Kitchens all agreed that supporting the Board of Education was a great idea and loved the idea of working together to make the community better. Comm. Martin stated that his district needed all of the same services for upgrades and was not getting them. While he liked the idea of supporting the local schools, his district needed supporting as well. Comm. Kitchens made the motion to support the Board of Education with any services needed to improve the schools. Comm. Pitts seconded. Vote – 4-1. Comm. Martin voted nay.
3. Comm. Pitts addressed the Board about the upcoming Community Development Block Grant and the need to address blight in the community. He asked that the County Administrator work with the County Engineer and the Regional Commission to start the grant process. Comm. Pitts made the motion to apply for the Community Development Block Grant. Comm. Robinson seconded. Vote – unanimous.
4. John Lowe, Public Works Director, asked the Board permission to purchase a 305 E2 mini excavator for \$64, 986.00. Comm. Kitchens made the motion to approve the purchase. Comm. Robinson seconded. Vote – unanimous.
5. John Lowe, Public Works Director, spoke to the Board about the recycling centers and the options for recycling cans and cardboard. John Wood from the City Fire Department gave information on how the City handles the recycling of cans. After discussion the Board asked for more information to be brought before them at a later meeting. Mr. Lowe asked the Board for permission to convert 4 single- stream recycling bins into catchall containers.

The Board expressed no reservations and stated that this decision could be made by the County Administrator.

6. Jeffrey Pehlke, Water Department Superintendent, asked the Board for permission to purchase 2 new trucks. The oldest 2 trucks in the Water Department fleet are 13 and 14 years old with many issues. After discussion, Comm. Kitchens made the motion to table the agenda item until Jason Rizner designs a vehicle replacement plan and presents it to the Board. Comm. Pitts seconded. Vote – unanimous.
7. Shannon Wagner, HR Director, discussed the Customer Service Policy with the Board. Comm. Pitts asked for some adjustments be made to the policy and put on the next agenda.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Jason Rizner, County Administrator, spoke about comp. time issues that arose during the holiday break and stated that comp. time would be looked at during the salary study.

Jeffrey Pehlke, Water Department Superintendent, told the Board about a recent Sanitary Survey that was done by the EPD and where Jones County ranked.

Matt Goins, Parks, Rec. & Golf Director, gave an update on the inclusive playground bathrooms and new concrete slab. Mr. Goins also spoke about the need for lights in the parking area and the parking problem. He stated the placement of light polls would structure the parking lot and could be installed by Tri County. Comm. Martin asked Matt to check into a solar option.

Joy Carr, Operation Early Intervention, spoke to the Board about a \$100,000 grant that was received from VOCA and how the money will be used to implement services for delinquently charged youth who have been impacted by abuse, neglect, or trauma.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS: (3 MINUTES – SIGN IN) –**

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS: -**

Comm. Kitchens spoke about the complaints that he received during the holiday closure about the recycle centers. He asked for better signs to be put at all of the centers.

Comm. Pitts spoke about the ACCG 2020 Georgia County Excellence Awards to Honor County Innovation and the submittal of the telemedicine room at the Health Department.

Comm. Robinson also stated that new signs with dates and times need to be put at all recycle centers.

Comm. Martin asked that the website be updated with a scrolling banner where updates can be put for the County. He asked that the signs at the recycle centers have the number to Public Works listed on them. He also asked for the comp. time policy to be fixed.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS: (1 MINUTE – NOT SIGNED IN) –**

George Scoville, 3754 Confederate Drive, spoke about the company he previously worked for.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Comm. Pitts made the motion to adjourn. Comm. Martin seconded. Vote – Unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

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