

**July 16, 2012 7:00 P.M.**

**JONES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**JONES COUNTY OFFICE COMPLEX – COMMISSIONERS' ROOM**

**MINUTES**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Zack Koonce, Chairman  
Frank Emory, Vice-Chairman(*by phone*)  
Joseph Wiggins, Commissioner  
Sondra Ipock-Riggs, Commissioner  
Mike Haddock, Commissioner

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

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

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

**MOTION** made by Frank Emory, seconded by Mike Haddock, and unanimously carried **THAT** the minutes of June 18, 2012, be approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

There were no public comments.

**1. 911 CONSOLIDATION GRANT**

The North Carolina 911 Board reviewed the grant application submitted by Jones and Lenoir County for the Jones and Lenoir County Consolidation. Funds were requested in the amount of \$12,782,395. The grant was recommended to be awarded but funding was reduced to \$7,400,000. The 911 Board is requesting verification that the project can be completed as described in the grant application with the reduced funding.

**MOTION** made by Mike Haddock, seconded by Frank Emory, carried **THAT** the project proceed as planned, with reduced funding. Sondra Ipock-Riggs **OPPOSED** because no contract has been signed. She does not wish to serve on an advisory board for this project and feels there should be an executive committee.

**2. CHARGE TAX COLLECTOR**

**MOTION** made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Frank Emory, and unanimously carried **THAT** Wayne Vanderford be charged as Tax Collector. A copy of the charge notice is marked Exhibit A and is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.

**3. YEAR-END TAX SETTLEMENT REPORT**

Wayne Vanderford, Tax Administrator, presented the Year-End Tax Settlement Report for year ending June 30, 2012. A copy of the report is marked Exhibit B and is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.

**4. REVALUATION CONTRACT**

Wayne Vanderford presented the following bids for the 2014 Jones County revaluation:

Pearson Appraisal	\$199,500
Raspberry Shackelford & Associates	\$197,500

**MOTION** made by Frank Emory, seconded by Mike Haddock and carried **THAT** low bid from Raspberry Shackelford & Associates be accepted. Sondra Ipock-Riggs **OPPOSED** because she believes they may own farmland in the County.

**5. TAX FORECLOSURE ATTORNEY AGREEMENT**

**MOTION** made by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by Joe Wiggins, and unanimously carried **THAT** Tax Foreclosure Attorney Agreement between Jones County and Zacchaeus Legal Services be approved. A copy of the agreement is marked Exhibit C and is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.

**6. TAX COLLECTIONS REPORT – JUNE**

Wayne Vanderford presented the June Tax Collections Report showing a total collection of \$5,146,887.31 (94.77%).

**7. WHALEY BANKRUPTCY**

Wayne Vanderford explained to the Board that the Tax Office has received a check in the amount of \$99,524.30 for the Whaley Bankruptcy case. **MOTION** made by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by Frank Emory, and unanimously carried **THAT** taxes for William M. Whaley for 2005-2010 be release at \$68,205.67.

**8. DR. JAMES GUTAI – VETERAN'S PREFERENCE POLICY**

Dr. Gutai expressed his desire for Jones County to adopt a Veteran's Preference Policy. Mr. Gutai requested that a motion be made to adopt a county policy to mirror the state policy.

Franky Howard explained that the Jones County Personnel Policy is typically updated once per year and adopted each January.

**MOTION** made b Frank Emory, seconded by Joe Wiggins, and unanimously carried **THAT** this issue be **TABLED** until a copy of the State of NC Veteran's Preference Policy can be reviewed at the next commissioners' meeting.

**9. BOARD APPOINTMENT – SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD**

**MOTION** made by Frank Emory and seconded by Zack Koonce **THAT** Joy Wynne be reappointed to the Social Services Board for a three-year term to expire June 30, 2015. Sondra Ipock-Riggs, Mike Haddock, and Joe Wiggins **OPPOSED**. Motion **FAILED**.

It is the wishes of the Board for this vacancy to be re-advertised.

**10. BOARD APPOINTMENT – REGIONAL AGING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MOTION** made by Frank Emory, seconded by Mike Haddock, and unanimously carried **THAT** Della Ancrum and Gladys Burton be reappointed to the Regional Aging Advisory Committee (RAAC) for a three-year term to expire December 1, 2015.

**11. NCACC ANNUAL CONFERENCE VOTING DELEGATE**

**MOTION** made by Mike Haddock, seconded by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, and unanimously carried **THAT** Zack Koonce be named as the duly designation voting delegate for Jones County at the 105<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

**12. 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 for payment as follows:

EDC	\$952.00
General Legal	\$2,343.44
Sheriff's Department	\$158.80
Executive Medical Transportation v. Jones County	\$2,755.58

**13. TOWNSHIP 7 FIRE DEPARTMENT AGREEMENT**

**MOTION** made by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by Mike Haddock, and unanimously carried **THAT** the agreement between Jones County and the Number 7 Township Fire & Rescue Department of Craven County be approved. A copy of the contract is marked Exhibit D and is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.

**COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT**

The new six mile fire district maps will be complete soon. The County was hoping to have this process complete to present to the Board tonight. However, the state contact assigned to Jones County passed away and we have been assigned a new contact.

Jones County was labeled a disadvantaged community for the state water project which will enable us to receive 0% interest for this project. This will save the County approximately \$500,000.

Jones County has received a request to modify the loan with Defense Holdings, Inc. Mr. Howard requested that the Board recess the meeting until Monday, July 23, 2012, to meet with the County Attorney on this matter.

**MOTION** made by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by Mike Haddock, and unanimously carried **THAT** Jayne Robb replace Larry Meadows on the Eastern Carolina Regional Housing Authority August 1, 2012, and the North Carolina Eastern Region Board of Directors effective September 1, 2012.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS**

*Sondra Ipock-Riggs-*

Mrs. Ipock-Riggs presented a letter to the Board concerning the Jones County Health Department and care that a maternity patient received there. Mr. Howard will investigate this matter.

Mrs. Ipock-Riggs stated that she has heard that EMS has been promised a new building and would like to know if there is anything to this rumor. Mr. Howard explained that as part of the 911 grant Jones County is required to have a back-up center for telecommunications. Mr. Howard is looking at the possibility of using a metal shell building next to the EMS ambulance bays for this project.

Mrs. Ipock-Riggs stated that she has been doing surveys of other counties and most of them only have one school and one library. She stated that we cannot continue to keep the schools up and that the junior high school roof has been re-done even though there has been discussion about shutting the school down.

*Zack Koonce-*

Mr. Koonce presented information to the Board concerning House Bill 1779.

**MOTION** made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, and unanimously carried **THAT** the meeting be recessed at 8:30 p.m. until July 23, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.

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Zack Koonce, III  
Chairman

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Jennifer King  
Clerk to the Board