

JONES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Virtual Meeting
August 18, 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. 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 6:08 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: Chairman Weidner gave the invocation.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS: None

CONSENT AGENDA AND FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

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| 1. First Tuesday | - | August 4, 2020 |
| 2. Called Meeting | - | August 6, 2020 |

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

VISITORS - Three minutes limit –

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Comm. Pitts spoke to the Board about Patriot Day which will be held on 9/10/2020 at 6:30 p.m. at Carol’s Park. He asked the Board and everyone to come out and show support for our military and law enforcement.

2. Comm. Kitchens spoke to the Board about the County adopting a solar zoning ordinance to allow solar in the community. Tim Pitrowski, P&Z Director, explained the process for amending the County's zoning code. Comm. Kitchens made the motion to begin the text amendment process for a solar ordinance. Comm. Pitts seconded. Vote – unanimous.
3. Jason Rizner, County Administrator, spoke to the Board about starting a contract with Dr. Gadd for veterinarian services for the Animal Services Department. Mr. Rizner stated that our current veterinarian, Dr. Moore, was not able to work any longer. Mr. Rizner made the recommendation to approve the contract with Dr. Gadd, subject to legal review. Comm. Pitts made the motion to approve. Comm. Kitchens seconded. Vote – unanimous.
4. Matt Goins, Parks, Recreation & Golf Director, asked for the item related to seasonal golf course staffing to be tabled until the next meeting. Comm. Kitchens made the motion to table. Comm. Pitts seconded. Vote – unanimous.
5. Jason Rizner, County Administrator, spoke to the Board about Suicide Prevention Month and the importance of bringing awareness to the community. Mr. Rizner made a recommendation for the Board to approve the Suicide Prevention Month Proclamation. Comm. Kitchens made the motion to approve. Comm. Pitts seconded. Vote – unanimous.
6. Joy Carr, Jones County Family Connection, gave an update on the Census in Jones County. Mrs. Carr stated that Jones County had a 62% response rate and Georgia was 38th in the nation. Around 10,000 people in Jones County have not been counted. Comm. Kitchens requested that a Census update be included on each agenda going forward.
7. Jason Rizner, County Administrator, gave an update on the CARES Act Funding and asked the Board to think about how they would like to spend the money the County will receive for submitting payroll. He reported that Jones County's share of the funding is \$1.33 million and that it can be accessed by submitting public safety payroll documentation. The Board can then decide on how to spend those funds. Chairman Weidner asked Mr. Rizner to bring requests to the Board as he receives them.
8. Jason Rizner, County Administrator, discussed a request that was made by the Tax Commissioner asking for the Board to mandate masks being worn in the Government Center. The Board asked that disposable masks be made available at all County buildings. County Attorney Brodie stated that a person coming in the building to vote cannot be stopped if they do not have a mask on. Comm. Pitts made the motion to mandate masks and temperature checks at all County buildings. Comm. Robinson seconded. Vote – unanimous.
9. Jason Rizner, County Administrator, asked the Board to approve issuing a request for proposals for ionization units for various County facilities. Comm. Kitchens made the motion to approve going out for proposals

- with a 2 week deadline for responses. Comm. Robinson seconded. Vote – unanimous.
10. Shannon Wagner, HR Director, spoke to the Board about the proposed On-Call Policy and made the recommendation to approve. Comm. Martin made a motion to approve. Comm. Pitts seconded. Vote – unanimous.
 11. Shannon Wagner, HR Director, spoke to the Board about the proposed Comp Time Policy and made the recommendation to approve. The Board asked that employees use accrued comp time before using annual or sick leave. Comm. Kitchens made the motion to approve. Comm. Robinson seconded. Vote – unanimous.
 12. Shannon Wagner, HR Director, spoke to the Board about the proposed Take Home Vehicle Policy and made the recommendation to approve. Comm. Kitchens was concerned with some of the Departments that were or were not listed on the policy. After discussion, Comm. Martin made the motion to postpone until the next meeting. Comm. Kitchens seconded. Vote – unanimous.
 13. Shannon Wagner, HR Director, spoke to the Board about the GPS policy and made the recommendation to approve. Comm. Pitts made the motion to approve. Comm. Kitchens seconded. Vote – unanimous.
 14. Jason Rizner, County Administrator, spoke to the Board about the Bradley Wayside Auction and the repairs the current tenant would like made. After discussion, Comm. Pitts made a motion that no repairs be made. Comm. Robinson seconded. Vote – unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Jason Rizner, County Administrator, spoke to the Board about the GPS proposals that were received and made the recommendation to award the bid to EnVue Technologies. Comm. Kitchens made the motion to approve. Comm. Robinson seconded. Vote – unanimous.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

CITIZEN COMMENTS: (3 MINUTES – SIGN IN) –

John Wood, Oliver Greene Road, addressed the Board about a situation that took place with the Tax Commissioner’s Office. Mr. Wood stated that when the Government Center was closed down due to COVID, his car tags were due. When the Government Center opened again, the lines were so long that, by the time he got his tags, he was charged late fees. Mr. Wood asked the Board to look at the situation and come up with a better way to handle late fees.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS: -

Comm. Martin gave an update on the Mattie Wells Trails and asked everyone to stay safe and healthy.

Comm. Pitts spoke about an investment opportunity that he learned about through NACO that may enable the County to earn additional interest.

Comm. Kitchens invited everyone to participate in the Juliette Cleanup on the 29th of August.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Comm. Pitts made the motion to adjourn to go into executive session for personnel. Comm. Kitchens seconded. Vote – unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

RECONVENE: Comm. Pitts made the motion to reconvene. Comm. Kitchens seconded. Vote – unanimous. Meeting reconvened at 7:52 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Comm. Pitts made the motion to adjourn. Comm. Kitchens seconded. Vote – unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED

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