

**July 23, 2012 7:00 P.M.**

**JONES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JONES COUNTY OFFICE COMPLEX – COMMISSIONERS' ROOM  
MINUTES**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Franky J. Howard, County Manager  
Melissa Moore-Freeman, Acting Clerk  
Larry Meadows, Economic Dev Director  
Jayne Robb, Economic Dev Director

The Chairman called the meeting to order and gave the invocation. A **MOTION** was made by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by, and unanimously carried **THAT** Melissa Moore-Freeman be appointed as acting clerk.

**1. LOAN MODIFICATION DHI**

Franky Howard and Larry Meadows presented a request from DHI to the commissioners for a loan modification. DHI requests to pay interest only for a period of seven months. Regular schedule payments will resume on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. Sondra Ipock-Riggs expressed concerns with the county continuing to expend taxpayers' dollars on the DHI project. DHI should be responsible for the legal expenditures associated with the amended payment schedule and amended contract. Frank Emory agreed. Jimmy Hicks will have amended documents to be reviewed at the August 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

**MOTION** made by Frank Emory, seconded by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, and unanimously carried **THAT** the loan modifications be granted, with DHI incurring all legal expenses.

**COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Franky introduced Jayne Robb as the new Economic Development Director. Today was Jayne's first day on the job. She lives in New Bern and was previously the Planner/Economic Development Director for Pamlico County. Jayne spoke briefly. She is researching potential economic development projects and looks forward to future development in Jones County.

Richard Martin visited with officials from the North Carolina Department of Commerce to discuss potential investments with his wind energy technology.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS**

*Sondra Ipock-Riggs-*

Mrs. Ipock-Riggs expressed great concern in reference to the water outage the County experienced on Sunday. The Pollocksville and Maysville areas were without water for several hours and many citizens were not aware of the boil water advisory. She advised all water sites should be monitored daily. Mrs. Ipock-Riggs also requested fire

departments flushing lines should inform the Water department to insure this type of incident can be avoided in the future. All three television stations should be contacted with the boil water advisory, to ensure the maximum number of citizens can be informed.

Mrs. Ipock-Riggs requested the Volunteer Fire Departments be informed the potential fire tax request would have to be placed on the ballot. Please include the deadline date when notifying the departments.

Mrs. Ipock-Riggs expressed her concerns in reference to COG. The director is resigning. She expressed concerns on the possible impact this potentially may have on Jones County and their membership with the COG.

*Zack Koonce-*

Mr. Koonce expressed his desire for the Board to complete a performance evaluation for Franky Howard. Jimmy Hicks advised Craven County Board does evaluate the County Manager. Mr. Koonce requested Craven County be contacted in referernce to the review process for the County Manager.

*Frank Emory-*

Mr. Emory provided a report on the National Commissioners' Conference. He attended several classes focusing on the Health Department as well as technology.

**MOTION** made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Frank Emory, and unanimously carried **THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Zack Koonce, III  
Chairman

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Melissa Moore-Freeman  
Acting Clerk to the Board