

**Jasper County Board of Commissioners Work Session Meeting Minutes
July 6, 2010
9:00am**

**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 Pennamon to approve the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Bernard.
Passed Unanimously.

HB1055 (Georgia Forestry Commission Forestland Assessment Fee) and Cooperative Agreement:

Forester Troy Clymer informs the board about HB1055 grants the Georgia Forestry Commission the authority to set the rate for the forestland assessment. Based on reduction in State funds they have to adjust the assessment from .04 to .10 per acre. A total of 163,815 acres at .10 equals \$16,382 assessment for Jasper County. This is about \$10,000 more than last year.

Tax Anticipation Note:

The county received from Bank of Monticello the interest rate of 5% with a loan fee of \$125.00 with legal lending limit of \$1,5 million.

McIntosh State Bank's interest rate is 7.10% with a loan fee of \$2,000. Loan limit of \$1,5 million. County Manager Dennis Recker recommends the county go with Bank of Monticello to draw down as needed. Discussion.

Sunday Sale of Liquor Referendum Discussion:

Mr. Recker stated he is asking for direction of how the board wants the county manager and county attorney to word the referendum. After discussion, the county attorney will research this and then inform the board of his findings and the board can then decide what they want to do. The citizens will have to vote for or against the county being wet or dry first, then they can have to vote for liquor by the drink at another referendum to be set. The county is now considered a dry county.

2011 Budget Meeting Schedule:

Mr. Recker reviews the calendar for review of the departments budget on July 7, 8, 9th. Commissioner Patrick ask when will the 2009 audit be ready? Answer from Mr. Recker soon. Commissioner Patrick continues, how can we work on 2011 budget when 2010 budget is wrong?

The Board decided to let the audience speak on the budget due to time left from the Work Session.

Charles Forsythe: Other counties cutting away, but not Jasper County, we just go out and borrow money.

Skip Nowetner: If no money in the budget and you go borrow money, what if taxes don't come in at the end of the year to pay off this loan?

Rev. Danny Sorrells: Alcohol Sales will mean the need of more public enforcement, how will you pay for that?

Charles Cason: I moved here because of this is a wonderful community, beautiful country side and has a lot to offer. I wonder why we pay taxes, we get nothing for it.

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

Charles Hill, Chairman

Dennis Recker, County Manager

Jasper County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes
July 6, 2010
10:00am

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: Rev. Danny Sorrells

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Commissioner Bernard to approve the agenda by adding Health Department Presentation as Item # 1 under Presentations. Seconded by Commissioner Cox. Passed Unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Commissioner Pennamon to approve the minute of June 21, 2010 Board Work Session. Commissioner Patrick stated need to add under 2010 Budget-Recreation Donation Account and Animal Control Donation Account. Seconded by Commissioner Bernard. Passed Unanimously.

Motion by Commissioner Bernard to approve the minutes of Called Board Meeting of June 21, 2010. Commissioner Patrick stated she had some corrections. Public Hearing-Logging Ordinance-Section 50-68 Article C-interest to be billed at 1% of outstanding balance. Public Hearing-Special Exception request for Kennel Operation-Commissioner Patrick's vote-Abstained. Page 3-Resolution on Fire Protection District: delete Item # 4. Page 4 Second paragraph Motion was that the county manager and Commissioners be notified-Page 4-Website-add Ken Holmes with Selective Solutions asked about working on paying taxes on-line via website. Morgan County Landfill-Suggested by BOC to resend original letter expressing Jasper County's opposition.- Chairman Hill reads Mr. Dennis Recker's letter of resignation. This did not pass unanimously. With these correction motion was Seconded by Commissioner Patrick. Passed Unanimously.

Presentations:

Karen Ebey-Tessendorf, MPH-North Central Health District-Since 2006, Jasper County has been part of a 28 county Atlanta Metropolitan Statistical Area and included in the Atlanta Cities Readiness Initiative. Jasper county Health Department has received amounts to support the planning efforts, supplies and equipment have been purchased for Jasper County and participated in an intensive mass dispensing exercise. The evaluation is done using a standard CDC assessment tool. In July 2009 Jasper County scored 93 out of 100, only two Atlanta CRI jurisdictions scored over a 90 and any jurisdiction that scored over 90 does not have to be evaluated this year. Jasper County has received

high marks and compliments for quality of its mass dispensing planning and strong community partnerships from Georgia Division of Public Health and a CDC staff member who evaluated the exercise.

