

**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
ENGINEERING COMMITTEE
MARY GORDON ELLIS EXECUTIVE BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM
OCTOBER 2, 2007
10:30 A.M.**

MINUTES

PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN FRED TUTEN, COUNCILMAN HUBERT TYLER, DALE TERRY – DEP. ADM. ENG. SER., JUDITH FRANK- CLERK TO COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER:

CHAIRMAN TUTEN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 10:30 A.M.

INVOCATION:

COUNCILMAN TYLER GAVE THE INVOCATION.

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.

DISCUSSION:

MR. TERRY PROVIDED THE COMMITTEE WITH COPIES OF THE AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER REPORTS WHICH ARE ATTACHED AND MADE PART OF THE MINUTES.

COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED WHY THE ORANGE TRASH BAGS ARE STILL ALONG SIDE THE ROAD AND MR. TERRY SAID THAT THEY ARE PICKED UP BY THE STATE.

ROADS:

CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED ABOUT THE SLOPE MOWERS AND IF THEY WERE WORKING IN GRAYS AND GILLISONVILLE. MR. TERRY SAID THEY ARE NOT IN THAT AREA YET BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING AT GOLF COURSE ROAD AND BAILEY LOOP. CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF THE MOTOR GRADER WORKED GOLF COURSE ROAD AND MR. TERRY SAID THAT IT DID, BUT THE ROAD NEEDED TO BE DONE AGAIN. MR. TERRY SAID THE DIRT ROAD TO NIMMERS HAS ONLY 4-5 HOUSES ON IT, AND EVEN THOUGH IT HAS BEEN WORKED, THE GRASS TRUCKS ARE TEARING UP THE ROADS. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED IF THERE WAS A RECORD OF THE ROADS THAT HAVE BEEN WORKED AND SCHEDULED AS TO WHEN THEY ARE WORKED. MR. TERRY SAID THAT THERE ARE SOME ROADS THAT STILL NEED TO BE GRADED AND NOW THAT THERE ARE FOUR GRADERS WORKING THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO CATCH UP ON GETTING THEM ALL FINISHED. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THE BELLINGER HILL ROAD IS VERY TORN UP AND IT NEEDS

ROCK AND DIRT. MR. TERRY SAID THAT ROAD IS SCHEDULED TO BE WORKED ON TODAY. CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF THE CLELAND PEOPLE WERE WORKING THERE AND MR. TERRY SAID THAT CLELAND HAS NOT BEEN THERE IN OVER A MONTH. MR. TERRY SAID EACH GRADER HAS A ROUTE AND IT MAY TAKE A LITTLE LONGER TO GET EVERY ROAD FINISHED, BUT THE FOUR GRADERS ARE ALL OUT WORKING. COUNCILMAN TYLER SAID THAT EACH AREA NEEDS TO BE WORKED SO THAT ALL THE PEOPLE ARE GETTING SERVICED. CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF ALL THE GRADERS RUN EVERY DAY AND MR. TERRY SAID THAT SOME RUN ON FRIDAY AND SOME RUN ON MONDAY AND THEY ALL RUN THE REST OF THE WEEK. MR. TERRY SAID THAT IF HE IS NOT WORKING ON SOMETHING HE WILL PERSONALLY RUN A GRADER ON FRIDAY OR MONDAY. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT BELLINGER HILL ROAD IS A CONSTANT PROBLEM BECAUSE OF ALL THE TRUCKS AND SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE. CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED ABOUT THE DIRT BEING HAULED BY THE GOLF COURSE. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID A LOT OF DIRT IS BEING HAULED BY THE CLARK'S PROPERTY.

HIGH SCHOOL CLEARING, EQUIPMENT, CONTINUING EDUCATION AND USE OF COUNTY OWNED VEHICLES:

CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF THE COUNTY DID THE CLEARING AT THE NEW RIDGELAND HIGH SCHOOL AND MR. TERRY SAID THAT PUBLIC WORKS DID DO THAT WORK AND THEY SHOULD BE FINISHED IN 2 DAYS. MR. TERRY SAID DR. SANFORD REQUESTED THE COUNTY DO THE WORK.

CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED WHAT REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE MEANT ON THE MONTHLY REPORT AND MR. TERRY RESPONDED THAT PEOPLE CALL TO ASK FOR HELP LIKE CUTTING LIMBS. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED IF ALL HIS EQUIPMENT WAS WORKING WELL. MR. TERRY SAID HE IS HAVING A PROBLEM WITH ONE PIECE OF EQUIPMENT, BUT IT IS BEING WORKED ON.

CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED WHAT SCHOOL DID HAL WALL GO TO AND MR. TERRY EXPLAINED THAT MR. WALL ATTENDED A REQUIRED CLASS FOR SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING. CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED HOW OFTEN IS MR. WALL CALLED OUT. MR. TERRY RESPONDED THAT MR. WALL GETS CALLED OUT FREQUENTLY. CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED WHY MR. WALL CANNOT USE HIS VEHICLE ALL THE TIME SINCE HE IS ON CALL 24-7 LIKE SOME OF THE OTHER EMPLOYEES. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID HE FELT MR. WALL SHOULD BE ABLE TO USE HIS VEHICLE THE SAME AS THE DEPUTIES AND SOME EMS EMPLOYEES. MR. TERRY SAID MR. WALL PARKS HIS TRUCK AT HOME AND ONLY USES IT WHEN HE IS CALLED OUT. MR. TERRY SAID IT SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR PERSONAL USE. COUNCILMAN TYLER SAID A POLICY NEEDS TO BE ESTABLISHED FOR EVERYONE TO FOLLOW. COUNCILMAN TYLER SAID A RECORD SHOULD BE KEPT BY EVERYONE WHO TAKES HIS VEHICLE HOME AS TO HOW MANY TIMES HE IS CALLED OUT. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID HE FELT ALL EMPLOYEES SHOULD BE TREATED THE SAME. COUNCILMAN TYLER SAID HE DID NOT THINK COUNTY VEHICLES SHOULD BE USED FOR PERSONAL USE, BUT THERE MAY BE SOMETHING THAT HAPPENS IN BETWEEN WHEN IT CAN BE USED. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS A COUNTY VEHICLE IS ON LEAVE, THE COUNTY VEHICLE SHOULD BE PARKED AT THE COUNTY. MR. TERRY AGREED THAT THERE IS A FINE LINE DEFINING WHEN A COUNTY CAR SHOULD BE USED AND HE SAID HE FELT THAT NEEDED TO BE ADDRESSED.

MR. TERRY ASKED THE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER PURCHASING A NEW SLOPE MOWER WITH THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE OLD COUNTY EQUIPMENT. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THE FUNDS FROM THE SALE OF THE OLD EQUIPMENT IS TO GO TOWARDS THE PAYMENT FOR THE NEW LEASED EQUIPMENT. MR. FULGHUM ASKED TO EARMARK THAT MONEY FOR OTHER EQUIPMENT AND THAT THE PROCUREMENT POLICY EMPOWERS THE ADMINISTRATOR TO DETERMINE WHAT IS SURPLUS AND HE WOULD LIKE TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR THAT AND THAT HE WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE FUNDS FROM THE SALE AND FOR WHAT IT COULD BE USED. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT THE EMPLOYEES CANNOT WORK WITHOUT GOOD EQUIPMENT, BUT THE COUNCIL AGREED TO LEASE THE NEW EQUIPMENT BASED ON USING THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE OLD EQUIPMENT TO PAY THE 1ST LEASE PAYMENT AND IF THERE IS ANY EXTRA FUNDS FROM THE SALE AFTER THE LEASE IS PAID, THEN THAT MONEY COULD GO TOWARDS A SLOPE MOWER. MR. TERRY SAID HE WANTED TO RUN THE IDEA PAST THE COMMITTEE AND HE WILL HAVE AN EXACT NUMBER FOR THE COMMITTEE AT THEIR NEXT MEETING. MR. TERRY ESTIMATED THAT A NEW SLOPE MOWER WOULD COST \$80,000.00. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THE FIRST \$110,000.00 FROM THE SALE OF THE OLD EQUIPMENT MUST GO TO THE LEASE PAYMENT AND THE BALANCE COULD GO TOWARDS OTHER ITEMS. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THE COUNTY IS GOING TO NEED SOME NEW TRUCKS IN NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET. MR. TERRY SAID HE JUST WANTED THE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER HIS PROPOSAL.

CANAL PROBLEMS:

COUNCILMAN TYLER SAID THAT HARDEEVILLE HAD SOME CANAL PROBLEMS THAT NEEDED TO BE ADDRESSED. MR. TERRY SAID HE HAS INSPECTED THE TWO AREAS IN HARDEEVILLE AND AS SOON AS THE SCHOOL PROJECT IS COMPLETE, HE WOULD START ON THAT PROBLEM. MR. TERRY SAID THE GROWTH NEEDED TO BE SPRAYED AND THAT THEY HAVE TAKEN CARE OF IT FOR SEVERAL YEARS. CHAIRMAN TUTEN TOLD MR. TERRY THAT ONCE HE HAS THE CANAL PROJECT COMPLETE THAT HE AND COUNCILMAN TYLER WOULD LIKE TO GO AND SEE IT.

ADJOURN:

THE MEETING ENDED AT 11:00 A.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY: APPROVED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, CCC
CLERK TO COUNCIL

FRED TUTEN
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN