

**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
ENGINEERING COMMITTEE
MARY GORDON ELLIS EXECUTIVE BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM
SEPT. 4, 2007
10:30 A.M.**

PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN TUTEN, COUNCILMAN TYLER, DET. ADM. ENG. SERS DALE TERRY,
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 MINUTES ARE TYPICALLY
CONDENSED AND PARAPHRASED.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

INVOCATION:

COUNCILMAN TYLER GAVE THE INVOCATION.

DISCUSSION:

MR. TERRY PRESENTED THE REPORT FOR THE WEEKEND WORKERS AND SAID HE
DID NOT HAVE THE OTHER PORTION OF HIS REPORT READY. MR. TERRY
REPORTED THAT:

AUGUST 4, 2007 HE HAD 6 TRUSTEES AND THEY CUT THE GRASS AT THE OLD
HOSPITAL, 5 RECYCLING CENTERS. THE PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE AND
GILLISONVILLE SQUARE;

AUGUST 11, 2007 HE HAD 6 TRUSTEES AND THEY CHECKED ALL THE LANDINGS
AND PICKED UP 9 BAGS OF TRASH AND UNLOADED ONE CONTAINER OF TIRES;

AUGUST 18,, 2007 HE HAD 6 TRUSTEES AND THEY CUT THE GRASS AT THE GRAYS
SENIOR CENTER, THE GILLISONVILLE SQUARE, THE OLD HOSPITAL, AND BOTH
JAILS;

AUGUST 25, 2007 HE HAD 7 TRUSTEES AND THEY PICKED UP 33 BAGS OF TRASH
ALONG MORGAN DOLLAR AND JOHNSON ROADS, UNLOADED 2 CONTAINERS OF
TIRES AND CLEANED 3 PICK UP TRUCKS.

CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED ABOUT THE NEW EQUIPMENT. MR. TERRY SAID THAT
ALL OF THE MOTOR GRADERS HAVE ARRIVED AND TWO OF THEM WERE OUT
WORKING ROAD LAST THURSDAY.

CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF MR. TERRY HAD ENOUGH STAFF. MR. TERRY SAID THAT HE HAS FILLED THE 3 OPENINGS AND TWO HAVE STARTED AND ONE WILL START NEXT WEEK. MR. TERRY SAID THAT TWO OF THE EMPLOYEES USED TO WORK FOR THE STATE, ONE FOR 18 YEARS AND ONE FOR 18 MONTHS.

CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF THE COUNTY HAD TO PAY THEM MORE THAN THE STATE AND MR. TERRY SAID THE JOBS WERE ADVERTISED AND THE SALARY RANGE WAS LISTED AND THEY TOOK THE JOB WHEN OFFERED. MR. TERRY SAID THAT HE DID HAVE ONE PERSON WHO WORKED FOR THE STATE THAT DID NOT ACCEPT THE POSITION BECAUSE THE SALARY WAS TOO LOW.

COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED HOW MANY GRADERS DID THE COUNTY HAVE AND HOW WERE THEY SCHEDULED TO WORK. MR. TERRY SAID THAT HE HAD THREE NEW GRADERS AND HE WAS GOING TO KEEP THE BEST ONE OF THE OLD GRADERS FOR A WHILE TO GET THE ROADS CAUGHT UP. MR. TERRY SAID HE WOULD BE OPERATING THE OLD GRADER. MR. TERRY SAID THAT EACH GRADER IS ASSIGNED A ROUTE AND IT WORKS THAT ROUTE FROM START TO FINISH AND THEN STARTS OVER AGAIN. MR. TERRY SAID THAT HE HOPED THAT THE GRADERS WOULD NOT HAVE TO BE MOVED FROM ONE END OF THE COUNTY TO THE OTHER. MR. TERRY SAID THAT THINGS MAY TAKE A LITTLE LONGER SINCE THE ROADS ARE IN SUCH BAD SHAPE.

CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED ABOUT THE ROAD BY THE GOLF COURSE AND MR. TERRY SAID IT HAS BEEN WORKED, BUT HE GOT A CALL THAT THE DUMP TRUCKS ARE RUNNING AGAIN.

CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID HE RECEIVED A CALL FROM MR. DANTZLER INFORMING THAT HIS TRUCKS WERE NOT RUNNING ON THE ROAD, BUT THE TRUCKS BELONGED TO CLELAND CONSTRUCTION. MR. DANTZLER SAID THE ROAD IS IN HORRIBLE CONDITION.

COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED ABOUT THE WIDTH OF THE ROADS AND MR. TERRY SAID THEY VARY AND SOME ARE SO NARROW THAT THERE IS NOT ENOUGH ROOM FOR THE GRADER TO TURN AROUND. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED IF THE PEOPLE WERE ASKED TO PROVIDE THE RIGHT OF WAY FOR PROPER DRAINAGE. MR. TERRY SAID SOME PEOPLE WILL GIVE THE RIGHT OF WAY, BUT OTHERS WILL NOT AND SO THEY CANNOT PUT IN THE DRAINAGE. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT MR. TERRY SHOULD MEASURE THE ROADS TO MAKE SURE THE GRADER CAN GET IN. COUNCILMAN TYLER SAID THAT IF THE COUNTY IS WILLING TO DO THE WORK, THE PEOPLE SHOULD COOPERATE AND GIVE THE RIGHT OF WAY.

CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED ABOUT THE MACKAY POINT ROAD. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THE SETTINGS WAS TEARING UP THE ROAD AND THAT WHEN HE SPOKE TO SAM JENKINS WITH THE STATE, MR. JENKINS SAID THAT THE SETTINGS'S REPRESENTATIVE SAID THEY WOULD BE TAKING CARE OF THE ROADS, BUT HE WAS NOT SURE WHEN. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE ON THAT ROAD ARE TEARING UP THEIR CARS AND THE

SETTINGS IS TEARING THE ROADS TO PIECES. MR. TERRY SAID HE WOULD CHECK INTO IT.

CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED MR. TERRY IF HE HAD ENOUGH PEOPLE AND MR. TERRY RESPONDED THAT WITH THE THREE NEW PEOPLE HIRED, HE HAD A FULL STAFF.

CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF MR. TERRY LOOKED AT THE PROPERTY WHERE THE WATER IS RUNNING ONTO THE NEIGHBOR'S PROPERTY. MR. TERRY SAID HE SENT LETTERS AND THAT HE SPOKE TO THE PEOPLE IN NORTH CAROLINA AND THEY SAID HE COULD CLEAN OUT THE DITCH, BUT THEY DIDN'T WANT THE TREES DISTURBED. MR. TERRY SAID HE WALKED THE AREA TWICE AND THE ONLY WAY TO CORRECT THE PROBLEM WOULD BE TO DIG A DITCH TO THE HIGHWAY. MR. TERRY SAID THERE WAS A NATURAL GUM POND IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PROPERTY. CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED HOW MUCH TIME WOULD IT TAKE TO DO IT AND MR. TERRY SAID THEY WOULD NEED TO GET PERMITS, AND AFTER HE GOT THE PERMITS IT WOULD TAKE ABOUT ONE WEEK TO DO THE WORK. CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID HE WOULD TALK TO THE PEOPLE AND GET BACK TO MR. TERRY.

CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF HIS DEPARTMENT DID THE WORK BY MR. SNEED'S HOUSE AND MR. TERRY SAID THAT HIS DEPARTMENT DID THE WORK.

CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT IT LOOKED NICE. MR. TERRY SAID IT WAS A STATE DITCH, BUT THE STATE ASKED THAT SINCE HE HAD THE COUNTY EQUIPMENT THERE, IF HE WOULD DO IT.

MR TERRY ASKED CHAIRMAN TUTEN AND COUNCILMAN TYLER TO GO AND SEE A PROJECT AT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO GO.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 11:55 A.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, CCC
CLERK TO COUNCIL

FRED TUTEN
CHAIRMAN