

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The City of Jesup Board of Commissioners held a special called meeting Wednesday, March 16, 2016, at 9:30 p.m., at Coastal Pines Technical College. Mayor David Earl Keith called the meeting to order. Roll call was as follows:

Mayor, David Earl Keith	Present
Commissioner, Shirlene Armstrong	Present
Commissioner, Don A. Darden	Present
Commissioner, Nick Harris	Absent
Commissioner, Bill Harvey	Present
Commissioner, Ray House	Present
Commissioner, Bobby Townsend	Present
City Attorney, Mike Conner	Present
City Manager, Mike Deal	Present
Police Chief, Glenn Takaki	Present

Mayor Keith stated Wayne County Chairman Kevin Copeland did a great job handling the Questions and Answers series during the previous meeting.

A Public Hearing was held on the proposed coal ash project at Broadhurst Environmental Landfill.

Several people in the audience asked questions and made comments.

Mayor Keith stated after the Court Reporter gets everything on record, City Attorney Conner and his group will put together comments, which have to be submitted to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers before April 5, 2016.

Peggy Riggins announced a Wayne County Defense Fund has been set up at Harris and Harris, CPA, to accept donations to help pay legal fees and scientists to do research on coal ash. She stated Kenny Bryant is the Treasurer, and the current fund balance is \$3,000.

City Commissioners made their closing statements.

Commissioner Harvey stated he is against coal ash being brought into Wayne County personally, and is not aware of anyone in his district who is for it.

Commissioner Townsend stated this rail spur is not going to improve this County, and just having the landfill is enough. He noted the liner is not going to last, and there will be leaks.

Commissioner Darden stated he is totally against bringing coal ash into this community. He explained how a town in Alabama is almost a ghost town due to coal ash.

Commissioner Armstrong stated she does not agree with the coal ash, and asked why is it being transferred from where it is now to come here. Why us? Why Jesup?

Commissioner House stated he is totally against the coal ash, and doesn't want it here. He expressed they need to do whatever they have to do to stop it.

City Attorney Conner stated in terms of what happened in the past, Republic Services was mixing coal ash and liquid leachate in concrete pits, where leaching occurred and ended up in the upper atmosphere.

He noted what Republic is proposing to do today is no different from what they did in the past, and it's still not going to work.

City Attorney Conner stated the 1st issue is Republic is proposing to store the Coal Combustion Residuals in a lined area of the landfill, but not the rail facility, railcar storage facility or wash down operations. Concrete pits are not going to work because they are not barriers.

As the 2nd issue, he referred to a letter from the Georgia Wildlife Resources Division noting adverse comments on the proposal to fill 24.68 acres of wetlands, where the rail spur is going to be constructed.

City Attorney Conner stated the 3rd issue is wetland banks have been trenched and ditched over the years. He noted, 100% and without a doubt, the beryllium came from the coal ash.

Commissioner Townsend asked why is this large rail spur considered a minor modification.

Mayor Keith thanked everyone for coming out, and stated this is a big concern for the community and surrounding Counties.

Meeting Adjourned,

Rose Marcus-Jackson
City Clerk-Treasurer