

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

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

FRED TUTEN, CHAIRMAN  
HUBERT TYLER, COUNCILMAN

**STAFF PRESENT:**

DALE TERRY, DEP. ADM. ENG. SER.  
STEVE SAGER, DEP. ADM. ECON. DEV.  
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 PRESENTATIONS MINUTES ARE TYPICALLY CONDENSED AND PARAPHRASED.

**DISCUSSION:**

**TRASH PICKUP:**

MR. TERRY UPDATED THE COUNCIL ON THE ACTIVITIES OF HIS DEPARTMENTS. MR. TERRY REPORTED THAT DURING THE MONTHS OF MAY AND JUNE HE USED THE INMATES AND COMMUNITY SERVICES WORKERS TO PAINT A PORTION OF THE EXECUTIVE BUILDING, PICK UP TRASH, WORK ON THE GARBAGE TRUCKS, UNLOAD BINS OF TIRES, AND MOW GRASS AT THE SQUARE IN GILLISONVILLE. MR. TERRY SAID THAT HE ONLY HAD ONE COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKER REPORT FOR WORK ONE DAY AND THE REST OF THE WORK WAS DONE BY THE INMATES FROM THE DETENTION CENTER. MR TERRY SAID THEY PICKED UP TRASH ALONG FORDVILLE ROAD, HWY. 652., AND LOG HALL ROAD.

**INSPECT ROADS:**

MR. TERRY WANTED THE COMMITTEE TO LOOK AT A ROAD NEAR RIVERS EDGE, AND MR. SAGER SUGGESTED VISITING THE JENKINS PROPERTY SITE.

**GRAYS' SCHOOL:**

MR. TERRY INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT SOME OF THE TARPS THAT WERE PUT ON THE ROOF AT THE OLD GRAYS' SCHOOL KEEP TEARING AND HE ASKED IF THE COMMITTEE WANTED HIM TO REPLACE THEM. MR. TERRY SAID THAT HE HAD TO RENT EQUIPMENT TO PUT THEM UP. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID HE THOUGHT THE IDEA OF PUTTING THE TARPS ON THE SCHOOL WAS TO SHOW THAT THE COUNTY WAS TRYING TO PRESERVE IT AND THE COMMITTEE SHOULD HAVE THEIR ANSWER FROM THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY BY THE END OF THE YEAR. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID HE DIDN'T THINK THEY SHOULD KEEP PUTTING TARPS ON IT SINCE THERE WAS ALREADY DAMAGE TO THE INTERIOR. MR. SAGER SAID HE AGREED BECAUSE OF THE COST INVOLVED AND THE INSIDE IS ALREADY RUINED AND THERE HAS BEEN NO ADDITIONAL DAMAGE FROM THE LEAKS THAT EXIST. MR. SAGER SAID PERHAPS THE TARPS MAY HAVE SAVED THE RAFTERS. MR. SAGER SAID THE BIGGER ISSUE IS WHAT WILL THE SCHOOL BE USED FOR IF IT DOES GET PUT ON THE NATIONAL REGISTRY. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THE COUNTY HAS MADE THE EFFORT AND NOW IT JUST NEEDS TO BE LEFT ALONE UNTIL THE COUNTY HEARS IF IT WAS PLACED ON THE HISTORICAL REGISTRY. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED WHO WAS WORKING ON GETTING FOUNDATION MONEY. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT A GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED GRAYS' SCHOOL WERE WORKING VERY DILIGENTLY ON THIS PROJECT. MR. SAGER SAID HE HAD NO DOUBTS THAT THE BUILDING WOULD BE PUT ON THE HISTORICAL REGISTRY, HOWEVER, THEY WILL ONLY PROVIDE SOME FUNDS FOR THE RESTORATION AND THE GROUP NEEDS TO START HOLDING FUNDRAISERS BECAUSE HE DIDN'T THINK THE COUNTY SHOULD HAVE TO PAY FOR ALL OF IT. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED WHAT WORK HAS THE COMMITTEE DONE AND MR. SAGER SAID THEY HAVE WORKED ON DOCUMENTATION AND APPLICATIONS AND EVERYTHING HAS BEEN SENT AND APPROVED AT STATE LEVEL AND NOW IT IS BEING SENT ON TO THE NATIONAL LEVEL FOR APPROVAL. MR. SAGER SAID THE PEOPLE WERE VERY SINCERE AND DEDICATED TO THE PROJECT. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT REV. MCCLARY WORKED ON THE PROJECT AND HE SUGGESTED THAT MR. TYLER STEP IN AND WORK WITH THE PEOPLE FROM GRAYS ON THIS PROJECT. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO LEAVE THINGS ALONE AT THE SCHOOL SINCE THE DAMAGE IS ALREADY DONE. COUNCILMAN TYLER SAID THEY NEED TO MAKE SURE IT IS NOT DAMAGED ANYMORE THAN IT IS ALREADY. MR. SAGER SAID THE STRUCTURE WAS SOUND.

