

February 4, 2013 8:30 A.M.

JONES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

JONES COUNTY OFFICE COMPLEX – COMMISSIONERS’ ROOM

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Frank Emory, Chairman
Mike Haddock, Vice-Chairman
Sondra Ipock-Riggs, Commissioner
Joe Wiggins, Commissioner
Zack Koonce, III, Commissioner

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Franky J. Howard, County Manager
Jennifer King, Clerk to the Board
Melissa Moore-Freeman, Finance Officer
Jimmie B. Hicks, County Attorney

The Chairman called the meeting to order and gave the invocation. A **MOTION** was made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Zack Koonce, and unanimously carried **THAT** the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION made by Zack Koonce, seconded by Mike Haddock, and unanimously carried **THAT** the minutes of January 22, 2013, regular meeting and January 22, 2013, special meeting be approved.

1. AMERICORPS

Michael White, Jones Middle School principal, and Darlene Spivey, Trenton Mayor, spoke to the board concerning Americorps. Several young adults will be here from Americorps March 13, 2013, through May 13, 2013, to help the town with things like tutoring, Brock Mill Pond activities, community cleanup, etc. Mr. White worked with Americorps when he was a young adult. This led to him becoming a teacher and ultimately a principal in Jones County. Jones County is excited about this opportunity.

2. PRESENTATION OF NEWSPAPER

Ivy Reid, Extension Director, first thanked the board for their support of the cooperative extension. Mrs. Reid then explained that several months ago a Mr. Whitaker was able to provide a newspaper from 1897 that included Jones County and surrounding areas. This newspaper is now on file with the Department of Cultural Resources and the libraries in the county.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

There were no public comments.

3. LEGISLATIVE GOALS AND RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

Franky Howard, County Manager, discussed the top five legislative goals for 2013-2014. **MOTION** made by Mike Haddock, seconded by Zack Koonce, and unanimously carried **THAT** the Resolution in Support of Legislative Goals Adopted by the Membership of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners be approved. A copy of the resolution is marked Exhibit A and is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.

4. INVOICE – SUMRELL, SUGG, CARMICHAEL, HICKS & HART, P.A.

MOTION made by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by Mike Haddock and unanimously carried **THAT** an invoice for services rendered by Sumrell, Sugg, Carmichael, Hicks, & Hart, P.A. be approved as follows:

General Legal	\$869.76
Executive Medical Transportation v. Jones County	<u>416.75</u>
	\$1,286.51

Jimmie Hicks, County Attorney, explained that Executive Medical Transportation (EMT) lost against Jones County at the highest court. No further action may be taken against the county. Mr. Hicks reminded the board that in the beginning of litigation Jones County had agreed to pay for the services provided by EMT prior to the termination of the contract, unless EMT proceeded in filing appeals. Since EMT continued to file appeals and cost the county additional legal fees a **MOTION** was made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Mike Haddock, and unanimously carried **THAT** invoices for services rendered by Executive Medical Transport in the amount of \$14,186.44 be denied for payment.

There was some discussion about the EMT contract not being written at the time services were provided due to an oversight on the part of the Social Services Director. Mr. Hicks explained that the county won the case because the required pre-audit certification was not completed. **MOTION** made by Sondra Ipock-Riggs and seconded by Frank Emory **THAT** services may not be provided for Jones County without prior approval of a contract by the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Hicks explained that the board has no authority over certain contracts for the county. Mike Haddock, Zack Koonce, and Joe Wiggins **OPPOSED**. Motion **FAILED**. **MOTION** made by Zack Koonce, seconded by Mike Haddock and unanimously carried **THAT** this item be **TABLED** until a policy can be presented at the next meeting.

5. EAST CAROLINA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CHANGES

Mr. Howard discussed the East Carolina Behavioral Health Board structure changes. The North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) is opposed to these changes and is making an effort to keep these changes from going into effect. Zack Koonce explained that the ECBH transition team is working on this as well.

6. ESSENTIALS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Mr. Howard informed the Board that there is an Essentials of County Government course being held in Chapel Hill on February 22 and 23, 2013.

7. NACO LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

Mr. Howard discussed the upcoming NACo Legislative Conference to be held in Washington D.C. in March.

8. HUMAN SERVICES BASICS

Mr. Howard informed the Board of the upcoming Human Services Basics course that provides an opportunity for county commissioners to learn more about public health, social services, and mental health.

9. BROCK MILL POND UPDATE

Mr. Howard updated the board on the status of the Brock Mill Pond.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Howard informed the board that the State Employees Credit Union groundbreaking will be held on February 12, 2013, at noon.

Mr. Howard provided an updated on the 911 consolidation project. Mrs. Ipock-Riggs asked how much money had been spent on this project at the present time. Mr. Howard explained that no construction had begun and the only funds already spent were those for consultative services. There was some discussion about sharing the motherboard for the new 800 mhz radio system in Onslow County to avoid spending \$500,000 to purchase one for Jones County.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Sondra Ipock-Riggs

Mrs. Riggs stated that for years she has requested a copy of all the minutes of all the boards that the commissioners serve on and it has yet to happen.

Frank Emory

Mr. Emory discussed the need for a GPS on the ambulance to assist the EMS crews if needed. There are many remote areas in Jones County and a GPS could be beneficial.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

There were no public comments.

MOTION made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, and unanimously carried **THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Frank Emory
Chairman

Jennifer King
Clerk to the Board

EXHIBIT A

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RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATIVE GOALS ADOPTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners was founded in 1908 as a membership organization to represent the interests of counties before the General Assembly;

WHEREAS, all 100 counties are voluntary members of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, making the NCACC the official voice of North Carolina counties;

WHEREAS, every two years, the membership of the NCACC develops and approves a package of legislative proposals designed to protect and enhance the interests of county governments and the citizens who live in our 100 counties;

WHEREAS, the process to generate this package of legislative goals is deliberate and inclusive and provides extensive opportunities for counties to be involved;

WHEREAS, Jones County is an active participant within the NCACC and participated in the process to develop these legislative proposals;

WHEREAS, more than 200 county officials representing 88 counties gathered in Durham County on Jan. 24-25, 2013, and debated and ultimately approved 60 proposals submitted by counties to be included in the legislative goals package;

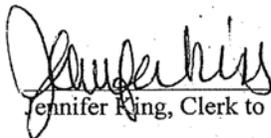
WHEREAS, the attached proposals represent the collective wishes of all 100 counties;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jones County Board of Commissioners adopts this resolution in support of the legislative proposals adopted by the NCACC membership at its 2013 Legislative Goals Conference;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of the General Assembly representing Jones County to let them know of our support for these issues.

Adopted this the 4th day of February, 2013.


Frank Emory, Chairman


Jennifer King, Clerk to the Board

