

August 6, 2012 8:30 A.M.

JONES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

JONES COUNTY OFFICE COMPLEX – COMMISSIONERS' ROOM

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Zack Koonce, Chairman (left 9:50am)
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

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 with the following amendment.

9. ATTORNEY INVOICES

MOTION made by Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Frank Emory, and unanimously carried **THAT** the minutes of June 27, 2012, be approved.

MOTION made by Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Frank Emory, and unanimously carried **THAT** the minutes of July 16, 2012, be approved.

MOTION made by Mike Haddock, seconded by Joseph Wiggins, and unanimously carried **THAT** the minutes of July 23, 2012, be approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

There were no public comments.

1. 4-H CLUB PRESENTATION

Mary Murphrey-Murphy, 4H Livestock Club Leader, expressed appreciation for the support from the county as well as the commissioners. The club is trying to diversify the club's image. The children have participated in all Skill-A-Thons and have won several state awards. Paul Pike won a Bronze medal in the duck hunting presentation at the state level. Ashley Murphy also won a silver medal in public speaking. Zack Koonce requested a schedule of upcoming events the club would participate in the future.

2. BOARD APPOINTMENT-DSS

MOTION made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Mike Haddock, and unanimously carried **THAT** Phyllis Faulkner be appointed to the Department of Social Services Board.

3. VETERAN'S PREFERENCE POLICY

Franky Howard, County Manager, presented the board with a copy of the Veteran's Preference Policy as it appears in the State Personnel. **MOTION** made by Joseph

Wiggins and unanimously carried this item be **TABLED** until the personnel policy is updated later in the year.

4. WELLNESS PROCLAMATION

MOTION made by Frank Emory, seconded by Joseph Wiggins and unanimously carried that the proclamation supporting the Jones County Wellness Committee be approved. A copy of the proclamation is marked Exhibit A and is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.

5. EASTERN CAROLINA COUNCIL DUES

MOTION made by Franky Emory, seconded by Mike Haddock, and carried **THAT** the dues for the Eastern Carolina Council be approved in the amount of 3,026.00. Sondra Ipock-Riggs and Joseph Wiggins **OPPOSED**. Sondra and Joseph feel the county should only contract the aging services with the Eastern Carolina Council. Sondra Ipock-Riggs expressed concerns with Darlene Spivey's removal from the executive committee. Darlene was replaced by Jay Bender. Frank Emory agreed to inquiry with the Council in reference to the committee appointments. Zack Koonce requested monthly updates from the council.

6. H438 COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FLEXIBILITY UPDATE

Franky Howard discussed legislation giving counties the right to consolidate the Health Department and the Department of Social Services. Commissioners requested Franky Howard to continue to gather more information of the possible consolidation.

7. HIGHWAY 17 UPDATE

Franky Howard informed Commissioners right-a-way acquisitions would begin in 2013 and construction was scheduled to begin in 2015.

8. CLOSED SESSION NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3)

MOTION made by Frank Emory, seconded by Joseph Wiggins and unanimously carried **THAT** the Board go into Closed Session under NCGS 143-318(a)(3).

MOTION made by Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, and unanimously carried **THAT** the Board go out of Closed Session.

9. INVOICES-SUMRELL, SUGG, CARMICHAEL, HICKS & HART, P.A

MOTION made by Sondra Ipock-Riggs and seconded by Frank Emory **THAT** following invoices for services rendered by Sumrell, Sugg, Carmichael, Hicks & Hart, P.A be approved for payment.

Jones County	General Legal	3,216.95
Jones County	EMT	844.25

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

The Heritage Festival is coming up in September. County officials will be making presentation on TACC 9 channel the week before the festival promoting the event and the various activities scheduled for the festival.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Sondra Ipock-Riggs-

Mrs. Ipock-Riggs informed the Board Onslow County would no longer be a member of the Eastern Carolina Council.

Mrs. Ipock-Riggs expressed concern with the high level of employee turnover within the health department.

MOTION made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Mike Haddock, and unanimously carried **THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 10:01 am.

Zack Koonce, III
Chairman

Melissa Moore-Freeman
Acting Clerk to the Board