

JONES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Virtual Meeting

Third Tuesday Business Meeting

April 21, 2020

6:00 PM

The Jones County Board of Commissioners met for their Third Tuesday business meeting at 6:00 p.m. April 21, 2020, by virtual meeting. 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 6:09 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 6:02 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. Kitchens seconded. Vote – unanimous.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE: Comm. Pitts gave the invocation.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS: None

CONSENT AGENDA AND FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

1. First Tuesday - April 7, 2020

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

VISITORS - Three minutes limit –

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Jason Rizner, County Administrator, asked the Board to approve the GEFA Loan Modification Resolution which extends the completion date of the Sun Valley and Industrial Park projects. Comm. Pitts made the motion to approve. Comm. Kitchens seconded. Vote – unanimous.

2. Jason Rizner, County Administrator, asked the Board if they would like to purchase an ad that would be placed in Georgia Trend Magazine. A half page would cost \$3,500 and a full page would cost \$6,500. After discussion, the Board agreed that it was not a good time to spend that kind of money.
3. Jason Rizner, County Administrator, asked the Board to approve the 2nd Amendment to the SPLOST Resolution due to the change of the election date. Comm. Kitchens made the motion to approve. Comm. Pitts seconded. Vote – unanimous.
4. Matt Goins, Parks, Rec & Golf Director, spoke to the Board about needing to close the Golf Course on Mondays to allow part time staff to rest and to do cleaning and maintenance. The full time employees would still work on Mondays and the pond would be open for fishing. The closure would be temporary until everything got back to normal from the COVID-19 situation. Comm. Pitts made the motion to approve the temporary closure. Comm. Robinson seconded. Vote – unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Don Graham, EMA Director, gave an update on the COVID-19 situation in Jones County. He stated that all employees had gloves and masks and he was waiting on the arrival of 13 no touch thermometers to be used at different county buildings. He also gave an update on the National Guard cleaning Stone Brooke and Autumn Trace assisted living facilities. Mr. Graham also stated that anyone who wanted to be tested for COVID-19 could be and to contact him for the hotline number to call for testing.

Jason Rizner, County Administrator, gave an update on the health insurance renewal. The renewal came in at 7.6% which was much better than last year's 20% renewal rate. He asked the Board to think about absorbing the cost or adjusting the employee's rates.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: (3 MINUTES – SIGN IN) –

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS: -

Comm. Martin encouraged everyone to stay safe and healthy and continue safe habits and protect your family.

Comm. Robinson was thankful that the COVID-19 numbers were beginning to improve and he looks forward to opening back up.

Comm. Pitts spoke about a meeting he had with Rep. Doug Collins about broadband, school security, and public safety. He thanked all employees for meeting the needs of Jones County and asked everyone to be safe.

Comm. Kitchens asked everyone to continue to be safe and to pray for the ones going through hard times and to make decisions that are best for you and your family during this time.

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

John Wood, 231 Oliver Greene Road, asked why the tornado sirens in the Bradley – Wayside area never sounded the night of the April 12th storms.

ADJOURNMENT: Comm. Pitts made the motion to adjourn. Comm. Kitchens seconded. Vote – unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED

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