

JONES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jones County Government Center

Virtual Meeting

First Tuesday Business Meeting

May 5, 2020

6:00 PM

The Jones County Board of Commissioners met for their First Tuesday business meeting at 6:00 p.m. May 5, 2020 by teleconference. 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 (arrived at 6:08 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 approval of the agenda. Comm. Pitts made the motion to approve the agenda. Comm. Kitchens seconded. Vote – Unanimous.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE: Matt Goins gave the invocation.

PLANING AND ZONING:

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

CONSENT AGENDA AND FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

- 1. **Third Tuesday** - **April 21, 2020**
- 2. **Called Meeting** - **April 28, 2020**

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

VISITORS - Three minutes limit –

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Chairman Weidner spoke to the Board about the general liability insurance that the County requires contractors and subcontractors to carry. He stated that the County is missing an opportunity for the contractors to have the County listed as additional insured. If the County would require this, it would not cost the County anything and if the insurance was canceled, the County would be notified. Comm. Pitts made the motion to require the County to be listed as additional insured. Comm. Kitchens seconded. Vote – unanimous.
2. Jason Rizner, County Administrator, spoke to the Board about reopening the Government Center and the stay at home order that was extended for the medically fragile and employees 65 and older. It was consensus of the Board to continue operating the way we are now and to offer as much as we can online. The Board wants to keep the employees and citizens safe and have minimal face to face interactions. It was also the consensus of the Board to continue to allow the medically fragile and older employees to stay at home and continue paying them without requiring them to use accrued leave.
3. Matt Goins, Parks, Recreation & Golf Director, spoke to the Board about opening the pro shop to customers. Mr. Goins stated that only 2 customers would be allowed in the shop at one time and they would have to socially distance. Mr. Goins also stated that a protective screen will be installed to protect our employees from the general public. Comm. Pitts made the motion to allow customers in the pro shop while enforcing safety measures and social distancing. Comm. Kitchens seconded. Vote – unanimous.
4. Don Graham, EMA Director, spoke to the Board about his department fixing the fire truck and not needing a replacement at this time. Mr. Graham asked the Board for help to get the equipment needed for the fire department. Comm. Robinson asked for the status of the Vehicle Replacement Policy and stated we needed to get the policy in place and start implementing it. Comm. Pitts stated that we needed to make sure the fire department had the equipment they needed.

OLD BUSINESS:

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Don Graham, EMA Director, gave an update on the PPE for the employees and also stated that he is still waiting for the no touch thermometers to arrive.

Matt Goins, Parks, Recreation & Golf Director, gave an update on fishing at the Golf Course. He stated that it has become very popular the past couple weeks and on average there is 20-40 people fishing every Monday. Mr. Goins also told the Board about Ronnie Hinson from Sonrise Ministries asking to use the Hwy. 49 recreation parking lot for food distribution for needy families on 5/17/2020. It was consensus of the Board to allow the use of the parking lot.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: (3 MINUTES – SIGN IN) –

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS: -

Comm. Kitchens asked everyone to stay safe and healthy and to continue to pray and to do what is best for yourself and your family.

Comm. Pitts asked that everyone vote by absentee ballot and to complete the census. He asked everyone to be careful and stay safe.

Comm. Martin stated that the Workforce Development Program had grant money for summer employment and didn't want Jones County to pass up the opportunity. He also asked for an update on the salary study. Comm. Martin asked everyone to be safe and take care.

Chairman Weidner stated that Nursing Home Appreciation Week was coming up and Chap Nelson had arranged a parade for Lynn Haven and Autumn Lane nursing homes. The parade will meet at the Government Center parking lot at 2:00 p.m. on 5/14/2020.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Comm. Pitts made the motion to adjourn. Comm. Kitchens seconded. Vote – Unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED

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