

JONES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jones County Government Center
Charlotte C. Wilson Conference Room
September 15, 2020
6:00 PM

The Jones County Board of Commissioners met for their Third Tuesday business meeting at 6:00 p.m. September 15, 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
Jonathan Pitts- District II Commissioner
Tommy Robinson- District III Commissioner
Daylon Martin - District IV Commissioner (by phone)
Jason Rizner – County Administrator
Shannon Wagner - HR Director / County Clerk

Chairman Weidner called the meeting to order at 6:00 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. Martin seconded. Vote – unanimous.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE: Commissioner Pitts gave the invocation and pledge.

Jennifer Allen, Animal Services Director, presented Dr. Berry Moore with a plaque for his 20+ years of service to Animal Services and the County.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS: None

CONSENT AGENDA AND FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

- 1. First Tuesday - September 1, 2020
- 2. Executive Session - September 1, 2020

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

VISITORS - Three minutes limit –

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Greg Boike, Middle Georgia Regional Commission, spoke to the Board about the revision made to the Service Delivery Strategy. A small change was made to the parcel where Jones County High School is located to add water service to the athletic fields and the College & Career Academy to Jones County's service area. Comm. Pitts made the motion to approve the revision to the Service Delivery Strategy. Comm. Kitchens seconded. Vote – unanimous.
2. Greg Boike, Middle Georgia Regional Commission, presented the CIE Update Transmittal Resolution to the Board. The update included the community workforce program and accrual of the impact fees. Comm. Pitts made the motion to approve the resolution. Comm. Kitchens seconded. Vote – unanimous.
3. Judge Greene asked the Board to approve a part time position within his department. The employee would only work 16 hours a week. Comm. Martin made the motion to approve. Comm. Pitts seconded. Vote – unanimous.
4. Tim Ingram, Ingram & Associates, asked the Board to approve the Fidelity Manufacturing quote for the fabrication and installation of a generator fuel tank. The generator will be installed at the Government Center. After discussion, Comm. Pitts made the motion to approve. Comm. Kitchens seconded. Vote – unanimous.
5. Jason Rizner, County Administrator, asked the Board to postpone the Public Facilities Authority Resolution until a future meeting. Comm. Kitchens made the motion to approve. Comm. Robinson seconded. Vote – unanimous.
6. Comm. Pitts spoke to the Board about an analysis service that could look at the County's finances to see what money the County could be saving. Comm. Pitts stated he learned of the CashVest service at a NACO business meeting. Mr. Pitts also stated that, after reviewing the program, we would talk with our current banks to discuss products or services that would earn us additional interest.
7. Jason Rizner, County Administrator, asked the Board to go out for bid for 7 Dodge Chargers for the Sheriff's Department. Six of the Chargers will be paid out of SPLOST and one will be paid with insurance money. Comm. Pitts made the motion to approve. Comm. Robinson seconded. Vote – unanimous.
8. John Lowe, Public Works Director, asked the Board to approve a change order for Reeves Construction to complete the paving of Otis Redding Road. After discussion, Comm. Martin stated that allowing the change order would affect the integrity of the bid process. Comm. Pitts stated that the citizens have been waiting a long time for this road to be paved and they deserved to have it done. Mr. Lowe stated that this work would have had to be added no matter who the contract was awarded to. Comm. Pitts made the motion to approve the change order. Comm. Kitchens seconded. Vote 4-1. Comm. Martin voted nay.

9. Jason Rizner, County Administrator, asked the Board to approve a 1-year extension for the 5311 GDOT Transit Contract with Middle Georgia Community Action Agency. After discussion, Comm. Pitts made the motion to approve. Comm. Robinson seconded. Vote – unanimous.
10. Jason Rizner, County Administrator, asked the Board if they would like to purchase a transit van that has been removed from service. The Middle Georgia Community Action Agency has expressed an interest in purchasing the van. Mr. Rizner commented that we could not sell the van directly to them, but may be able to allow them to use it for Jones County programs. After discussion, Comm. Kitchens made the motion to buy the van from the GDOT and make an offer to Middle Georgia Community Action or to auction the van. Comm. Pitts seconded. Vote – unanimous.
11. Shannon Wagner, HR Director/ County Clerk, spoke to the Board about the COVID-19 Dislocated Worker Grant. The County would be partnering with Work Source Georgia to offer cleaning jobs to dislocated workers due to the pandemic. Comm. Kitchens made the motion to approve. Comm. Pitts seconded. Vote – unanimous.
12. Shannon Wagner, HR Director/ County Clerk, asked the Board to approve the Central Georgia Tech MOU for FY 2021. Comm. Pitts made the motion to approve. Comm. Pitts seconded. Vote – unanimous.
13. Jason Rizner, County Administrator, gave a census update to the Board. He stated that Jones County has exceeded the response rate from 2010.
14. Jason Rizner, County Administrator, asked the Board to approve a 1-month extension to the rental agreement for the Bradley – Wayside Auction. Due to the pending sale of the property, the Board decided to allow the extension so if the current renter is able to buy the property, he would not have to move any of his equipment. Comm. Pitts made the motion to approve. Comm. Kitchens seconded. Vote – unanimous.
15. Jason Rizner, County Administrator, asked the Board to approve the proposed Bradley Wayside plat that will be put up for sale. Mr. Rizner reviewed several proposed changes to the draft. Comm. Kitchens made the motion to approve the plat with the suggested revisions. Comm. Pitts seconded. Vote – unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Jason Rizner, County Administrator, spoke to the Board about the temperature stations and the prices for the stations. He stated that he was still waiting on one quote. After discussion, Comm. Kitchens made the motion to postpone until the next meeting. Comm. Pitts seconded. Vote – unanimous.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Jason Rizner, County Administrator, stated that the Jones County Health Department has asked the Board to assist in the abandoning of old wells by filling them and capping them. The Board asked Mr. Rizner to do more research. Mr. Rizner also stated that there was a space that could be transformed in the EMA office for \$9200 to give to the Elections Office.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: (3 MINUTES – SIGN IN) –

Timothy Andrews, 330 Otis Redding Road, thanked the Board for approving the change order to move forward with the paving of Otis Redding Road.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS: -

Comm. Martin thanked the department heads for doing good work.

Comm. Pitts spoke to the Board about the importance of providing broadband to the community and provided the Board with 10 steps to broadband internet initiatives. Comm. Pitts stated that there would be a Public Hearing on 9/24/2020 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss broadband and start a broadband committee.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Comm. Kitchens made the motion to adjourn to go into executive session for real estate. Comm. Martin seconded. Vote – unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

RECONVENE: Comm. Robinson made the motion to reconvene. Comm. Kitchens seconded. Vote – unanimous. Meeting reconvened at 7:24 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Comm. Pitts made the motion to adjourn. Comm. Kitchens seconded. Vote – unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED

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