

**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
ENGINEERING COMMITTEE
MARY GORDON ELLIS EXECUTIVE BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
FEB. 6, 2007
10:30 A.M.**

MINUTES

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN FRED TUTEN, COUNCILMAN HUBERT TYLER, DEP. ADM. DALE TERRY, DEP. ADM. STEVE SAGER, CLERK TO COUNCIL JUDY FRANK

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

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

CALL TO ORDER:

CHAIRMAN TUTEN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 10:35 A.M.

INVOCATION:

COUNCILMAN TYLER GAVE THE INVOCATION.

JOHN BOWMAN – NEW LIFE CENTER:

MR. BOWMAN INTRODUCED MR. HEIRS WHO IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE NEW LIFE CENTER. THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED THE LOCATION OF THE NEW LIFE CENTER IN THE SAME BUILDING AS THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. HE SAID WHEN THEY WERE RECERTIFIED, THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED REPAIRS THAT WERE NEEDED. MR. HEIRS SAID THEY HAD \$10,000.00 UPFRONT MONEY THAT CAN BE USED AS MATCH MONEY FOR A GRANT. MR. HEIRS ASKED THE COMMITTEE TO CHECK AND SEE IF THEY COULD GET ANY OUTSIDE FUNDING TO UPGRADE THEIR FACILITIES OR TO CONSIDER MOVING THEM TO ANOTHER FACILITY OR IF POSSIBLE PUT THEM IN THE NEW ANNEX BUILDING. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THEY WILL REVIEW THEIR REQUEST WITH THE ENTIRE COUNCIL. MR. HEIRS PROVIDED THE COMMITTEE WITH A COPY OF THEIR ACCREDITATION REPORT AND SAID HIS AGENCY HAS BEEN WORKING IN THE COUNTY SINCE 1976. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED IF THE EXISTING PLACE WOULD WORK. MR. HEIRS ASKED THAT THEY CONSIDER A NEW LOCATION AND THAT LOCATION WOULD HAVE TO BE APPROVED BY HIS ACCREDITATION BOARD. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED ABOUT THE OLD JAIL AND CHAIRMAN TUTEN EXPLAINED THAT THE DETECTIVES WERE USING THAT FACILITY. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED WHO OWNED THE BUILDING AND MR. TERRY SAID THE COUNTY OWNED THE BUILDING. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID HE WOULD BRING THEIR REQUEST TO THE COUNCIL.

JOE BONEPARTE – REQUEST FOR DJJ:

MR. BONEPARTE SAID THAT HIS OFFICE IS EXPANDING AND HE IS GOING TO NEED MORE SPACE. MR. BONEPARTE ALSO TOLD THE COMMITTEE THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT PLANS TO TAKE THE SPACE HE CURRENTLY HAS AS THEY NEED IT FOR ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES. MR. BONEPARTE SAID THAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE SPACE IN THE OLD HIGH SCHOOL ONCE THE NEW SCHOOLS OPEN, BUT HE WILL NEED SPACE IN THE INTERIM. THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED THE FACT THAT DJJ CAN REQUIRE SOME OF THE PEOPLE ASSIGNED TO THEM TO DO COMMUNITY SERVICE AND CHAIRMAN TUTEN TOLD HIM TO GET IN TOUCH WITH MR. TERRY. MR. BONEPARTE SAID THAT LATELY THE JUDGES HAVE NOT BEEN ORDERING COMMUNITY SERVICES. MR. BONEPARTE SAID THAT HE NEEDED GROUND LEVEL ACCESS FOR HIS SPACE. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID HE WOULD BRING HIS REQUEST TO THE COUNCIL.

UPDATE ON WEEKEND HELP:

MR. TERRY SAID THAT TWO PEOPLE SHOWED UP FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE AND HE HAD TWO TRUSTEES AND THEY COLLECTED 93 BAGS OF TRASH ALONG LOGHALL ROAD TO COOSAWHATCHIE. MR. TERRY SAID THEY WERE GOING TO WORK IN THE MACKAY POINT AREA THE FOLLOWING WEEKEND. MR. TERRY SAID HE DID NOT KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT WORKING THE KIDS FROM DJJ BECAUSE IT WAS NEVER DONE AT PUBLIC WORKS. THE COMMITTEE TALKED ABOUT PART TIME HELP TO OVERSEE THE WEEKEND WORKERS. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID YOU CAN WORK THEM UP TO 32 HOURS AND NOT HAVE TO PAY ANY BENEFITS. MR. TERRY SAID HE HAS TO HAVE THE PEOPLE THERE TO DO THE WORK BEFORE SOMEONE NEEDS TO OVERSEE THEM. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID MR. TERRY NEEDED TO MAKE THE EFFORT TO GET THE PEOPLE THERE. MR. TERRY SAID HE WILL SPEAK WITH MR BENJAMIN AND THE JUDGES. MR. TERRY SAID HE WOULD ASK THE JUDGES IF THEY COULD PUT A TIME LIMIT ON THE INDIVIDUALS AS TO HOW LONG THEY HAVE TO COMPLETE THE COMMUNITY SERVICE. MR TERRY SAID HE CANNOT MAKE THEM COME.

