

**JONES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Jones County Government Center  
Charlotte C. Wilson Conference Room  
September 17, 2024  
6:00 PM

The Jones County Board of Commissioners met for their Third Tuesday business meeting at 6:00 p.m. September 17, 2024 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  
John Wood – District II Commissioner  
Wendy Vaughn – District III Commissioner  
Daylon Martin – District IV Commissioner  
Ashley Brodie – County Attorney  
Jason Rizner – County Administrator  
Shannon Wagner – County Clerk/ HR Director

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. Vaughn made a motion to amend the agenda to add executive session to the agenda for litigation. Comm. Martin seconded. Vote – unanimous.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** Comm. Vaughn gave the invocation and led the pledge.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION:**

**PLANNING AND ZONING:**

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**

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

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| 1. Work Session  | - | September 3, 2024 |
| 2. First Tuesday | - | September 3, 2024 |

Comm. Vaughn made the motion to approve the minutes. Comm. Wood seconded. Vote – unanimous.

**VISITORS - Three minutes limit –**

Denise Carswell, Honeysuckle Drive, spoke to the Board about the condition of her road and stated that paving needed to be done. Al Ricks, Honeysuckle Drive, stated that the road had mounds in it and many potholes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Jason Rizner, County Administrator, spoke to the Board about the TSPLOST and asked for direction on the education sessions for the citizens. County Attorney Ashley Brodie stated that the Board could not advocate but could give general information about the TSPLOST. Public Works Director Shawn Wood showed a short video giving information about the TSPLOST. After discussion, the Board agreed to show videos, hold work sessions, list the projects in the paper and give handouts at the fair.
2. Jason Rizner, County Administrator, spoke to the Board about the FY26 Transit Resolution for funding. After discussion, Comm. Martin made the motion to approve. Comm. Wood seconded. Vote – unanimous.
3. Jason Rizner, County Administrator, spoke to the Board about an EV Charging Station Grant and stated that the Middle Georgia Regional Commission identified 4 areas in Jones County where the charging stations would be located. Comm. Kitchens stated that decisions about who operates the stations could be made at a later time. Comm. Martin suggested adding locations on Highway 49 and the Sheriff's Office. After discussion, Comm. Martin made the motion to approve the grant. Comm. Vaughn seconded. Vote – unanimous.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Crystal Duggans spoke to the Board about 3 beer & wine licenses that were suspended by the Board at three different locations in Jones County. County Attorney Ashley Brodie asked the Board to rescind the motion made at the previous meeting. Comm. Martin made the motion to rescind the motion made at the September 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Comm. Vaughn seconded. Vote – unanimous. Ms. Duggans stated that she was only charged for selling liquor in her establishment and was never charged with selling to an underage person. Kamisha Hancock spoke on behalf of Ms. Duggans and argued that the Jones County ordinance stated that you could sell liquor. Comm. Martin stated that you cannot sell liquor on a beer and wine license. Chief Earl Humphries stated that Ms. Duggans was charged for selling liquor to a minor and that the charge would come through the District Attorney's office due to it being a state charge. After discussion, Comm. Martin made the motion to suspend all 3 licenses at all 3 locations. Comm. Wood seconded. Vote – unanimous.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

Jason Rizner, County Administrator, stated that the performance evaluation of the Tax Assessor's office would start October 15<sup>th</sup>. He also stated that there will be costs associated with the DOAA sales ratio study if it moved to the second level appeal.

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

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS: -**

Comm. Vaughn honored the life of Joyce Coulter, and all the years of volunteer work she did.

Comm. Martin stated that the TSPLOST and alcohol sales will be on the ballot, and everyone needs to be educated so we can do road projects.

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

Jimmy Crutchfield, 2273 Monticello Hwy., stated that the citizens of Jones County supported the Board of Commissioners on the Tax Assessor situation and that something needed to be done before we lost a lot of money.

Jerry Rowland, Public Works employee, stated that Station 8 will hold the annual BBQ plate fundraiser on Saturday, 9/21.

Ernest Skelton, 355 Honeysuckle Drive, spoke about an intersection coming off Highway 57 that needed a stop sign.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Comm. Vaughn made the motion to adjourn to go into executive session for litigation. Comm. Kitchens seconded. Vote – unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

**RECONVENE:** Comm. Vaughn made the motion to reconvene. Comm. Kitchens seconded. Vote – unanimous. Meeting reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Comm. Vaughn made the motion to adjourn. Comm. Kitchens seconded. Vote – unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

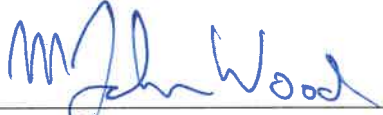
**MINUTES APPROVED**

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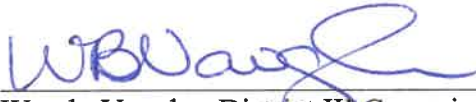
  
Chris Weidner, Chairman



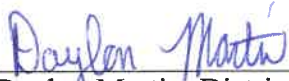
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