

**JONES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Jones County Government Center  
Charlotte C. Wilson Conference Room  
July 21, 2020  
6:00 PM

The Jones County Board of Commissioners met for their Third Tuesday business meeting at 6:00 p.m. July 21, 2020, at the W.E. Knox Civic Center. Members present were:

Chris Weidner – Chairman  
Sam Kitchens- Vice Chairman / District I Commissioner  
Tommy Robinson- District III Commissioner  
Daylon Martin - District IV Commissioner (present at 6:04 PM)  
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. Kitchens made the motion to approve the agenda. Comm. Robinson seconded. Vote – unanimous.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** Michael Woodward, Jones County Building Maintenance, gave the invocation and pledge.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS: None**

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

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| 1. Work Session      | - | July 7, 2020 |
| 2. First Tuesday     | - | July 7, 2020 |
| 3. Executive Session | - | July 7, 2020 |

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

**VISITORS - Three minutes limit –**

Steven Handley, 1039 Monticello Hwy, spoke to the Board about his property and the increase of taxes on his property. Mr. Handley stated that his property is behind the Bradley Wayside Auction, the Recycling Center, and the Animal Shelter and he should receive a break on his taxes due to the noise levels. Chairman Weidner told

Mr. Handley that the Tax Assessor's Board would be the board he needed to talk to about his property. The Chairman told him to reach out to the Chairman of the Tax Assessor's Board, John Wood.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Shannon Wagner, HR Director/Interim County Clerk, asked the Board to amend the On-Call Policy to add that only hourly, non-exempt employees could be on-call. After discussion, Comm. Kitchens stated that there was a scheduling problem and a policy problem. Comm. Martin made the motion to amend the policy to add that only hourly, non-exempt employees could be on-call. Comm. Robinson seconded. Comm. Martin and Comm. Robinson voted in favor of the motion. Comm. Kitchens and Chairman Weidner voted nay. Chairman Weidner asked for a work session to discuss the policy more.
2. Shannon Wagner, HR Director/Interim County Clerk, asked the Board to amend spousal insurance coverage starting 7/1/2021 to save the County money. Under the proposed revision, any spouse who would be eligible for insurance through their place of employment would not be eligible for insurance through Jones County. Comm. Kitchens stated that he thought we had already done this and made the motion to amend the spousal insurance coverage. Comm. Robinson seconded. Comm. Martin was concerned that we would be hurting employees if an employee had a spouse who worked at the Waffle House and had to take terrible insurance. After discussion, Comm. Kitchens withdrew his motion and Comm. Robinson withdrew his second. Comm. Kitchens made the motion to table indefinitely. Comm. Robinson seconded. Vote – unanimous.
3. John Lowe, Public Works Director, asked the Board to go out for bid for pipe repairs on Greene Settlement Road and Confederate Drive. Comm. Robinson made the motion to approve. Comm. Martin seconded. Vote – unanimous.
4. John Lowe, Public Works Director, asked the Board to amend the road resurfacing list to add Morris Stevens Road and Howard Roberts Road. Comm. Kitchens made the motion to approve. Comm. Robinson seconded. Vote – unanimous.
5. Jason Rizner, County Administrator, asked the Board to approve an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Gray for the transfer of one rescue truck. Comm. Martin made the motion to approve. Comm. Robinson seconded. Vote – unanimous.
6. Jason Rizner, County Administrator, asked the Board to amend the SDS Map for water service areas due to the high school needing a larger water line to service the school. Comm. Kitchens made the motion to approve. Comm. Robinson seconded. Vote – unanimous.
7. Jason Rizner, County Administrator, asked the Board to approve the Sheriff's Office purchasing vehicles on state contract to be paid with

- SPLOST funds. Comm. Kitchens made the motion to approve. Comm. Robinson seconded. Vote – unanimous.
8. Jason Rizner, County Administrator, went over the proposals that were received for the GPS bid. After discussion, Mr. Rizner made the recommendation to award the bid to EnVue Telematics for a total 3-year cost of 90,923.42. After discussion about policies and procedures, Comm. Kitchens made the motion to table. Comm. Martin seconded. Vote – unanimous.
  9. Matt Goins, Parks, Recreation & Golf Director, spoke to the Board about overnight camping at the Hwy. 18 Morris Bank Recreation Complex. Mr. Goins stated that, during tournaments, some parents will bring their campers to spend the night and he wanted to be sure this was allowed. Comm. Kitchens made the motion to allow the event organizers to manage the campers and know who the campers were. Comm. Robinson seconded. Vote – unanimous.
  10. Don Graham, EMA Director, spoke to the Board about the Automatic Aid Agreement that the County has with the City. Even though the Agreement was approved in 2018, Chief Graham wanted to go over the specifics again.
  11. Marion Hatton, Elections Superintendent, spoke to the Board about the space problem she is having with the new voting equipment. The space she has now cannot accommodate all the equipment. Ms. Hatton stated that the probation office was now vacant and she could move to that location. Comm. Martin asked about the possibility of asking 4H to move and making that office the Elections office. After discussion, Comm. Kitchens made the motion to table indefinitely. Comm. Martin seconded. County Administrator Jason Rizner commented that he would work with Ms. Hatton to find a suitable location on the Government Center campus per the Board’s request. Vote – unanimous.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Comm. Kitchens made the motion to table the Connectivity Enhancement Program in Comm. Pitt’s absence. Comm. Martin seconded. Vote – unanimous.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Matt Goins, Parks, Recreation & Golf Director, asked for guidance for recreation football and soccer. Comm. Martin stated the leagues should follow the GHSA. Mr. Goins gave an update on the Inclusive Playground stating the bathrooms, flower garden and fences were complete.

John Lowe, Public Works Director, asked for prayers for an employee.

Don Graham, EMA Director, apologized for the interruption at the last meeting and asked for his department's record to speak for itself. Chief Graham also stated that the response time for an emergency call that previously took place was 26 minutes.

Jason Rizner, County Administrator, gave an update on the large-scale SPLOST water projects and ways to finance the projects. He suggested a work session to discuss the specific projects to include and financing mechanisms before the next meeting.

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

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS: -**

Comm. Kitchens thanked the volunteer firemen for all their hard work.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** Comm. Martin made the motion to adjourn to go into executive session for personnel and real estate. Comm. Kitchens seconded. Vote – unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

**RECONVENE:** Comm. Martin made the motion to reconvene. Comm. Kitchens seconded. Vote – unanimous. Meeting reconvened at 8:42 p.m.

Comm. Martin made the motion that at the expiration of the lease for the Bradley Wayside Auction that the Auction property will be placed for sale by sealed bid. Comm. Kitchens seconded. Vote – unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Comm. Martin made the motion to adjourn. Comm. Kitchens seconded. Vote – unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

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Chris Weidner, Chairman

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