

**ENGINEERING SERVICES COMMITTEE
JASPER COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBER CONFERENCE ROOM
APRIL 24, 2009
3:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

COUNCILMAN, REV. SAMUEL GREGORY, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
VICE CHAIRMAN, LEROY BLACKSHEAR, COMMITTEE MEMBER

STAFF PRESENT:

ANDREW FULGHUM, ADMINISTRATOR
DALE TERRY, DEP. ADM. ENGINEERING SERVICES
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.

CALL TO ORDER:

CHAIRMAN GREGORY CALLED THE ENGINEERING SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING TO ORDER AT 3:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CHAIRMAN GREGORY LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

INVOCATION:

COMMITTEE MEMBER BLACKSHEAR GAVE THE INVOCATION.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

ROADS:

MR. TERRY PRESENTED THE COMMITTEE A COPY OF THE REPORT THAT HE GIVES TO THE ADMINISTRATOR EACH MONTH. MR. TERRY REPORTED THAT 93 ROADS WERE WORKED, 3 ROAD SIDE SLOPES WERE TRIMMED.

DITCHES:

MR. TERRY EXPLAINED THAT SOMETIMES THE NUMBERS OF DITCHES WORKED LOOKED LOW, HOWEVER, SOME OF THE DITCHES ARE SEVERAL MILES LONG. MR. TERRY REPORTED THAT 5 DITCHES WERE CUT BACK AND 2 DITCHES WERE DUG BY THE BACKHOE OPERATOR.

CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID A FEW CITIZENS HAVE BEEN COMPLAINING ABOUT THE DITCHES AND HE ASKED MR. TERRY TO RIDE WITH HIM TO

THE LOCATIONS. CHAIRMAN GREGORY ALSO SAID THAT THE TREES AT A SCHOOL BUS TURN AROUND IN COOSAWHATCHIE NEEDED TO BE TRIMMED. THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO MEET WITH MR. TERRY ON MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2009 AT 3:00 P.M. TO SEE THE ROADS AND DITCHES MENTIONED.

OTHER REPORTS:

MR. TERRY REPORTED:

THE MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR RECEIVED 41 REQUESTS FOR REPAIRS
CENTRAL GARAGE SERVICED 63 VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT
THERE WERE NO REQUESTS FOR MOSQUITO SPRAYING. MR TERRY SAID
THEY STARTED SPRAYING FOR MOSQUITOES LAST WEDNESDAY, AND HE
IS TRYING TO MEET THE CITIZEN'S REQUEST FIRST BEFORE GOING TO THE
ESTABLISHED ROUTES.

THERE WERE TWO REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM CITIZENS
849 BAGS OF TRASH WERE PICKED UP ALONG THE ROADSIDES SINCE
JANUARY

CONVENIENCE SITES:

MR. TERRY REPORTED THAT 1,299.30 TONS OF WASTE WAS HANDLED AND
DURING JANUARY AND FEBRUARY. MR. TERRY REPORTED THAT THE
COUNTY RECEIVED REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,745.65 FOR THE
ITEMS THAT CAN BE RECYCLED FOR THOSE TWO MONTHS.

MR. TERRY SAID THAT THE LITTER CONTROL OFFICER ISSUED 3
CITATIONS IN JANUARY AND 1 IN FEBRUARY.

CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED WHAT HAPPENED TO THE RECYCLING
MONEY. MR. TERRY SAID HE TURNS THE MONEY INTO FINANCE. MR.
TERRY SAID THAT WHEN THE RECYCLABLE CONTAINERS ARE FULL, THEY
CALL AND HAVE THEM PICKED UP AND ALL THE FUNDS FROM SELLING
THE RECYCLABLES ARE TURNED OVER TO FINANCE.

UPDATE ON IRREPAIRABLE CONTAINERS:

MR TERRY REPORTED THAT HE HAD A FEW CONTAINERS THAT COULD
NOT BE FIXED AND HE ASKED IF THEY SHOULD BE PUT ON
WWW.GOVDEALS.COM OR SOLD FOR SCRAP. THE COMMITTEE FELT THEY
SHOULD BE SOLD FOR SCRAP BECAUSE IF THE COUNTY COULD NOT FIX
THEM, ANYONE WHO PURCHASED THEM WOULD BE BUYING THEM FOR
SCRAP.

