

JONES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jones County Government Center
Charlotte C. Wilson Conference Room
First Tuesday Business Meeting
July 7, 2020
6:00 PM

The Jones County Board of Commissioners met for their First Tuesday business meeting at 6:00 p.m. July 7, 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
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 6:03 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 to amend the agenda to add Item D under Planning and Zoning and to delete New Business items 4 and 6. Comm. Kitchens made the motion to approve the agenda with the requested amendments. Comm. Martin seconded. Vote – Unanimous.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE: Matt Goins, Parks, Recreation & Golf Director, gave the invocation followed by the leading of the pledge.

PLANNING AND ZONING:

Item A: Withdrawn

Item B: Ashley S. Spires: Requests a conditional use to allow a storage lot for operable vehicles. Property is located between 1210 and 1244 Eatonton Hwy, and consists of 2.11 +/- acres, zoned C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial). Comm. Martin made the motion to approve. Comm. Robinson seconded. Vote – unanimous.

Item C: Jerry J. Faircloth: Requests a conditional use to allow a septic pumping and repair trade shop, with a septic truck to be parked on site. Property is located at 4358 Gray Hwy, and consists of .63 +/- acres, zoned C-2 (General Commercial). Comm. Martin made the motion to approve. Comm. Kitchens seconded. Vote – unanimous.

Item D: Charles Adams: Requests a variance to allow an additional lot on a substandard private road. Property is located at 1362 Fortville – Milledgeville Rd, and consists of 4 +/- acres, zoned Ag-1 (Agricultural – Rural). Comm. Martin made the motion to approve. Comm. Kitchens seconded. Vote – unanimous.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

CONSENT AGENDA AND FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

1. **Third Tuesday** - **June 16, 2020**
2. **Executive Session** - **June 16, 2020**

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

VISITORS - Three minutes limit –

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tim Pitrowski, Planning and Zoning Director, spoke to the Board about starting the text amendment process to allow metal roofs on type “A” double wides. This would need to be done because of a change in the manufactured home industry, with many manufactured home now being constructed with metal roofs. Comm. Kitchens made the motion to start the text amendment process. Comm. Martin seconded. Vote – unanimous.
2. Carla Cooley with the Georgia Department of Public Health spoke to the Board about the proposed revision in fees for the individual water supply program in Jones County. The Board of Health approved the revision in March, 2020. Comm. Martin made the motion to approve the revision. Comm. Kitchens seconded. Vote – unanimous.
3. Chairman Weidner spoke to the Board about getting requests for proposals for automotive repair services. The Chairman stated that this could be a way for the County to save money on oil changes, tires and basic services. Comm. Robinson stated that we needed qualified techs to do the service on our vehicles. Comm. Kitchens made the motion to issue a request for proposals for automotive services, heavy equipment services, and tire services. Comm. Martin seconded. Vote – unanimous.
4. Removed.
5. Jason Rizner, County Administrator, asked the Board to approve the resolution declaring the results of the SPLOST election held on June 9, 2020. Comm. Martin made the motion to approve. Comm. Kitchens seconded. Vote – unanimous.
6. Removed.
7. Jason Rizner, County Administrator, spoke to the Board about setting the tentative millage rate for advertising purposes. After discussion, the Board

agreed to advertise the same millage rate as last year, which was 16.197 for unincorporated areas and 17.649 for incorporated areas. Comm. Kitchens made the motion to approve. Comm. Robinson seconded. Vote – unanimous.

8. Shannon Wagner, HR Director/ Interim County Clerk, asked the Board to designate a County delegate for the NACO Annual Business Meeting to be held on July 20, 2020. Comm. Martin made the motion to make Comm. Pitts the voting delegate. Comm. Kitchens seconded. Vote – unanimous.
9. Jason Rizner, County Administrator, spoke to the Board about the sale of an old rescue truck to the City of Gray. Mr. Rizner stated that the City had expressed an interest in the truck. County Attorney Ashley Brodie asked Mr. Rizner about how to transfer ownership to the City. It was decided that an intergovernmental agreement needed to be drafted and placed on the next agenda. Comm. Martin made the motion to approve. Comm. Kitchens seconded. Vote – unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

John Lowe, Public Works Director, spoke to the board about fixing the culvert pipe on Greene Settlement Road that was washed out and the costs associated with it. He spoke about a similar situation on Confederate Drive. County Attorney Ashley Brodie stated that requesting bids for these items needed to be placed on the next agenda to be voted on.

Jeffrey Pehlke, Water Department Superintendent, gave an update on the smoke test being done on the sewer system in River North. Mr. Pehlke also spoke about the county- wide hydrant flow testing that is being done.

Matt Goins, Parks, Recreation & Golf Director, spoke about a media company coming to give the Board a presentation. This will be done during a work session before the next Business Meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: (3 MINUTES – SIGN IN) –

Bart Jackson, 408 Jackson Road, asked the Commissioners to support and attend the 2nd annual state- wide Bible reading to be done on the Courthouse steps on 7/14/2020 at 7:14 A.M.

Justin Newman, 220 Old Clinton Road, spoke to the Board about a medical emergency situation with his grandfather, and stated that it took 45 minutes for an ambulance to arrive. He also stated that Jones County rescue did not show up at all. Mr. Newman was concerned with the time it took and asked the Board to please look into the problem and come up with a solution.

Rebecca Husted, 1787 Ga Hwy 18 East, spoke to the Board about problems with Jones County Fire Chief Don Graham and stated that there was a lack of leadership within the department. Mrs. Husted stated that the Fire Chief does not attend trainings and few volunteers attend trainings. She asked the Board to look into the situation.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS: -

Comm. Martin stated he was disturbed that it took 45 minutes for an ambulance to respond to the medical emergency. Comm. Martin stated that the EMS training needed to be audited. Comm. Martin spoke about the workforce development program for youth in Jones County. He also gave an update on the mountain biking trails on Hwy. 49.

Comm. Robinson introduced Wendy Vaughn as the new District III Commissioner that will take his place on January 1, 2021.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Comm. Kitchens made the motion to adjourn to go into executive session for personnel. Comm. Martin seconded. Vote – Unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

RECONVENE: Comm. Kitchens made the motion to reconvene. Comm. Martin seconded. Vote – unanimous. Meeting reconvened at 8:58 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Comm. Kitchens made the motion to adjourn. Comm. Robinson seconded. Vote – unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED

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