

Jasper County Board of Commissioners Work Session Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2010
5:00pm

**Commissioners present: Chairman Charles Hill, Vice-Chairman Carl Pennamon
Commissioner Alan Cox, Commissioner Mary Patrick
Commissioner Jack Bernard**

**Staff present: County Manager Dennis Recker, County Attorney James Alexander
Betty Moon**

Minutes prepared by: Betty Moon

Chairman Hill calls the meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Commissioner Cox to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Bernard-Discussion
Commissioner Patrick adds Paid Time Off and Commissioner Bernard adds Resolution concerning
Commissioners Items on the agenda. Paid Time Off as Item # 4 and Resolution as Items # 5.
Commissioner Cox amends his motion to include Item # 4 & 5. Yes-Vote-Commissioners Cox,
Bernard, Patrick, Hill. Opposed-Commissioner Pennamon. Motion Carries.

SPLOST Roads for 2010 Projects:

Chairman Hill wants a work session on SPLOST sometime next week. Commissioner Bernard wants to
talk about road plans for the county, when the county manager is ready to do this. Commissioner
Patrick stated we need to do the SPLOST roads before we run out of time. Commissioner Cox stated he
had asked for Hodges Farm Road be placed on the agenda. Mr. Recker stated he thought this road was
on SPLOST and that is where it is. County Manager Dennis Recker is to see how much money is in
SPLOST for roads before the meeting, which will be April 29th, Thursday at 10:00am in order for the
board to decide what to do. SPLOST was to generate enough money for \$4,000,000 for roads and
bridges, \$200,000 for Recreation and \$176,000 for Economic Development, with funds coming in lower
than expected, will have to do pro rata on the funds.

Morgan County Landfill:

Commissioner Patrick stated this is a private landfill, not Morgan County's. At first Northeast Ga RDC
was not going to do an DRI, but changed their minds and have sent them out. She continued, this is a
489 acre tract, regional landfill with multi-states bringing in trash, plus any county. They wanted a
variance of 60 ft high, but now they want a 250 ft high. This will be a solid waste landfill. This is on a
1500 tract that can be expanded. The DRI will go to Morgan County, they have to consider this, then
we need to do a resolution. Chairman Hill will attend the RDC meeting to object. The DRI has to be
back to RDC in 30 days and time has already started. Commissioner Pennamon stated we need a
committee of the chairman, Commissioner Patrick, County Attorney and County Manager to get
together and do this DRI and inform the rest of the board before sending it off.

Board Appointments:

Commissioner Pennamon stated appointed board members should be appointed by districts. He also
wants on the next agenda to establish a process for appointed board members. Nominees who wish to

serve must come before the board to introduce themselves and say why they want to serve. The appointments for EDA and Recreation should also be advertised in the newspaper for the May 17th agenda. Economic Development asked for reappointments and Recreation needs (2) appointments. County Manager Dennis Recker will provide a process for appointing board members and have for the approval at the May 3rd meeting.

Paid Time Off:

Commissioner Patrick stated the employees have not had this explained to them and there is a lot of confusion. County Attorney Alexander stated employees get so many weeks, the excess goes into EIB up to a specified limit. The County Manager Dennis Recker stated a fact sheet is being put together of changes that were made and I will brief the department heads and they in turn will inform their staff. Mr. Recker further stated another issue, some conversation of a rewrite of the Personnel Policy and a committee was to be appointed and bring the constitutional officers in and bring everyone under this policy. Committee to consist of (2) long term employees, myself, human resource, constitutional officers and any commissioner who would like to be on it. Commissioners told Mr. Recker to proceed.

Resolution:

County Attorney Alexander per minutes of April 5th by Commissioner Pennamon ask that I do a resolution that the Work Session is for clarification and fact finding in order to make resolutions in the regular meeting, then if something needs to be added we can add to the work session and go from there. The board decided this was not needed.

Motion by Commissioner Bernard to adjourn the Work Session. Seconded by Commissioner Pennamon. Passed Unanimously.