UPDATE ON TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE FUNDING:

MR TERRY INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT HE RECEIVED \$125,000.00
FOR ROCK FROM THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AND \$75,000.00 FOR
CRUSHED CONCRETE. MR. TERRY SAID THAT ROCK WORKS BETTER ALL
AROUND, BUT THERE ARE SOME ROADS THAT DO BETTER WITH THE
CRUSHED CONCRETE AND OTHERS THAT DO BETTER WITH ASPHALT
MILLINGS. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO GET OUT OF

DIRT ROADS AND GO TO PAVED ROADS. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THE ROADS WOULD NOT NEED MAINTENANCE FOR MANY YEARS AND THE COUNTY COULD PURCHASE EQUIPMENT TO MAINTAIN THE ROADS AS NEEDED. MR. TERRY SAID THERE ARE ABOUT 300 ROADS OR 400 MILES OF ROADS IN JASPER COUNTY. CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THE COUNTY HAD TO USE THE SAME SPECS AS THE STATE TO PAVE ROADS. MR. TERRY SAID THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE WILL NOT FUND PAVING ROADS UNLESS THEY ARE BUILT TO STATE STANDARDS. COMMITTEE MEMBER BLACKSHEAR SAID HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE THE SAME AMOUNT OF MONEY TO PAVE A ROAD, AS TO ROCK A ROAD BECAUSE PUBLIC WORKS COULD DO THE PREP WORK. CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED MR. FULGHUM AND MR. TERRY TO LOOK IN TO WHAT IT WOULD TAKE AND THE SPECS FOR PAVING COUNTY ROADS. MR. FULGHUM ASKED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF CONCRETE ROADS AND HE HAD LOOKED AT THE ROAD BEHIND THE HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOTH THE OUTER LOOP AND THE INTER LOOP AND HE RECEIVED A QUOTE OF \$175,000.00 AND THE COMPANY HAS ALREADY DONE THIS KIND OF WORK FOR OTHER COUNTIES. COMMITTEE MEMBER BLACKSHEAR SUGGESTED GETTING A BID ON CONCRETE AND ASPHALT SO THAT THEY CAN COMPARE THE COST.

MR. TERRY INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT THE PREVIOUS COMMITTEE DID NOT HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE PW PEOPLE WORKING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION. MR. TERRY SAID THIS WOULD BE A ONE TIME DEAL, WHEN HE HAD EQUIPMENT IN THE AREA, AND THE ROADS WOULD HAVE TO BE IN SO BAD A SHAPE THAT SCHOOL BUSES AND AMBULANCES COULD NOT TRAVEL ON THEM. MR FULGHUM SAID THAT IF AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE CANNOT TRAVEL THE ROAD, IT IS A COUNTY PROBLEM. COMMITTEE MEMBER BLACKSHEAR SAID HE DID NOT HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THIS AS IT HELPS THE TAXPAYERS AND IT MAKES THE ROAD EASIER ON THE COUNTY'S EQUIPMENT. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE DID NOT HAVE A PROBLEM WITH IT SO LONG AS IT WAS A ONE TIME DEAL AND THE ROAD NEEDED TO BE FIXED SO EMERGENCY VEHICLES WOULD HAVE ACCESS.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

MR. TERRY ANNOUNCED THAT CHARLES WHITE WAS RETIRING AND INVITED THE COMMITTEE TO A LUNCH HE WAS HOSTING FOR MR. WHITE.

CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED MR. FULGHUM ABOUT THE RECYCLING MONEY AND COULD IT BE USED TO HOST A CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR THE EMPLOYEES LIKE THEY USE TO HAVE. MR. FULGHUM SAID THERE WAS \$4,000.00 IN THE BUDGET FOR EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE FELT MORE SHOULD BE DONE TO RECOGNIZE THE EMPLOYEES AND SHOW THEM THAT THEY ARE APPRECIATED.

COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED ABOUT ALL THE OLD SHERIFF CARS AND IF THEY HAVE BEEN TURN IN TO PUBLIC WORKS. MR. TERRY SAID THEY HAVE BEEN AND 5 ARE CURRENTLY LISTED ON WWW.GOVDEALS.COM.

VI. ADJOURN

CHAIRMAN GREGORY ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 4:05 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, ccc
CLERK TO COUNCIL

REV. SAMUEL GREGORY
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN