

**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL  
COUNTY COUNCIL ENGINEERING COMMITTEE  
MARY GORDON ELLIS EXECUTIVE BUILDING  
CONFERENCE ROOM  
JAN. 19, 2007  
10:00 A.M.**

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

FRED TUTEN, CHAIRMAN, HUBERT TYLER, COUNCILMAN

**STAFF PRESENT:**

DALE TERRY, DEP. ADM. ENGINEERING SERVICE, JUDITH FRANK,  
CLERK TO COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN TUTEN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 10:00 A.M.  
AND COUNCILMAN TYLER GAVE THE INVOCATION.

CHAIRMAN TUTEN EXPLAINED THAT THE REASON FOR THE MEETING  
WAS TO DISCUSS THE DEPARTMENTS UNDER ENGINEERING  
SERVICES. COUNCILMAN TUTEN SAID THEY WOULD DISCUSS  
VARIOUS SITUATIONS. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT EACH MONTH  
THEY WILL MEET WITH MR. TERRY FOR AN UPDATE AND TO DISCUSS  
ANY PROBLEMS OR NEEDS THAT HE MAY HAVE.

MR. TERRY REPORTED THAT HE HAD 2 OPENINGS IN HIS DIVISION  
AND THEY WERE ADVERTISING FOR A MECHANIC AND A MOTOR  
GRADER OPERATOR. CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF HE WOULD TRY TO  
PROMOTE PEOPLE FROM WITHIN AND MR. TERRY SAID THAT THERE  
WERE TWO INDIVIDUALS WHO WANTED TO APPLY FOR THE MOTOR  
GRADER OPERATOR POSITION AND HE WAS ALLOWING EACH OF  
THEM TO WORK WITH THE GRADER FOR THREE WEEKS SO THAT  
THEY WOULD EACH HAVE THE SAME AMOUNT OF TRAINING WHEN  
THEY APPLIED.

MR. TERRY SAID THE WEATHER HAS BEEN CAUSING SOME ROAD  
PROBLEMS AND TRASH HAULING PROBLEMS.

COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED IF THE MEN TRAINING ON THE GRADER  
WERE FROM ROADS AND BRIDGES AND MR. TERRY SAID THEY WERE,  
AND HE HAD ONE GRADER OPERATOR WORKING. MR. TERRY SAID  
THE POSITION WILL ALSO BE ADVERTISED, BUT A PERSON FROM  
WITHIN THE COUNTY COULD GET THE JOB. CHAIRMAN TUTEN AND  
COUNCILMAN TYLER SAID THEY BOTH BELIEVED IN PROMOTING  
FROM WITHIN WHENEVER POSSIBLE. MR. TERRY SAID BOTH OF THE  
MEN TRAINING ON THE GRADERS WERE GOOD WORKERS.

MR. TERRY SAID THE SLOPE MOWER WAS DELIVERED AND THAT THEY USED IT AT KNOWLES ISLAND.

MR. TERRY SAID THAT LAST YEAR HE ASKED FOR AN ADDITIONAL MOTOR GRADER, BUT THEY DID NOT GET ONE AND THIS YEAR HE WAS GOING TO MAKE THE SAME REQUEST. MR. TERRY SAID THE OTHERS WERE TWENTY YEARS OLD AND NOT REALLY WORTH FIXING.

CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF AL KLECKLEY'S ROAD WAS FINISHED, MR. TERRY SAID IT WAS JUST STARTED AND IT WAS ABOUT HALF DONE.

CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID MR. BAKER, COMMISSIONER OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, TOLD HIM THAT PUBLIC WORKS HAS NOT GONE TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO REQUEST ANY ROCKS THIS YEAR AND THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE HAD MONEY FOR ROCKS, BUT THE FUNDS NEEDED TO BE REQUESTED. MR. TERRY SAID THAT HE WAS USING WHAT ROCKS THEY HAD BEFORE HE WAS GOING TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL ROCKS, BUT HE WOULD GO BACK TO THE COMMISSION FOR ADDITIONAL ROCKS FOR THE ROADS. COUNCILMAN TYLER SAID IT WOULD BE GOOD TO HAVE ROCKS STOCKPILED FOR WHEN THEY ARE NEEDED. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID HE FELT MR. TERRY SHOULD GET AS MUCH ROCK AS THE COMMISSION WOULD APPROVE.

CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID HE MET WITH THE PEOPLE IN ROBERTVILLE AND THEY WERE COMPLAINING ABOUT THE TRASH ALONG THE ROADS. DALE TERRY SAID THEY WERE STILL CONTINUING TO PICK UP TRASH ON WEEKENDS LIKE SAMMY ORR USED TO DO, AND THAT HE HAD SOME MEN WHO WANTED TO CONTINUE. MR. TERRY SAID THAT WHEN PEOPLE WERE ASSIGNED TO DO PUBLIC SERVICE, THE JUDGE DOES NOT GIVE THEM A TIME LIMIT AS TO HOW LONG THEY HAVE TO COMPLETE THEIR HOURS AND SOMETHIME NOT MANY PEOPLE SHOW UP TO WORK THE WEEKENDS. MR. TERRY SAID HE WAS GOING TO SPEAK WITH THE JUDGE TO SEE IF TIME LIMITS COULD BE STATED. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT THE TRASH NEEDS PICKED UP AND INSTEAD OF PAYING PEOPLE OVERTIME TO OVERSEE IT, HE SUGGESTED MR. TERRY TALK TO MR. ORR AND SEE IF HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN DOING IT ON PART TIME BASIS SINCE THE COUNTY WOULD NOT HAVE TO PAY OVERTIME AND BENEFITS. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SUGGESTED MR. TERRY SEE IF A RETIREE WOULD WANT TO DO THE MOSQUITO SPRAYING ON A PART-TIME BASIS INSTEAD OF PAYING EMPLOYEES OVERTIME. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THE TRASH NEEDED PICKED UP ALONG MACKAY POINT ROAD AND HE

WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE PRISONERS WORKING ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. COUNCILMAN TUTEN SAID HE WAS GOING TO TALK WITH MR. BENJAMIN ABOUT GETTING PEOPLE OUT THERE PICKING UP THE TRASH. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED WHO WAS LIABLE FOR THE WEEKEND WORKERS IF THEY GOT HURT. MR. TERRY SAID THE PRISONERS ARE UNDER THE COUNTY'S CARE AND THE COMMUNITY SERVICE PEOPLE WERE ON THEIR OWN. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED MR. TERRY TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE LIABILITY OF THE COUNTY REGARDING THESE WORKERS. MR. TERRY SAID THAT HE WOULD FIND OUT AND REPORT BACK TO THE COMMITTEE AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.

CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID HAS HEARD COMPLAINTS REGARDING THE 10 HOUR WORK WEEK. MR. TERRY SAID HE HAS NOT HEARD ANY COMPLAINTS AND HIS PEOPLE WORK FROM 7:30 TO 5:30 AND TAKE LUNCH FROM 12:00 -12:30. MR. TERRY SAID THEY HAVE ALWAYS WORKED 8 1/2 HOURS AND WERE PAID FOR 8. MR. TERRY SAID WHEN THEY CHANGED TO 10 HOUR DAYS; THE PEOPLE GET ONE HOUR FOR LUNCH. CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF PEOPLE CAN TAKE AS MANY VACATION DAYS AS THEY WANT BECAUSE HE HEARD THAT MARK CROSBY TOOK THREE WEEKS AT CHRISTMAS AND HIS COUNTY TRUCK SAT IN HIS YARD FOR 3 WEEKS. MR. TERRY SAID MR. CROSBY WAS OFF FOR THREE WEEKS AND HIS TRUCK WAS IN HIS YARD BECAUSE HE HAS HIS PERSONAL TOOLS IN THE COUNTY TRUCK. CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF A TRUCK BREAKS DOWN ON SATURDAY WHO REPAIRS IT, MR. TERRY SAID THE SATURDAY MAN WOULD HANDLE IT. MR. TERRY SAID THAT WHEN THERE WERE TWO MECHANICS, THEY ROTATED SATURDAYS.

CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT TOM WATSON COMPLAINED THAT THE SHOP DID NOT USE THE PROPER OIL IN A VAN AND IT CAUSED THE ENGINE TO BLOW. MR. TERRY SAID HE NEEDED TO KNOW WHICH ONE IT IS AND HE WOULD CHECK INTO IT. CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF MARK CROSBY WAS OFF, WHO MADE THE DECISIONS AT THE SHOP AND MR. TERRY RESPONDED THAT SINCE SAMMY ORR IS GONE, THAT IF MARK CROSBY WAS NOT WORKING THEN MR. TERRY WAS GOING TO APPROVE EVERYTHING AND OIL WAS NOT TO BE CHANGED WHEN MR. CROSBY WAS NOT THERE. MR. TERRY SAID ALL OIL CHANGES MUST BE APPROVED BY MARK CROSBY OR HIMSELF. MR. TERRY SAID HE WOULD LIKE SOME PROOF THAT HIS PEOPLE PUT THE WRONG OIL IN THE EMS VEHICLE. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED IF PEOPLE DID WHAT THEY WANTED OR DID THEY HAVE SPECIFIC JOBS. MR. TERRY SAID THE MECHANIC OVERSEES THE TRUSTEES AND THE MECHANIC SHOULD CHECK BEHIND EVERYTHING THE MEN

DO AND THE MECHANIC SHOULD BE THERE WHEN OIL CHANGES ARE BEING DONE. CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF THE WORKORDER WILL SAY WHAT TYPE OF OIL WAS USED. MR TERRY SAID THEY ONLY STOCK THREE TYPLES OF OIL AND ALL THE FUEL THEY USE COMES FROM MARLON SHEFFIELD. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT THEY WOULD GO THROUGH THIS AGAIN WHEN MR. WATSON COMES BACK. COUNCILMAN TYLER SAID A MONITORING SYSTEM SHOULD BE IN PLACE. MR. TERRY SAID THE MECHANIC IS SUPPOSED TO BE THERE ALL THE TIME.

CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT THE COUNTY NEEDED TO START SPRAYING AND MR. TERRY SAID HE WAS LOOKING INTO THAT RIGHT NOW. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID IT WOULD SAVE THE COUNTY MONEY IF A PART-TIME PERSON WAS USED TO DO THIS. MR. TERRY SAID IT COULD SAVE SOME MONEY, BUT IN THE PAST THEY USED THE MEN FROM PUBLIC WORKS AND THEY MADE SOME OVERTIME AND IT WAS CHEAPER THAN HIRING A FULL TIME PERSON. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID A PART-TIME PERSON SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.

CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID HE SEES HAL WALL WORKING ON HOLIDAYS AND MR. TERRY SAID HE GETS PAID DOUBLE TIME FOR WORKING ON HOLIDAYS. MR. TERRY SAID THE TRASH TRUCKS RUN SIX DAYS PER WEEK AND HAL DRIVES SOME DAYS SO THE OTHER DRIVERS CAN GET TIME OFF. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED IF THERE HAVE BEEN COMPLAINTS THAT ONE PERSON IS WORKING THE HOLDAYS. MR.TERRY SAID HAL IS OVER SOLID WASTE AND THE TWO TRASH TRUCK DRIVERS AND ONE DRIVER HAD OFF AND HAL DROVE FOR THE OTHER GUY SO HE COULD BE OFF. MR. TERRY SAID THAT HAL HELPS OUT AND RELIEVES HIS DRIVERS SO THAT THEY CAN HAVE DAYS OFF. COUNCILMAN TYLER SAID IT SHOULD BE DONE SO THAT IF SOMEONE ELSE WANTS TO MAKE THE OVERTIME THEY SHOULD HAVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITES.

MR. TERRY SAID ON THE TWO MOSQUITIO TRUCKS, THE MEN ARE ROTATED AND THEY ALL GET SOME OVERTIME. MR. TERRY SAID ALL THE MEN WHO DRIVE THE MOSQUITO TRUCK HAVE LICENSE TO SPRAY.

CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF MR. TERRY WAS OVER THE LANDINGS. MR. TERRY SAID HE WAS WORKING ON GETTING A DOCK DOWN AT BOLAN'S LANDING. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID MR. BURNETT SAID THERE IS MONEY OUT THERE FOR PIERS AND MR. TERRY NEEDED TO PURSUE IT. MR TERRY SAID HE HAD \$35,000.00 LEFT OVER FROM BOLAN HALL LANDING AND HE HAD ASKED TO USE THAT \$35,000.00

FOR A FISHING PIER. MR. TERRY SAID MR. BURNETT SAID HIS BOSS DOEN'T WANT TO DO THAT. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT JAMES DUKE SAID HE COULD HELP AND THAT MR. TERRY SHOULD GET BACK TO HIM AND FIND OUT HOW HE CAN MOVE FORWARD ON THE FISHING PIER AT BOLAN HALL.

CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID KNOWLES ISLAND HAS INFORMATION ON FILE AND THAT THERE COULD BE FUNDING FROM DNR'S BRUX FISH RESTORATION ACCOUNTS AND CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED MR. TERRY TO CHECK INTO IT. CHAIRMAN TUTEN AGREED THAT FUNDING FOR THESE PROJECTS NEEDED TO BE APPLIED FOR. CHAIRMAN TUTEN REMINDED MR. TERRY THAT SENATOR PINCKNEY IS ON THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE. CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED MR. TERRY TO INVITE MR. BEARD AND MR. DUKES TO JASPER COUNTY FOR LUNCH OR DINNER AND SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE FOR JASPER COUNTY.

CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT THE WETLANDS THAT WERE HOLDING UP THE FARMER'S MARKET HAVE BEEN APPROVED AND NOW THE COUNTY CAN MOVE FORWARD.

MR. TERRY LISTED THE VARIOUS AREAS UNDER HIS JURISDICTION AND THAT HE WILL HAVE A REPORT OR UPDATE ON EACH OF THEM AT THE NEXT MEETING. MR. TERRY ASKED THE COMMITTEE TO LET HIM KNOW OF ANY QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ADDRESSED AT THE MEETING PRIOR TO THE MEETING SO HE COULD HAVE THE ANSWERS.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:15 A.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

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JUDITH M. FRANK, CCC  
CLERK TO COUNCIL

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CHAIRMAN

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