Charles Hill, Chairman

Dennis Recker, County Manager

Jasper County Board of Commissioners Called Meeting Minutes
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6:00pm

Commissioners present: Chairman Charles Hill, Vice-Chairman Carl Pennamon, Commissioner Mary Patrick, Commissioner Jack Bernard, Commissioner Alan Cox

Staff: County Manager Dennis Recker, County Attorney James Alexander, Betty Moon

Minutes prepared by: Betty Moon

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation:

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Commissioner Bernard to approve the agenda with the addition of: Move County Manager Items to after approval of minutes and add Hodges Farm Road to New Business after Resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Cox. Passed Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Commissioner Patrick to approve the minutes of Board Work Session April 5, 2010. Seconded by Commissioner Cox. Passed Unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Patrick to approve the minutes of Regular Board Meeting April 5, 2010. Seconded by Commissioner Pennamon. Passed Unanimously.

County Manager Items:

Animal Control Operation-Saturday Hours & Staffing: County Manager Dennis Recker told the board that a second part-time employee is needed at Animal Control. Each person to make 16 hours per week, Discussion: Motion by Commissioner Patrick approve a second part-time position for Animal Control, not to go over 64 hours per pay period. Background check on all new hired employees. Seconded by Commissioner Cox. Yes-Vote-Commissioners Patrick, Cox, Hill, Bernard. No-Vote-Commissioner Pennamon. Motion Carried.

Designating Parking Areas at Courthouse as Official Business Only: After discussion, Board agreed that there was no real way to enforce and weren't sure it was needed- No Action

Logging Ordinance Update: County Manager Dennis Recker stated he will provide the ordinance to the county attorney and will work with him in updating this ordinance and hope to have something at the second meeting in May. Then the Board of Commissioners may consider adopting after a public hearing is held.

LARP Update-Jackson Lake Road: County Manager Dennis Recker informs the board that he has advertised for deep patching on Jackson Lake Road for two week beginning this week. Bid opening is May 21, 2010 at 10:00am. ^{for} Patching ~~of 1.5%~~ of the 1.5 miles from Ga. Highway 212 W. to Holman Road. The Board of Commission members question if DOT contractor can not do. Mr. Recker said they would be given opportunity to bid on it, but it must go out for bid.

Recreation Department Staffing: Wes Chester stated his budget is his salary plus \$1,000 a month. He said, right now I have not used any of the \$12,000 so I have \$5,000 to start. He stated he needs some part-time help. He is putting in many hours each day and he needs some one to help him. After discussion, Motion by Commissioner Bernard to authorize Wes Chester, Recreation Director to use some of the \$12,000 in his budget, not to exceed that amount to hire a part-time person. Seconded by Commissioner Cox. Yes-Vote-Commissioners Bernard, Cox, Patrick. Opposed-Commissioner Pennamon, Hill. Motion Carried.

Maintenance Department Staffing: County Manager Dennis Recker asked to withdraw this for now.

Update on Budget Amendments for 2010: 2010 Budget Amendment proposal will be presented to the commissioners at the May 3rd meeting. Also discussion of making a change from December 31 year ending fiscal year to a June 30 ending fiscal year.

Presentations: Commissioner Cox stated he would like to recognize volunteers that help with Animal Control and also right-of-way clean up on county roads, and what a great job they are doing. It is a great service they are providing and no cost to the county. Commissioner Cox stated he would like to introduce Mrs. Priscilla Singleton who has started a road side litter pick up campaign. Mrs. Singleton could not be here, but her husband Elvis Singleton spoke for them. In the month of May we would like everyone to gather and pick-up trash along County Line Road or any other road in the county and hoping it will be an annual event. We are also going to provide lunch for the volunteers who come to help clean up and registration for this will be Monday, April 26th. Also recognized was Mary Alice Carter for her involvement with this project.

Proclamation: Donate Life Month Proclamation: County Manager Dennis Recker read the Proclamation to the board. Motion by Commissioner Bernard to approve this proclamation for April 2010. Seconded by Commissioner Patrick. Passed Unanimously.

