



KEEP JACKSON COUNTY BEAUTIFUL



Minutes

Jackson County Administration Building Auditorium
67 Athens Street
Jefferson, Georgia

June 14, 2018
5:00 P.M.

Members Present

Christie Craig
Wade Johnson
Greg Laughinghouse
Jack Legg
Gina McKinney
Chuck Murphy
Susan Russell
Philip Smith
Cecil Tatum

Members Absent

Kayley Edwards
Mike Faulkner
Yvette Wise

Staff Present

Jamie Dove – KJCB Coordinator

Jamie Dove called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

Greg Laughinghouse asked those present if they had taken a look over the minutes from the May meeting. He noted if there were no comments or concerns, he would entertain a motion. Christie Craig made a motion to approve the minutes for the May 10, 2018 meeting. Chuck Murphy seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval of the minutes.

A financial report was given to the board by Philip Smith. There is currently \$17,412.97 in the KJCB, Inc. account. KJCB had received its check from US Again Clothing that usually comes quarterly. Jamie Dove explained how that system works. The bins at the Transfer Station are for clothing donations. The bins have sensors, so once they are full, the company comes out to retrieve the donated textiles and the program gets a portion of money from the recycling and reuse.

Jamie Dove gave the staff report. She noted that she has already started working with vendors on a date for the Fall Recycling Event. Greg Laughinghouse pointed out that Tumbling Waters would be hosting Art in the Park on the weekend of September 15th, so it may be a good idea to stay away from that weekend. New litter signs would soon be erected near the entrances into Jackson County. A new sign was just placed on Highway 129, coming in from Athens-Clarke County. These were purchased a while

ago; a cost that would be split between KJCB and the County Manager's budget, in hopes of keeping litter off of our roadways. Speaking of signs, the Public Development Department had also taken on a new initiative in regards to public hearing signs. Any time someone is involved in a rezoning, map amendment, special use, etc., they must have public hearing signs placed on the property to notify the public. The County was having a problem where these would stay out for years after the case had concluded. Not only do our elected officials continue to receive phone calls about these cases (causing confusion), but also the signs blow off, creating litter. Now, anyone going through the process must put a deposit down of \$25 per sign. If the sign(s) are returned within 5 business days of the final decision, the individual receives their deposit back. If not, the deposit essentially funds Cecil Tatum being able to go out to each parcel and remove the signs and deliver them to the Transfer Station. This will help with our sign indices on the KAB report. Speaking of KAB, reporting for KAB and KGB will take place in the month of July since reports are due August 1st. Great American Cleanup has concluded and Jamie will be working with those responsible to get the stats from the other 7 cleanups held around the County.

Jefferson Lions Club had reached out to Jamie regarding bringing their adopt-a-road program out of retirement. Jamie thanked Wade Johnson, as he played a large role in getting contact information from the club to Jamie. Jefferson Lions Club has a very important stretch of road, from right in front of Jefferson High School to Bell's, a main road for those coming off of the interstate and into downtown Jefferson. Jamie filled Christie Craig in on Carter's new adopt-a-road signs. They will be delivered to the Town of Braselton's Public Works Department next week to be placed. Christie will send Jamie a photo for social media. Jamie has been working on getting information regarding proper needle disposal. Gina McKinney had gotten a vendor from work and Jamie will pass the information along to Kelly at the Sheriff's Office, as it may be more appropriate for law enforcement to handle this task. Lastly, thinking ahead, Jamie was doing research on the Bring one for the Chipper initiative. She was looking at the logistics of the event and the benefits of the chipper vs. these being placed in ponds for fish habitats. Susan Russell had a lot of valuable information regarding the trees and will continue to be a resource.

New Business –

1. Cardboard and Paper Recycling Update

Jamie recently toured Madison County's Recycling Facility. Their facility was very impressive, but they certainly have more space to work with than Jackson County. With budget hearings coming up, Jamie is going to meet with Gina Roy to discuss possibilities with the Transfer Station for enclosed space to keep cardboard and paper recycling. She would update the group as soon as possible, as the tarping system would not promise to keep all water out, which would essentially ruin the load for Athens-Clarke County.

2. Tarping/Litter Control Ordinance

Jamie was asked by Gina Roy to do research into surrounding counties and their litter control ordinances. Jack Legg noted that this had been done some time ago and he did not know if it went anywhere. Jamie explained that Gina would be present at the BOC retreat coming up and that this may come up during her KJCB report. Most counties polled do enforce their ordinance with the help of their Sheriff's Department. Greg Laughinghouse pointed out that the JCSO is down employees right now. This would be a shift in enforcement since Code Enforcement is responsible right now, but cannot pull anyone over. Cecil Tatum would have to follow these cars back to where they came from, which sometimes is many counties over.

3. Litter Index

Jamie noted that part of her reporting for KAB and KGB was the litter index survey. She currently had an email into the KGB representative to find out how many volunteers needed to be present. Essentially, the volunteers will come together one morning, survey 50 sites that have been pre-selected by Joel Logan, GIS Manager, due to location, and log their results. Chuck Murphy had previously expressed interest in taking part in this and Greg Laughinghouse and Susan Russell also volunteered. Jamie mentioned that she would wait to hear back on a number and then respond accordingly to the volunteers to set up a date.

4. July Meeting

Jamie explained to KJCB members that July was a tricky month for the Public Development Department, as one meeting had to be pushed back to the following Thursday due to the July 4th holiday. Since the department uses the same meeting space for a meeting every Thursday, this would put the KJCB and Board of Adjustments meeting on the same day. The BOA agenda was pretty hefty and Jamie requested to cancel the KJCB meeting as she would need to attend the BOA meeting to present. By cancelling the July 12th meeting, this would allow her to use the month of July for reporting purposes and would not impact members present at the meeting since many would be on vacation that week, anyways. Board members were in agreement and would meet again on August 9th.

Christie Craig made a motion to adjourn and Philip Smith seconded the motion. Unanimous approval to adjourn; meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman _____ Date _____