UPDATE ON KLECKLEY ROAD:

MR. TERRY SAID THEY ROCKED KLECKLEY ROAD AS FAR AS THE DOUBLE WIDE TRAILER AND THEY RAN OUT OF ROCK. MR. TERRY SAID HE IS ON THE AGENDA OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE TO ASK FOR MORE ROCK. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT PUBLIC WORKS NEEDS TO HAVE A STOCKPILE OF ROCKS ON HAND AT ALL TIMES. MR. TERRY SAID THAT HE DIDN'T GO BACK TO THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE FOR ROCKS UNTIL HE USED WHAT HE HAD. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED IF PUBLIC WORKS HAD THE RIGHT EQUIPMENT TO ROCK THE ROADS AND MR. TERRY SAID THAT THEY DID.

GRAYS SCHOOL:

MR. TERRY SAID HE WAS GETTING PRICES AND THE ROOF WILL BE CLOSED IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

BOLEN HALL:

MR. TERRY REPORTED THAT HE WOULD MEET WITH MR. BURNETT AND MR. BYRD ON FEB. 8, 2007 AND THAT MR. FULGHUM WAS ALSO GOING TO ATTEND THAT MEETING. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID HE WOULD ALSO ATTEND THE MEETING AND INVITED COUNCILMAN TYLER TO JOIN THEM. MR. SAGER EXPLAINED THAT IF THE AREAS NEED MAINTENANCE THEN IT WAS MR. TERRY'S RESPONSIBILITY, BUT IMPROVEMENTS AND

GRANTS ARE UNDER MR. DAVIS, WHO IS UNDER MR. SAGER. MR. SAGER SAID THE TWO AREAS OVERLAP AND THEY NEED TO WORK TOGETHER.

4 DAY - 40 HOUR WORKWEEK:

CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID HE DID NOT THINK THE 4 DAY 40 HOUR WORKWEEK WAS WORKING. CHAIRMAN TUTEN DISCUSSED THE FACT THAT SOME PEOPLE ARE DOING WORK THAT THEY ARE NOT PAID TO DO BECAUSE OF THE SCHEDULE. CHAIRMAN TUTEN GAVE THE EXAMPLE OF AN EQUIPMENT OPERATOR FILLING IN FOR A TRUCK DRIVER. MR. TERRY SAID THE PEOPLE ARE CROSSTRAINED SO THAT IN THE EVENT DUE TO WEATHER OR OTHER OUTSIDE CIRCUMSTANCES, THEY CANNOT DO WHAT IS THEIR REGULAR JOB THAT THEY CAN WORK IN A DIFFERENT AREA OF PUBLIC WORKS. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SUGGESTED THAT MR. TERRY DO A STUDY ON THIS. MR. TERRY SAID HE WOULD PROVIDE THE COMMITTEE WITH A REPORT ON THE PRODUCTIVITY OF THE 4 DAY 40 HOUR WORKWEEK. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED IF THE EMPLOYEES ARE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO DECIDE IF THEY WANT TO WORK A REGULAR SCHEDULE OR THE 4 DAYS – 40 HOURS SCHEDULE. MR. TERRY SAID THE EMPLOYEES REQUESTED THE 40 HOUR- 4 DAY WORKWEEK.

ROCKING THE ROADS:

CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED FOR A LIST OF THE ROADS THAT SHOULD BE ROCKED. COUNCILMAN TYLER SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE ALL COUNTY ROADS ROCKED. MR. TERRY SAID HE WOULD PROVIDE THE COMMITTEE WITH A MONTHLY REPORT OF ALL THE ROADS THAT HAVE BEEN ROCKED.

PERRY HOUSE:

CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT MANY COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE QUESTIONING THE OVERTIME. MR. SAGER SAID THE PEOPLE WORKING FROM THE PARK ARE NOT WORKING SLACK TIME AND THEY ARE HELPING TO GET IT DONE. MR. SAGER SAID ABOUT \$28,000.00 HAS BEEN SPENT WHICH PART WILL BE RECOVERED WHEN HIS DEPARTMENT MOVES TO THE NEW ANNEX BUILDING. MR. SAGER SAID THE ELECTRICAL WIRING HAS BEEN UPGRADED AND THE INSIDE IS BEING PAINTED AND THE FLOORS ARE BEING CLEANED. MR. SAGER SAID THE PAINTING OF THE OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE \$28,000.00. CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED HOW MUCH HAS BEEN SPENT AND STILL NEEDS TO BE SPENT. MR. SAGER SAID A HANDICAP RAMP IS NEEDED AND WILL COST \$750.00 AND THE OUTSIDE PAINTING HAS NOT BEEN PAID. MR. SAGER SAID THE COUNTY HAS NOT BEEN INVOICED FOR THE TELEPHONE SYSTEM. MR. SAGER SAID A NEW HVAC HAS BEEN INSTALLED, A NEW SIGN HAS BEEN ORDERED, AND THE COMPUTER NETWORKING IS JUST ABOUT COMPLETE. CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED THAT EVERYTHING AT THE PERRY HOUSE BE PUT ON HOLD. MR. SAGER SAID THAT SO FAR ABOUT \$32,000.00 HAS BEEN SPENT AND THE OUTSIDE PAINTING AND HANDICAP RAMP ARE ALL THAT IS NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE BUILDING.

ADJOURN:

CHAIRMAN TUTEN ADJOURNED THE COMMITTEE MEETING AT 11:35 A.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, CCC
CLERK TO COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN FRED TUTEN

COUNCILMAN HUBERT TYLER