

**JONES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Jones County Government Center  
Charlotte C. Wilson Conference Room  
Third Tuesday Business Meeting  
March 17, 2020  
6:00 PM

The Jones County Board of Commissioners met for their Third Tuesday business meeting at 6:00 p.m. March 17, 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  
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. Pitts made the motion to approve the agenda. Comm. Robinson seconded. Vote – unanimous.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** Anthony Brown, Pastor of Hillsboro Baptist Church, gave the invocation followed by the leading of the pledge.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

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

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| 1. Work Session      | - | March 3, 2020 5:00 p.m. |
| 2. Work Session      | - | March 3, 2020 5:30 p.m. |
| 3. First Tuesday     | - | March 3, 2020           |
| 4. Executive Session | - | March 3, 2020           |

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

**VISITORS - Three minutes limit –**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Comm. Kitchens made the motion to move the Mauldin & Jenkins agenda item to the 4-21-2020 meeting. Comm. Martin seconded. Vote – unanimous.
2. Sheriff Reece asked the Board to approve the purchase of a new truck for the drug investigation unit. The truck would cost \$34,900.00 and be paid out of SPLOST. Comm. Pitts made the motion to approve. Comm. Kitchens seconded. Vote – unanimous.
3. Sheriff Reece asked the Board to approve using seized funds to pay for the administrative expansion to the building. Comm. Kitchens made the motion to approve. Comm. Pitts seconded. Vote- unanimous.
4. Comm. Kitchens spoke to the Board about the county paying for well testing on 12 wells in the Juliette area that could have possibly been affected by the ash ponds. The testing would be done by a third party and would cost \$1,940 per test. County Attorney Brodie stated she needed to look more into the legal side of testing on private property. Comm. Kitchens made the motion to table until the next meeting. Comm. Robinson seconded. Vote – unanimous.
5. John Lowe, Public Works Director, asked the Board to approve the purchase of a new roll off truck for \$182,316.00. The purchase would be paid out of SPLOST. The truck would replace the older roll off truck that has 600,000 miles on it and is 16 years old. Comm. Robinson made the motion to postpone this until the next business meeting. Comm. Kitchens seconded. Vote – unanimous.
6. John Lowe, Public Works Director, asked the Board to award the 2020 LMIG bid to the lowest bidder, Reeves Construction, for \$826,909.20. Comm. Martin made the motion to approve. Comm. Pitts seconded. Vote – unanimous.
7. John Lowe, Public Works Director, asked the Board to award the Striping Bid to the lowest bidder, Mid State Striping, for \$25,300.00. Comm. Martin made the motion to approve. Comm. Pitts seconded. Vote – unanimous.
8. John Lowe, Public Works Director, presented the Board with the Roadside Spraying Bid results. Comm. Kitchens presented the Board with information showing the complaints and problems with the lowest bidder, Natur Chem Inc. After discussion, Comm. Kitchens made the motion to award the bid to the second lowest bidder, ChemPro, at \$110.00 per acre. Comm. Martin seconded. Vote – unanimous.
9. Jason Rizner spoke to the Board about the AARP grant application and asked for approval to move forward with the application. He stated that the proposed project would include some fencing around the garden area and an outside seating area and gazebo. Comm. Pitts made the motion to approve. Comm. Martin seconded. Vote – unanimous.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Comm. Pitts presented the Board with ideas about training certified volunteers to use the Government Center gym for different activities. After discussion, Comm. Pitts made the motion to postpone to a later meeting. Comm. Robinson seconded. Vote – 4-1. Comm. Martin voted nay.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Don Graham, EMA Director, gave an update on COVID-19.

Jason Rizner, County Administrator, gave an update on a conference call with Governor Kemp regarding the COVID-19 situation.

Jeffrey Pehlke, Water Department Superintendent, spoke about waiving the cut off fee during the COVID- 19 situation.

Matt Goins, Parks, Rec & Golf Director, gave an update about his part time employees helping the school system hand out breakfast and lunch during the COVID-19 situation. He also asked for input for future plans for softball and baseball and told the Board about swapping hole numbers on the Golf Course to get the 18th hole closer to the clubhouse.

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

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS: -**

Comm. Kitchens spoke about the COVID-19 situation and the precautions that should be taken.

Comm. Pitts spoke about Railroad Day on Capitol Hill and the ACCG class he recently took about the importance of regionalism and partnership.

Comm. Robinson spoke about the vehicle maintenance plan and looking forward to resolving issues with the departments and vehicles.

Comm. Martin spoke about precautions at the Government Center with the COVID19 situation and getting our services put online for payments.

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

Jan Andrews, Jones County resident, asked if the Governor had the right to close borders between states.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Comm. Pitts made the motion to adjourn to go into executive session for personnel and real estate. Comm. Martin seconded. Vote – unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

**RECONVENE:** Comm. Kitchens made the motion to reconvene. Comm. Pitts seconded. Vote – unanimous. Meeting reconvened at 7:37 p.m.

Comm. Kitchens made the motion to make Donald White the Building Maintenance Director at grade 29, step 3. Comm. Martin seconded. Vote – unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Comm. Pitts made the motion to adjourn. Comm. Kitchens seconded. Vote – unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

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