

OCTOBER 6, 2014 8:30 A.M.
JONES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JONES COUNTY OFFICE COMPLEX – COMMISSIONERS’ ROOM
MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Franky J. Howard, County Manager
Melissa Moore-Freeman, Clerk

The Chairman called the meeting to order and gave the invocation. A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Commissioner Zack Koonce, and unanimously carried **THAT** the agenda be **APPROVED**.

MOTION made by Commissioner Frank Emory, seconded by Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs, and unanimously carried **THAT** the minutes of September 15 regular meeting and September 22 regular meeting be **APPROVED**.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

There was no public comment.

1. NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

Erin Morgan thanked the Commissioners for having the 4-H group. October 5-11 has been proclaimed National 4-H Week. A group of children involved in the 4-H program are present and would like to tell you about the programs offered. Paul Pike informed the Board he had participated in the Skill-a-thon and showed goats. His favorite parts of being involved with 4H are the Skill-a-thon and the quiz bowl. Brandon Gillen has worked with the electricity projects. The participants go to the electric conference. Eddie Almanza indicated he participated in the health rocks program. It helps participants learn to deal with stress. They performed skits on the danger of drugs. Katie Almanza participated in the Cantaloupe project and made water filters. Henry Johnson participated in turkey showing. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Zack Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs and unanimously carried **THAT** the proclamation declaring October 5-11 2014 as National 4-H week be **APPROVED** as presented. A copy of the proclamation is marked Exhibit A and hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

2. K9 REQUEST

Sheriff Danny Heath thanks the commissioners for their time. Sheriff Heath explained the Sheriff office had been searching for a K-9 officer for a while. The Sheriff department has been searching for a non-aggressive dog. A few months back two dogs were donated to the office. However, those dogs had been trained in bomb detection. It was feared the dogs could alert to drugs and bombs, putting the officers at risk. A K-9 officer has been

located at Orchard Knoll Kennels, Inc. The cost of the dog and training of the handler is 4,000.00. The Sheriff office has collected 3,050.00 in donation to cover the cost. The Sheriff would like to use 950.00 from the DEA fund to pay the remaining balance. Commissioner Zack Koonce questioned who would be the dog handler. Sheriff Heath indicated Officer Ervin would be the handler. Commissioner Zack Koonce questioned the breed of the dog. Sheriff Heath provided a picture showing the dog was a chocolate Labrador. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Commissioner Frank Emory and unanimously carried **THAT** the purchase of the K-9 officer be **APPROVED** as requested using donated funds as well as DEA funds. Sheriff Heath also informed the Board, Wayne County Sheriff Office was donating a SWAT vehicle to Jones County. The vehicle is going to be converted into a mobile command center. All volunteer fire and rescue, emergency management as well as the sheriff office will have access to the unit to use in emergency situations. Sheriff Heath requested the Board approve adding the vehicle to the County insurance policy. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs and unanimously carried **THAT** the mobile command center be **ADDED** to the County insurance policy.

3. PUBLIC HEARING-ROAP APPLICATION

Franky Howard informed the Board the ROAP application process requires the County to host a public hearing for citizens to question the ROAP funding. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Commissioner Frank Emory and unanimously carried **THAT** the Board go into public hearing. There were no comments or questions. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs and unanimously carried **THAT** the Board go out of public hearing.

4. AUTOMATIC READ PAY REQUEST #11

Mr. Franky Howard presented the Board the pay request number 11. Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs inquired if this was the final payment and if the project was complete. Mr. Howard indicated this was not the final request and a few meters remained to be installed. Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs expressed concerns about the number of leaks the County had experienced during the transition. Mr. Howard informed the Board water loss was being tracked as well as manpower hours. Those expenses would be deducted from the final payment. **MOTION** made Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs and unanimously carried **THAT** pay request number 11 be **APPROVED** in the amount of 66,813.66 using loan proceeds from the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

5. ATTORNEY INVOICES

Franky Howard presented the Board the attorney invoices for review and approval. The Board did not have any questions at this time. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs and unanimously carried **THAT** the attorney invoices be **APPROVED** as follows:

General legal	3,382.49
School Board Matters	8,045.67
DSS Department	254.48

6. APPOINTMENTS-CHILD FATALITY PREVENTION TEAM

Mr. Franky Howard presented a letter from the Jones County Health Department requesting the following people be appointed to the Child Fatality Prevention Team as required by Article 14, 7B-1407:

John Eddy, Health Board Chairman
Timmy Pike, Jones County EMS Services Provider
Anthony Taylor, Jones County Sheriff Deputy

MOTION made by Zack Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Frank Emory and unanimously carried **THAT** the appointments be **APPOINTED** as requested.

