

**October 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  
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 Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Frank Emory, and unanimously carried **THAT** the agenda be approved with the following amendment.

**8. ATTORNEY INVOICES**

**MOTION** made by Mike Haddock, seconded by Frank Emory, and unanimously carried **THAT** the minutes of September 17, 2012, be approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

There were no public comments.

**1. CDBG-SS-R PLAQUE PRESENTATION**

Jayne Robb presented the Chairman and Board with a plaque from the North Carolina Department of Commerce. The plaque recognized their participation with Scattered Site Recovery Grant program. Three stick built home were built with this grant funding.

**2. RECREATION GRANT FUNDING**

Eileen Dove announced the North Carolina Department of Parks and Recreation once again was beginning a grant cycle. The department opened the grant cycle with 5.8 million dollars. The money was available to local Recreation Departments for construction of new facilities or renovations of existing facilities. The grant does require a county match. Eileen would like to request permission to apply and request assistance from Judy Hill with Eastern Carolina Council. Commissioners expressed concerns the county does not currently have the funds required for matching and the grant should not be pursued.

**3. SCHOOL FUNDING REQUEST**

Franky Howard, County Manager, presented the board with a copy of the funding request from Trenton Elementary. The request is for assistance purchasing two scoreboards for the Gym. The scoreboards would cost approximately 6000.00. The Board indicated to County Manager to look for possible grants to assist with the purchase. No action was taken.

**4. CASWELL FUNDING REQUEST DATE**

Joseph Wiggins informed the Board he had spoken to a representative at Caswell. Counties in the past had provided funding to the center in past to assist with Operation Santa Claus. Joseph indicated any donation would be appreciated. **MOTION** made by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by Frank Emory and unanimously carried **THAT** a donation be made in the amount of 100.00 using county funds.

**5. TAX REFUND REQUEST**

**MOTION** made by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by Joseph Wiggins, and carried **THAT** the tax refund requests listed below be approved.

Robert and Glenda Wiggins 6,360.66

Richard Tyndall Estate 204.33

**6. TAX REVALUATION UPDATE**

Wayne Vanderford informed the Board the Tax revaluation project was in the early planning stages. Representatives from the firm and Wayne have worked closely to improve schedules and the sites visits should begin in the next couple of weeks. Wayne insured the Board he felt this revaluation would go smoother than those in the past.

**7. CLOSED SESSION NCGS 143-318.11(a) (3)**

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

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

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

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

Jones County	Project Shine	80.00
Jones County	Project Communications	132.50
Jones County	General Legal	2874.95
Jones County	EMT	192.50
Jones County	Personnel	102.75

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Walter Robinson expressed his concern commissioners are not aware of the impact the Recreation Department makes on the children of this county. Please at least consider applying for the grant. If we receive the grant and do not have the matching funds and cannot find additional matching sources then turn the grant down. He would like to point out the old high school gym had been condemned and our recreation program has to continue to use the gym. He is also aware groups, from outside the county, are coming into the county using recreation fields. He wanted to make sure the commissioners are aware of this practice. He also knows who wants the recreation programs eliminated.

**COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT**

The Fire and EMS appreciation dinner is coming up and is scheduled for October 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Civic Center. A dinner meal will be catered and door prizes will be provided. A Budget workshop is to be held on October 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in the commissioner's room.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS***Sondra Ipock-Riggs-*

Mrs. Ipock-Riggs informed the Board trash was dumped at Danny Heath's father's home by a truck carrying trash to the landfill. The owners of the company refused to assist with cleaning up the mess. The Maysville town manager was contacted and offered no assistance. She feels the county should do something to insure this does not happen again and to require the company owners to clean up the debris.

Mrs. Ipock-Riggs expressed her desire for a budget workshop.

Mrs. Ipock Riggs would also like to remind the Board the county has incurred thousands of dollars of legal fees due the School Board wanting a new school.

*Frank Emory*

Mr. Emory informed the Board Dan Forrest will be at Gypsy's on Tuesday from 3 to 4 p.m. He is a candidate for Lt. Governor.

*Zack Koonce*

Mr. Koonce informed the Board, at the request of Jesse Eubanks, Jones County citizens are served by Onslow Salvation Army and not Craven County.

**MOTION** made by Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Frank Emory, and unanimously carried **THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 10:42 am.

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Zack Koonce, III  
Chairman

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Melissa Moore-Freeman  
Acting Clerk to the Board