

Jefferson County Parks and Recreation
DRAFT Minutes Emergency Meeting
August 10, 2010

I. Call to Order: President Marshall called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Marshall explained that this is an emergency meeting called to discuss the agenda points provided.

Roll Call: Present at meeting were: Bill Hoak, Toni Milbourne, Paul Marshall, George Nichols, Heather Morgan, Jimmy Pierson, Lou Tiano, Bobby Shirley and County Commissioner Dale Manuel. Also present was Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Stephanie Grove.

Absent were: Dan McVicar, Gene Taylor and Mike Jacobs.

Manuel questioned whether he was able to remain in executive session discussions as a non-voting member. Grove indicated that he could remain but reminded him of his duty to keep confidence as a board member.

Change in order of agenda items to address Employee issues regarding P&R Assistant Director. Jennifer Myers was present and requested an executive session.

Motion by Pierson to go into executive session at 7:18 p.m. under WV Code 6.9A.4.2A Personnel Matters. Second by Tiano. Approved.

Motion by Shirley to come out of executive session at 8:10 p.m. Second by Hoak. Approved.

Motion to enter executive session at 8:15 p.m. by Shirley to discuss employees issues regarding P&R Director. Director Barr was not present although he had been notified via email of the meeting. Second by Pierson. Entered executive session under State Code 6.9A.4.2A Personnel Matters.

Motion by Pierson to come out of executive session at 9:10 p.m. Second by Hoak. Approved.
Note for the record that JCPRC Operations Manager Lauren Thurston provided commissioners with a packet of blank checks signed by Tim Barr.

Commission took a brief break and reconvened in open session at 9:15 p.m.

Based on executive session, Jimmy Pierson moved to terminate Executive Director Tim Barr's employment, effective immediately. Second by Shirley.

Discussion followed regarding possible paid suspension of Barr in lieu of immediate termination until Barr was present to address issues.

Consensus of the group in discussion was that there was no longer confidence in the ability of Barr to complete his duties as director.

Vote for the motion was as follows:

FOR: Shirley, Pierson, Marshall, Milbourne, Nichols, Morgan

AGAINST: Hoak, Tiano

Motion by Shirley to Motion by Shirley to have the W. Va. State police investigate forgery of check. President Marshall will write a letter to the State Police captain to request that an investigation begin immediately. Second by Pierson. Vote was unanimous.

Motion by Shirley to suspend Assistant Director Myers with pay until the completion of the State Police investigation or until the board would deem otherwise. Second by Milbourne. Vote was unanimous.

President Marshall will notify both Barr and Myers immediately of the board's action via telephone and follow up with official letter.

Marshall will notify Barr and Myers that they are to have no access to JCPRC business.

Shirley and Pierson will be at JCPRC at 1 p.m. Thursday to meet Barr so that he can remove his personal belongings and return all property of JCPRC.

Elections of Vice President and Treasurer were addressed following the non-return of those former members to the commission.

Nomination by Tiano to elect Pierson as vice president.

Hoak moved to close nominations.

Pierson elected vice president by unanimous vote.

Nomination by Pierson to elect Tiano as treasurer.

Hoak moved to close nominations.

Tiano elected treasurer by unanimous vote.

Appointment of interim director discussed. Motion by Shirley to appoint Lauren Thurston as interim director. Second by Nichols.

Approved by unanimous vote.

Thurston is directed to send any media questions regarding meeting to Marshall.

Milbourne will acquire new BCT signature cards for Tiano and Pierson as members of the executive committee. She will also instruct BCT to remove Tim Barr as an authorized signature on the account.

The next meeting of the JCPRC will be held August 18 at 7 p.m. at the Jefferson County Community Center.

Motion by Tiano to adjourn at 10 p.m. Second by Shirley.

Respectfully submitted:

Toni Milbourne

Secretary