7. HIGHWAY 70 BYPASS PROJECT

Mr. Franky Howard informed the Board of possible changes with the Highway 70 bypass that could possibly impact Jones County. One of the update options would carry the bypass deeper into Jones County. A previous plan had the bypass only slightly entering the County near Wyse Fork. Mr. Howard advised the Board he would provide further updates as they are made available by the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

8. CAPITAL REQUEST-TAX OFFICE

Mr. Franky Howard presented the Board with a capital request from the tax office for a new computer. The computer is needed for citizens coming into the tax office to review documents online. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Zack Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins and unanimously carried **THAT** the purchase of a computer in the amount of 720.55 be **APPROVED** as requested using County Capital Funds.

9. CLOSED SESSION GS143.318.11(a)(3)

MOTION made by Commissioner Frank Emory, seconded by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins and unanimously carried **THAT** the Board enter into Closed Session under GS143.318.11 (a)(3). **MOTION** made by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs and unanimously carried **THAT** the Board exit Closed Session.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

Franky Howard had no additional reports.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs provided information on the supplies citizens should have on hand in the event of an Ebola outbreak. Ebola is not a game and we should take the situation very seriously. Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs indicated she received 19 phone calls concerning the loud blasts in the Maysville area. The blasts were

intensive enough to shake homes and cause structure damages. Mr. Vic Bryant has worked with explosives at Martin Marietta for 36 years and had never experienced anything as strong as these blasts. Law enforcement indicated citizens could possibly be mixing Nitrous with Gun Powder causing the explosions. Commissioner Ipock-Riggs expressed concern over things going on in our County that we are not aware of happening. Homeland Security may need to be contacted if this continues. The County needs to insure we have CB radios on hand in the event of hurricanes or floods as all other means of communications will be down. Does the County have precautions in place if someone were to enter the health department with Ebola symptoms. How can we detect if they are lying about their condition?

Commissioner Zack Koonce expressed concerns over the internet availability near and on White Oak River road. Can we follow up with someone to see if we can get better services provided in that area? Cellular phone service continues to worsen. We need to contact Verizon to see if something can be done to improve services provided.

Commissioner Joseph Wiggins questioned the funds being used for the courthouse renovations. Mr. Howard informed the Board Facility Fees were covering cost associated with the Clerk of Court office and left over funding for housing of inmates was covering the remaining cost.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Wayne Hurley informed the Board he really enjoyed the meeting today and it was very informative. Seems the County has a lot going on right now.

MOTION made by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Commissioner Frank Emory, and unanimously carried **THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Mike Haddock
Chairman

Melissa Moore-Freeman
Clerk to the Board

EXHIBIT A



WHEREAS, 4-H youth across the nation are leading efforts to solve problems in their communities and make a difference for their futures.

WHEREAS, 4-H is the largest youth development organization in North Carolina and the largest in the nation with six million young people.

WHEREAS, 4-H in North Carolina claims 235,025 youth members and 20,491 volunteers, while Jones County's 4-H program reaches more than 400 youth in Jones County, and has over 50 volunteers.

WHEREAS, 4-H as part of the NC Cooperative Extension System of NC State University and NCA&T State University is a program where youth learn through opportunities that provide them hands-on experiences in 4-H's mission mandates of science, engineering and technology; healthy living; and citizenship.

WHEREAS, 4-H has connected youth and their communities with the innovative research and resources from our nation's 109 land-grant universities and colleges for more than 100 years;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Haddock Chairman of the Jones County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October 5-11, 2014, as National 4-H Week in Jones County. I urge the people of this community to take advantage of the opportunity to become more aware of this special program that enhances our young people's interests in their futures as part of Jones County 4-H Youth Development and to join us in recognizing the unique partnership between our county and our state University System.

Mike Haddock, Chairman
Jones County Board of Commissioners

Date