**EOC OFFICE:**

MR. TERRY SAID HE HAS THE EOC OFFICE READY FOR THEM TO MOVE INTO AS SOON AS THEY CAN.

**ROADS AND COUNTY ISSUES:**

CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT JOHN BENTON ASKED THAT HIS ROAD BE CLEANED UP AND THAT THE SHERIFF PLACE A DEPUTY ON HIS ROAD ON SATURDAYS TO ISSUE TICKETS TO THE PEOPLE WHO ARE LITTERING. MR. TERRY SAID HE WOULD CONTACT THE SHERIFF AND THE LITTER CONTROL OFFICER. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED IF THERE HAS BEEN PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING THIS ISSUE AND MR. TERRY SAID IT HAS BEEN ADVERTISED SEVERAL TIMES.

CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED MR. TERRY IF HE APPEARED BEFORE THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REGARDING KNOWLES ISLAND AND MR. TERRY SAID HE WAS SCHEDULED TO MAKE A PRESENTATION TO THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE ON AUGUST 13, 2007.

CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED ABOUT THE BUSHES THAT NEEDED CUTTING AND THE ROADS THAT NEEDED WORKED ON IN GRAYS. CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED MR. TERRY HOW MANY SLOPE MOWERS HE HAD. MR. TERRY SAID HE HAD ONE SLOPE MOWER.

CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED MR. TERRY IF HE FINISHED MR. AL KLECKLEY'S ROAD AND MR. TERRY SAID IT IS COMPLETED UP TO THE FIELDS. MR. TERRY SAID THEY WOULD COME UP FROM THE GRAYS SIDE TO FINISH THE AREA BY THE WOODS.

CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF MR. TERRY HAD ENOUGH HELP AS HE DID NOT ASK FOR ANY NEW EMPLOYEES DURING THE BUDGET SESSIONS. MR. TERRY SAID THAT HE HAS AN OPENING FOR ONE MORE PERSON AND THAT PERSON WOULD BE TRAINED ON THE SLOPE MOWER AND THE TRASH TRUCK. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED IF MR. TERRY HAD ENOUGH HELP TO KEEP EVERYTHING UP TO DATE IN THE COUNTY. MR. TERRY SAID HE WOULD BE ABLE TO BETTER ANSWER THAT WHEN HE HAD ALL HIS NEW EQUIPMENT AND HE WAS FULLY STAFFED.

CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF MR. TERRY FELT THE FOUR DAY WORK WEEK WAS WORKING AND MR. TERRY RESPONDED THAT HE FELT IT WAS WORKING, BUT HE HAS BEEN TWO PEOPLE SHORT SINCE DECEMBER AND ONCE HE IS FULLY STAFFED HE THINKS IT WILL GO WELL. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THE PUBLIC DOESN'T UNDERSTAND THE FOUR DAY WORK WEEK AND COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED IF MR. TERRY FELT HE WAS GETTING THE AMOUNT OF WORK OUT OF THE EMPLOYEES TO GET THE JOB DONE. MR. TERRY SAID THE EMPLOYEES DO AS MUCH WORK ON THE 4 DAY, 10 HOUR SCHEDULE THAT THEY DO ON THE 5 DAY, 8 HOUR SCHEDULE.

MR. SAGER SAID THAT THE REAL ISSUE IS THAT THE PEOPLE COMPLAIN IF A TRUCK IS SITTING IDLE ON A FRIDAY AND THEY FEEL THE WORK IS NOT GETTING DONE.

CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT HE WAS NOT READY TO TELL DALE TO CHANGE IT UNTIL HE HAS HIS FULL CREW AND ABLE TO EVALUATE THE WORK BEING DONE. MR. TERRY SAID THE SLOPE MOWER RUNS ON FRIDAY IF IT IS NOT RUN

ON MONDAY. MR. TERRY ASKED CHAIRMAN TUTEN AND COUNCILMAN TYLER TO SEND ANY GOOD PEOPLE THEY KNOW THAT WANTS A JOB IN FOR AN INTERVIEW. MR TERRY SAID HE HAD AN INTERVIEW TODAY, BUT IT IS HARD TO FIND GOOD PEOPLE. MR. TERRY SAID HE IS VERY HAPPY WITH THE NEW MECHANIC THAT HE HIRED.

COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED IF THE WORK IS SCHEDULED. MR. TERRY SAID THEY START WORKING THE ROADS AND BUSHES IN BELLINGER HILL AND WORK THEIR WAY AROUND THE COUNTY. MR. TERRY SAID IF BAD SPOTS ARE REPORTED THEY HANDLE THEM AND THEN GO BACK TO THE ROAD ROTATION SCHEDULE. MR. TERRY SAID A LOT OF THE COUNTY ROADS NEED PLOWING BECAUSE OF THE GRASS THAT GROWS ON THEM. HE CONTINUED THAT THE ROADS ARE IN GOOD SHAPE EXCEPT FOR THE GRASS SO HE WAS GOING TO TRY SPRAYING THEM WITH ROUND UP TO SEE IF THAT WOULD HELP. MR. TERRY SAID EACH GRADER HAS A SECTION OF THE COUNTY THAT IT WORKS AND THEY WORK ON A ROTATION BASIS, ALSO MR. TERRY SAID THERE ARE THREE GRADERS AND EACH GRADER HAS IT'S OWN ROUTE.

CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED HOW MANY EMPLOYEES MR. TERRY HAD IN HIS DEPARTMENT. MR. TERRY SAID HE HAS 18 EMPLOYEES; HOWEVER, HE IS CURRENTLY SHORT TWO PEOPLE.

CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED MR. TERRY WHO WAS IN CHARGE WHEN HE WAS NOT THERE. MR. TERRY SAID MR. WHITE COVERS THE ROADS AND BRIDGES, MR CROSBY COVERS THE SHOP AND MR. WALL COVERS THE LITTER AND TRASH. CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF ANY OF HIS PEOPLE WERE UPSET ABOUT THE PAYROLL CHANGE. MR. TERRY SAID THEY WERE VERY UPSET, AND THAT IT WAS VERY HARD TO SELL TO HIS PEOPLE. MR. TERRY SAID THAT MR. MALPHRUS WAS GOING TO MEET WITH HIS PEOPLE ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON TO EXPLAIN IT TO THEM. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID HE FELT THE ADMINISTRATION HAS BENT OVER BACKWARDS TO MAKE IT EASIER ON THE EMPLOYEES.

CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THE COMMITTEE WAS GOING TO GO AND LOOK AT TWO ROADS.

MR. SAGER SAID HE WAS AT THE MEETING TO DISCUSS THE JENKINS PROPERTY. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID HE THOUGHT THAT WAS ALREADY HANDLED. CHAUNCEY BARNWELL, THE SUMMER INTERN, SAID THAT IT HAD BEEN HANDLED.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

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JUDITH M. FRANK, CCC  
CLERK TO COUNCIL

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FRED TUTEN  
CHAIRMAN