Club 142 Café and Grill-Private Club Status-Rocky Taylor:

Mr. Taylor stated Club 142 Café & Grill has been in operation for several years without incident. Commissioner Patrick disagreed with that statement. He said they have 6 charities benefits per year. County Attorney stated State Law 33-7-1 states there are several requirements that have to be met. One being you have to be in existence one year prior before filing of application. The charter for this club is for non-profit and is not one year old yet. The date will be from November 9, 2009. Much discussion. Commissioner Bernard said this was not a policy issue but an administrative issue.

Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant:

Mr. Recker stated under this new program we have to prepare a prioritized list of project for DOT to consider, rank and approve. Resurfacing projects are funded at 100% up to our accrued 2009 limit of \$270,000 or submit reconstruction or dirt road paving projects which require a 10% match again State Funded project grant costs are limited to the county's grant amount of \$270,000. Much discussion-Motion by Commissioner Bernard to authorize the county manager and PWD to put together a priority list for project consideration by the commission at the meeting July 19,2010. Seconded by Commissioner Pennamon. Passed Unanimously.

Forestland Protection Funds:

Mr. Recker informs the board of the Forest Land Protection grant reimbursement have been budgeted in the State Budget. No date has been set for payment of these funds to the Counties. Jasper County's portion is \$148,599.86.

Georgia Forestry Commission Agreement:

Discussion-Motion by Commissioner Bernard to defer consideration of the Georgia Forestry Commission Agreement so our county attorney can determine if this is mandatory. Seconded by Commissioner Patrick. Passed Unanimously.

Sunday Sale of Liquor:

County Attorney to research the law on this and report back to the board at the July 19th meeting. The board can then decide about the referendum. County Attorney said Beer & Wine Resolution would have to be voted on at first August meeting. Questions came up about Jasper being a dry or wet county. Has to be (2) separate questions on the ballot; one for beer and wine sales on Sunday and one for sale of liquor in the county. Later a 3rd question concerning Sunday Sales of liquor would be on a separate ballot.

Jackson Lake Road Deep Patching Contract:

Mr. Recker stated he has looked at the financing for the project and feels we could use TAN funds then make it up out of general revenues as they come in. Commissioner Bernard stated for several months I wanted to cut out funds from executive branch and some other departments, to take care of this. Commissioner Patrick stated the \$400,000 capital improvements line item has lease payments to come out of it. She wanted to know how much will be left after all the lease payments? She said TAN money would be 2011 money.

SPLOST:

Concerning SPLOST funds, Commissioner Bernard stated we haven't spent any of the SPLOST funds for land for Economic Development. He asked if we are we required to spend anything on this, the \$176,000 was to buy land. County Attorney stated if it's a project you feel should be abandoned, the board can say it is no longer feasible and can reallocate the money. Commissioner Patrick stated SPLOST will only bring in about 80% of the money. After further discussion, Motion by Commissioner Bernard we have our county manager investigate the feasibility of Economic Development funds be spent for the purposes original outlined then let the board know. Seconded by Commissioner Patrick for discussion. Commissioner Pennamon amends the motion to include Recreation to check feasibility of abandoning those funds. Commissioner Patrick does not accept this amendment as the Commissioner who Seconded the original motion and states there are plenty of recreation projects. Amendment Seconded by Commissioner Hill. Vote-Yes-Commissioners Bernard, Pennamon, Hill. No-Vote-Commissioners Cox, Patrick. Motion Carries. Original motion then voted on. Vote-Yes-Commissioners Bernard, Pennamon, Hill. No-Vote Commissioners Cox, Patrick. Motion Carries.

Motion by Commissioner Cox to go out to bid on Hodges Farm Road, East Bullard Road approximately one mile, and Feldspar Road. To be bid on all three roads or any one road within the \$1,300,000 available. Seconded by Commissioner Patrick. Discussion. Commissioner Cox amends the motion to advertise for bids to triple surface Hodges Farm Road, East Bullard Road (1 mile) and resurface Feldspar Road. Seconded by Commissioner Patrick. Commissioner Bernard makes motion to defer until unspecified future date. Fails for lack of second. Commissioner Bernard amends the motion to include Davidson Road, Jackson Lake Road. Amendment fails for lack of a second. Vote-Yes-Commissioners Cox, Patrick, Pennamon. No-Vote-Commissioners Hill, Bernard. Motion Carried.

Tax Anticipation Note:

Motion by Commissioner Pennamon to authorize the Chairman and County Manager to enter into a tax anticipation Note (TAN) agreement with the Bank of Monticello for 1.5 million (TAN), loan fee of \$125.00 and interest rate of 5%. Seconded by Commissioner Cox. Yes-Vote-Commissioners Pennamon, Cox, Bernard, Hill. Opposed-Commissioner Patrick. Motion Carried

Public Hearing:**Jasper County Soil Erosion, Sedimentation & Pollution Control Ordinance (Second Reading)**

Raymond Rogers present this ordinance and states this document is basically so the county can continue having issuing authority for soil erosion. Public Hearing: Chairman opens the floor for comments for and against this ordinance. Being none, Motion by Commissioner Bernard we accept the Jasper County Soil Erosion, Sedimentation & Pollution Control Ordinance as presented.

Seconded by Commissioner Cox. Passed Unanimously.

Public Hearing:**Logging Ordinance-(Second Reading)**

Raymond Rogers presents-The only changes were (1) add 1% penalty and Free Inspection, Progress Inspection and Final Inspection. County Attorney suggested "Where it reads trucks and logging to delete Heavy Laden"

Chairman Hill opens the Public Hearing to citizens FOR this Logging Ordinance-Ken McMichael says Goolsby Road was damaged by log trucks.

AGAINST: Jim Colvin-He stated "We pay heavy use road tax" and we try to do what is in the best interest of everyone.

Larry Champion-He handed out the Georgia Code § 12-6-24. He reads on second page (2) which states "No county, municipality to obtain any permit for harvesting etc plus no permit for any new driveway in connection with timber harvesting operations".

Chairman Hill closes the Public Hearing-

Motion by Commissioner Bernard we defer any adoption of the Logging Ordinance until such time as our county attorney has reviewed the State Law and the purposed ordinance and given us purposed re-wording if necessary. Seconded by Commissioner Cox. Passed Unanimously.

Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances of Jasper County to Establish Road Names, To Require Posting of House Numbers and for Other Purposes:

Much discussion. The commissioners stated the sentence that states-Violations of this ordinance may be punishable by a prison term not to exceed sixty (60) days and fine not to exceed \$500. The board agreed to change this to-Violations of this ordinance may be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500. This will take affect for all businesses and houses establishing house numbers on or after the adoption of this ordinance. Motion by Commissioner Patrick that Mr. Rogers bring back to the next meeting with corrections. Seconded by Commissioner Cox. Passed Unanimously.

Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance-Second Reading:

Motion by Commissioner Pennamon to approve the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Seconded by Commissioner Bernard. Passed Unanimously. (See attached resolution and budget amendments)

2010 Budget Amendments:

Motion by Commissioner Bernard to approve the 2010 Budget Amendments as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Cox. Passed Unanimously.

2011 Budget Meeting Schedule:

The board agreed with the schedule submitted.

Update on County Manager/Finance Director:

Mr. Recker informed the board of the progress in finding a county manager/finance director. To date Mr. Recker has received (3) applications. How does the board want me to handle these? The board wants Mr. Recker to screen the applicant.

Disciplinary Process Revision:

Mr. Recker stated this portion has been reduced from 9 pages to 3 pages. Much discussion-Motion by Commissioner Bernard to defer until next meeting to give individuals a change to review it. Seconded by Commissioner Patrick. Passed Unanimously.

Development Authority Financial Report:

They will give this report at time specified for budget meeting.

General Comments:

Skip Nowetner-Budget, borrowing money

Pat Cleveland-Logging, Sundays Sales

Chuck Forsythe-Senior citizens concerned about tax increase

Rev. Danny Sorrells-Beer & Wine Sales-Danger for citizens especially Sunday Sales.

E.L. Jones-Sunday Sales-Private Clubs

Ken McMichael-Sunday Sales

Tracey Jones-I came upon the accident that has been talked about. Only one officer was at the scene

Don Thomaston-Sunday Sales

Charles Cason-Sunday Liquor Sales

Kathy Mudd-Can't eliminate employees in executive session, SPLOST, Economic Development

Kenny Roberts-Sunday Liquor Sales-Private Club

Motion by Commissioner Bernard to go into executive session. Seconded by Commissioner Pennamon. Passed Unanimously.

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

Motion by Commissioner Bernard to accept letter of retirement from Betty Moon as of 12/31/10. Seconded by Commissioner Patrick. Passed Unanimously.

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

Charles Hill, Chairman

Dennis Recker, County Manager