Finance: Sheriff's Department "Closed Circuit TV Grant": This is the second bid process. The first bids were uncertain that the work could be done by amount submitted. The Sheriff's Department asked the (3) bidders to re-bid and this is the result of the second bid. Includes equipment purchase and installation service and labor for \$35,797. The Sheriff Department was awarded a COPS Grant for Technology in the about of \$75,000. Stanley Convergent Security Solutions was awarded the bid Motion by Commissioner Bernard to approve the bid contract. Seconded by Commissioner Pennamon. Yes-Vote-Commissioners Bernard, Pennamon, Hill, Patrick. Abstained-Commissioner Cox. Motion Carried.

Appointments-Board of Assessors-Expired term of John Graham-5 year term: Each person was called upon to introduce themselves and state experience and reason interest in position:

Mary Alice Carter-Some experience 5th District (0) vote

Debra Bardwell-Not present

Chuck Jones-No experience---(1) vote

Andria Allen-Civil Engineer---(1) vote (2 votes)

Londa Champion-No experience---(4) votes

Greg Williams-10 years experience---(0) vote - NOT CONSIDERED

Garrett Wild-Marketing-works McIntosh State Bank (0) vote - NOT CONSIDERED

Motion by Commissioner Hill to appoint Londa Champion as newly appointed to the Board of Assessors. Seconded by Commissioner Pennamon. Yes-Vote-Commissioners Hill, Pennamon, Cox, Patrick. Opposed-Commissioner Bernard. Motion Carried.

Development Authority of Jasper County-Request reappointment of Steve Jordan, Rusty Bullard. Commissioner Patrick stated this has not been advertised, advertise and place on mid-month agenda in May. Board of Commissioners agreed this was policy to advertise.

Letter of Appreciation to John Graham and Thurman Willis: John Graham served on the Board of Assessors and Thurman Willis served on the Economic Development Authority. Decision to wait until Thurman Willis's term expires then send the letter.

Resolution: Authorizing lease-purchase agreement-Yancey Bros-Motion by Commissioner Cox to approve the document for Yancey Bros, authorize the chairman to sign. Seconded by Commissioner Patrick. Passed Unanimously.

Commissioner Cox-Speaks about Hodges Farm Road-The work has been done on this road and it is in the best shape ever. It is a life line road and it is time to pave this road while it is in top shape. Motion by Commissioner Cox to gather bids to pave Hodges Farm Road and East Bullard Road. Seconded by Commissioner Patrick. Discussion Commissioner Bernard request to defer Commissioner's Cox motion until Called Meeting on April 29th at 10:00. Yes-Vote-Commissioners Bernard, Pennamon, Hill. No-Vote-Commissioners Cox, Patrick. Motion ~~fails~~ ^{PASSES} TO DEFER.

Jasper County Water/Sewer Authority-Legal Opinion Fire Tax District-County Attorney Alexander give his legal opinion concerning the Special Fire Protection District. He stated a special "Tax" district would be unconstitutional, but a fire protection district was not. Commissioner Cox stated the whole county ought to pay for this if it was so important. Commissioner Patrick said she could not go along with letting the whole county pay for water. She said only 6 ½% of the citizens are served. After further discussion, Motion by Commissioner Pennamon to proceed in re-creating the fire protection district. Seconded by Commissioner Bernard. Yes-Vote-Commissioners Pennamon, Bernard, Hill. No-Commissioners Cox, Patrick. Motion Carried.

General Comments:

Chuck Forsythe- *CHANGING FISCAL YEAR CONCERNS*

Juanita Gazaway-Water Authority-Need to give all water authorities money

Merrill Clark-JCWSA

Ken McMichael-JCWSA

Craig Sammons-JCWSA

Mark Walton-JCWSA

Charles Dennis-JCWSA
Brack Pound-JCWSA
James Harrison-JCWSA
Tim Kelly-JCWSA

Motion by Commissioner Bernard to go into executive session Personnel Issues. Seconded by Commissioner Pennamon. Yes-Vote-Commissioners Bernard, Pennamon, Hill. No-Vote-Commissioners Cox, Patrick. Motion Carried

Motion by Commissioner Bernard to come out of executive session. Seconded by Commissioner Pennamon. Passed Unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Pennamon to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Bernard. Passed Unanimously.

Charles Hill, Chairman

Dennis Recker, County Manager