

**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
ENGINEERING COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE ROOM**

**NOV. 30, 2007
10.00 A.M.**

MINUTES

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN TUTEN, COUNCILMAN TYLER, ANDREW FULGHUM-
ADMINISTRATOR, DALE TERRY –DEP. ADM. ENG. SER., RONNIE MALPHRUS-
DEP. ADM. ADM. SER., JUDITH FRANK- CLERK TO COUNCIL

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT THE
ELECTRONIC AND PRINT MEDIA WERE NOTIFIED.

DURING PERIODS OF DISCUSSION AND/OR PRESENTATIONS MINUTES ARE
TYPICALLY CONDENSED AND PARAPHRASED.

GUEST PRESENT:

JOE BONEPARTE – DIRECTOR OF DJJ

CALL TO ORDER:

CHAIRMAN TUTEN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 10:00 A.M.

INVOCATION:

COUNCILMAN TYLER GAVE THE INVOCATION.

DISCUSSION:

MR. FULGHUM ASKED THE COMMITTEE IF THEY COULD COVER ALL ITEMS
SO THAT THE DECEMBER MEETING WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY. MR.
FULGHUM ALSO REQUESTED THAT THE DATE OF THE FIRE COMMITTEE
MEETING BE CHANGED TO DEC. 7, 2007 BECAUSE MR. HUGHES WILL BE AT
A MEETING IN COLUMBIA. CHAIRMAN TUTEN AGREED TO BOTH
REQUESTS.

MR. FULGHUM INFORMED THE COMMITTEE OF THE TURKEY SHOOT FOR
THE RELAY FOR LIFE ON DEC. 7-8, 2007 AT THE HOME OF DALE TERRY. THE
TURKEY SHOOT BEGINS AT 7:30 P.M.

MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THERE WAS A REQUEST FROM DJJ FOR NEW
SPACE. MR. FULGHUM SAID THEY WERE CURRENTLY LOCATED IN THE
SCHOOL BOARD'S ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ON THE UPPER LEVEL. MR.
FULGHUM SAID THE SCHOOL BOARD HAS OFFERED SPACE FOR THE DJJ
OFFICES IN THE OLD HIGH SCHOOL. MR. FULGHUM INFORMED THE
COMMITTEE THAT RENOVATION WOULD NEED TO BE DONE AND ALSO A
PORTION OF THE ELECTRIC BILL WOULD NEED TO BE PAID BY THE
COUNTY. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT STATE LAW REQUIRES THE COUNTY

TO PROVIDE OFFICE SPACE FOR DJJ. MR. FULGHUM SAID MS. LEE WAS WORKING WITH THE ELECTRIC BILLS AND TRYING TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT IT WOULD COST THE COUNTY. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE FELT THE COUNTY SHOULD COMMIT TO A CERTAIN AMOUNT IT WOULD PAY EACH MONTH TOWARDS THE ELECTRIC BILL. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED HOW MANY INDIVIDUALS WERE IN THIS PROGRAM AND MR. BONEPARTE SAID THAT CURRENTLY HE HAS 40 IN THE PROGRAM, BUT THAT NUMBER SHOULD GO UP TO 50 WITHIN A WEEK BECAUSE COURT WILL BE IN SESSION. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED HOW MANY PEOPLE WERE ON MR. BONEPARTE'S STAFF AND MR. BONEPARTE SAID HE CURRENTLY HAD 3 PEOPLE, BUT HE WOULD HAVE 3 MORE PEOPLE WORKING WITH HIM BY 2009. MR. BONEPARTE SAID THAT HE HAS A HARD TIME KEEPING EMPLOYEES BECAUSE OF THE PAY. MR. BONEPARTE SAID THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR THE INDIVIDUALS HE IS WORKING WITH. CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED MR. BONEPARTE WHAT WAS HIS BUDGET AND MR. BONEPARTE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW, BECAUSE HE WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THE BUDGET PROCESS. MR. BONEPARTE SAID THAT THE MAIN DIRECTOR DOES THE BUDGET. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID IF YOU DON'T HAVE A BUDGET THEN WHO PAYS THE BILLS. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE COUNTY MUST PROVIDE OFFICE SPACE AND THE SCHOOL HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE THE SPACE, BUT THEY DO NOT WANT TO PAY FOR THE ELECTRIC. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THE COUNCIL SHOULD BE NEGOTIATING WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE COUNTY ALSO PAYS FOR MAINTENANCE FOR THE OFFICES.

CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED HOW THE CHILDREN WERE DISCIPLINED AND MR. BONEPARTE SAID THAT ONE FORM OF DISCIPLINE DOES NOT WORK FOR EVERYONE, SO THERE ARE DIFFERENT METHODS OF DISCIPLINE. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED WHAT THE SPACE REQUESTED WOULD BE USED FOR AND MR. BONEPARTE SAID OFFICES, A HOMEWORK ROOM AND DUE TO THE PROJECTIONS HE WAS PLANNING SOME OF THE SPACE FOR FUTURE USE. MR. FULGHUM ASKED HOW THE FOOTPRINT OF THE NEW OFFICE COMPARED TO HIS OLD SPACE. MR. BONEPARTE SAID HE CURRENTLY HAS 5 ROOMS AND A LOBBY.

MR. TERRY WAS ASKED TO PROVIDE THE COUNCIL WITH HOW MUCH IT WILL COST TO IMPROVE THE REQUESTED AREA.

MR. MALPHRUS WAS ASKED TO CONTACT THE MAINTENANCE LADY AND SEE IF SHE WOULD STAY ON AND WHAT SHE WOULD CHARGE AND MR. MALPHRUS WAS TO WORK WITH MS.LEE ON THE ELECTRIC BILL.

CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID HE DID NOT THINK THE COMMITTEE COULD MAKE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL UNTIL THEY HAD ALL THE FACTS. CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED THE STAFF TO PROVIDE THE COMMITTEE WITH THOSE NUMBERS AND FOR THE COMMITTEE TO TOUR BOTH FACILITIES. COUNCILMAN TYLER SAID HE DID NOT WANT TO ASSIGN MORE SPACE THAN WAS NEEDED.

MR. TERRY UPDATED THE COMMITTEE REGARDING WEEKEND WORKERS AND THAT THEY HAVE PICKED UP 68 BAGS OF TRASH OVER TWO WEEKENDS AND THEY HAVE ALSO UNLOADED TIRE CONTAINERS. CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED ABOUT THE SLOPE MOWER IN GRAYS AND GILLISONVILLE AND MR. TERRY RESPONDED THAT THE SLOPE MOWER IS CURRENTLY IN WOODSVILLE AND IT WAS COMING DOWN 462 TO COOSAWHACHIE, GILLISONVILLE AND POINT SOUTH. CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO GET EVERYTHING COMPLETED UP TO THE COUNTY LINE AND MR. TERRY SAID IT WOULD TAKE ABOUT 2 MONTHS. CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF MR. TERRY HAD ANY PROBLEMS TO REPORT AND MR. TERRY SAID NOT AT THIS TIME. THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED AZALEAS THAT WERE CUT BY MISTAKE AND MR. TERRY SAID HE WAS GOING TO REPLACE ABOUT 10 OF THEM. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE MET WITH STEVE BENNETT ABOUT THE AREA AT THE SHRIMP PONDS. CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF THE TIMMY LANGFORD SITUATION WAS HANDLED AND MR. TERRY SAID IT WAS HANDLED IN THE BEST WAY POSSIBLE. CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED ABOUT THE DITCH IN HARDEEVILLE AND MR. TERRY SAID THAT THE PROBLEM WOULD BE TAKEN CARE OF BEFORE MONDAY'S MEETING. MR. TERRY SAID THE DITCH HOLDS WATER ALL THE TIME BECAUSE THE DITCH IS LOWER THAN THE PIPE. THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED VARIOUS WAYS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM. MR. TYLER ASKED ABOUT LITTER PATROL AND MR. TERRY SAID THAT MR. WALL HAS BEEN WRITING ABOUT 6 TICKETS A MONTH.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:55 A.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, CCC
CLERK TO COUNCIL

FRED TUTEN
CHAIRMAN