

JONES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION

Jones County Government Center
Charlotte C. Wilson Conference Room

August 20, 2019
5:00 PM

The Jones County Board of Commissioners called for a Work Session at 5 p.m. on August 20, 2019 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
Jason Rizner – County Administrator
Ashley Brodie - County Attorney
Shannon Wagner- HR Director

Chairman Weidner called the work session to order at 5:04 p.m.

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

Chairman Weidner went over the rules of the meeting and the procedures that will be followed during the meeting.

Tiffany Davis, Environmental Code Enforcement Officer, went over the many different items that her office could address and could not address. She went over waste accumulation, ordinance violations, tires, property maintenance, junk vehicles, and foreclosures. Mrs. Davis spoke about the proper way to make a complaint and when Planning and Zoning needed to be contacted.

Comm. Martin spoke about the urban revitalization program and the importance of keeping seniors and children safe. Comm. Martin also spoke about the importance of holding the property owner responsible and making sure property values are not affected by blight. Comm. Martin wants the county to be stricter than Georgia Law.

Frank and Bonnie Duke of 247 Turnerwoods Road spoke about the trash and blight problems in their neighborhood and in the county. Mr. Duke spoke about the negative impact on the tax base and thought the codes and enforcement of codes needed to be strengthened. He also thought Planning and Zoning codes needed to be updated.

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George Scovill of 3754 Confederate Drive expressed his concerns about junk cars located on the back of properties, the tire ordinance and the time it takes for complaints to be researched.

Rick Tipton of 352 Amanda Drive spoke about safety concerns, road concerns, and a property that had many lawnmowers on it.

Mitchell Hinson of 3430 Joycliff Road spoke about Emerald Trailer Park and the homes in the park being covered with vines. He also had concerns about the properties around his and the potholes in the road. He would like for the ordinances to be redone.

Carolyn Berkner of 528 Joycliff Court expressed her concerns of Jones County becoming like Bibb County. She is concerned with the property located next to hers. She does not want her property value to go down. Ms. Berkner would like the laws to be changed.

Chairman Weidner made the suggestion for a committee to be formed and another work session to be scheduled to address both the property maintenance code and code enforcement.

Comm. Martin asked for See It, Click It, Fix It to be researched.

Comm. Pitts asked that a notice be put in the water bills or tax bills on the proper way to make a complaint.

ADJOURNMENT: Comm. Pitts made the motion to adjourn. Comm. Kitchens seconded. Vote – unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED

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