

JONES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jones County Government Center
Charlotte C. Wilson Conference Room
Third Tuesday Business Meeting
January 21, 2020
6:00 PM

The Jones County Board of Commissioners met for their Third Tuesday business meeting at 6:00 p.m. January 21, 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 (present at 6:02 p.m.)
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 a motion to approve the agenda. Comm. Kitchens made the motion to approve the agenda. Comm. Robinson seconded. Vote – unanimous.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE: Randy Darnell, Pastor of First Baptist Church, gave the invocation followed by the leading of the pledge.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Comm. Kitchens made a motion to reappoint Mary Watts to the Tax Assessors Board for a 6 year period. Comm. Robinson seconded. Vote – unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA AND FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

1. First Tuesday - January 7, 2020

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

VISITORS - Three minutes limit –

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Marion Hatton, Elections Superintendent, presented the Board with 2020 election qualifying fees. Comm. Kitchens made the motion to approve. Comm. Pitts seconded. Vote – unanimous.
2. John Lowe, Public Works Director, asked to table the recycling update.
3. Don Graham, EMA Director, asked the Board to approve the purchase of 2 Ford F250 pickup trucks. Mr. Graham stated that this purchase would replace the 1997 and 2007 rescue trucks which would go to surplus. Comm. Kitchens made the motion to approve. Comm. Pitts seconded. Comm. Martin stated that the Water Department asked to purchase new trucks and they were told they would have to wait until the Vehicle Replacement Policy was complete. Comm. Kitchens rescinded his motion and stated EMA would have to wait until the policy was complete as well.
4. Don Graham, EMA Director, asked the Board for permission to donate old gear to the fire stations in Puerto Rico which have been hit with several natural disasters this past year. Ashley Brodie, County Attorney, stated the items would need to be deemed surplus by the Board. Mr. Graham is to get an itemized list together to bring back before the Board.
5. Jennifer Allen, Animal Services Director, invited the Board to the volunteer dinner to thank the many volunteers for all the hard work and dedication they give to the Jones County Animal Service.
6. Matt Goins, Parks, Rec. & Golf Director, asked to table the golf course improvements agenda item.
7. Donald White, Interim Building Maintenance Director, presented the Board with an itemized list of surplus supplies and asked for direction on how to handle the items. The Board told Mr. White to check with the different departments and Constitutional Officers to see if they had a need for the items. Comm. Pitts asked Mr. White to check to see if the Board of Education had a need for any of the items.
8. Jason Rizner, County Administrator, gave an update on the Vehicle Replacement Policy, and the data issue that has come about with shop records and paper records at Public Works.
9. Jason Rizner, County Administrator, spoke to the Board about getting request for proposals on right of way acquisitions for dirt roads on the paving list. Mr. Rizner told the Board that a company could handle the process more efficiently. Comm. Robinson made the motion to approve. Comm. Kitchens seconded. Vote – unanimous.
10. Shannon Wagner, HR Director/ Interim County Clerk, spoke to the Board about the flex time policy, comp time, over time, and work hours for the Public Work Department. Chairman Weidner asked for a work session to discuss.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Shannon Wagner, HR Director/ Interim County Clerk, presented the Board with the Customer Service Policy and the changes that were made. Comm. Martin made the motion to approve. Comm. Pitts seconded. Vote – unanimous.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Donald White, Interim Building Maintenance Director, gave an update on the plumbing project at the Government Center.

Jeffrey Pehlke, Water Department Superintendent, gave an update on the Lite-N-Tie Booster Pump Station upgrades and the River North sewer upgrades.

Matt Goins, Parks, Rec. & Golf Director, spoke to the Board about the floors at the Mattie Wells Gym and the work that needs to be done to them. The Board asked him to get prices on several different surfaces. He also spoke about the new Morris Bank sign for the Hwy. 18 Rec. The Board expressed a willingness to pay for the requested appraisal from marketing funds.

Ashley Brodie, County Attorney, gave an update on the Brookwood Trail private road request.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: (3 MINUTES – SIGN IN) –

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS: -

Comm. Pitts spoke about pickle ball and offering the gym at the Government Center as a place to play during the day. Mr. Pitts also would like to open the gym during the day for our seniors to be able to walk inside when the weather is bad. He asked staff to develop a proposal that would allow the County to offer these activities.

Comm. Kitchens spoke about the need for new lighting at the Knox Center for the Jones County Arts productions. He expressed a desire to pursue a Fox Theatre Institute Grant to make the improvement and use the \$5000 grant from the Middle Georgia Clean Air Coalition as a match. Mr. Kitchens also spoke about the recycle day coinciding with cleanup day.

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

Jackie Avant, Jones County Animal Services Volunteer, thanked the Board for all the support for Animal Services.

ADJOURNMENT: Comm. Martin made the motion to adjourn to go into executive session for real estate. Comm. Kitchens seconded. Vote – unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

RECONVENE: Comm. Pitts made the motion to reconvene. Comm. Kitchens seconded. Vote – unanimous. Meeting reconvened at 8:11 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Comm. Pitts made the motion to adjourn. Comm. Martin seconded. Vote – unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED

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