

NOVEMBER 3, 2014 8:30 A.M.
JONES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JONES COUNTY OFFICE COMPLEX – COMMISSIONERS’ ROOM
MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

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

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

7. CAPITAL REQUEST - HOUSEKEEPING

MOTION made by Commissioner Frank Emory, seconded by Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs, and unanimously carried **THAT** the minutes of October 20, 2014 Regular Session and October 27, 2014 Special Meeting be **APPROVED**.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

There were no public comments.

1. ABC PERMIT – RODNEY SMITH

Mr. Franky Howard presented the local government opinion request for an ABC permit for Rodney Smith. Mr. Smith has purchased the Pleasant Hill store. The store previously sold alcohol and Mr. Smith is requesting to be granted a permit. Mr. Smith provided a fingerprint report with the application. The permit form and fingerprints have been reviewed by Sheriff Heath and approved by him. Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs inquired if the application had been reviewed by all necessary authorities. Mr. Howard informed the Board, the application had been reviewed by all necessary authorities. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Frank Emory, seconded by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins and unanimously carried **THAT** the permit request be **APPROVED** as presented.

2. ATTORNEY INVOICES

Mr. Franky Howard presented the Board with the attorney invoices for the previous month. Commissioner Frank Emory inquired if the CDBG expenditures were covered by the grant or are those expenditures charged to the County. Mr. Howard informed the Board those expenditures are covered by the grant. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs and unanimously carried **THAT** the invoices be **APPROVED** as follows:

General legal	3,035.53
School Board	3,775.32
DSS	9,040.98
CDBG	11,086.36
HMPG	151.25

3. SWEEPSTAKES LAW

Mr. Franky Howard informed the Board, the County was receiving numerous calls from Sweepstakes vendors wanting to locate in Jones County. Mr. Howard requested Aaron Arnette, County Attorney, to provide an update. Mr. Arnette informed the Board it is very hard to regulate the businesses, because as the law changes the owners are changing their software to conform to the new laws. Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs inquired does the State regulate these businesses. Mr. Arnette informed the Board it is the responsibility of the County and Sheriff to regulate. Mr. Howard indicated he just wanted to make the Board aware as these businesses will be appearing in the County in the near future.

4. HIGHWAY 17 BUYOUT-CDBG RELEASE

Mr. Franky Howard informed the Board the County has a lien on a home that needs to be released for the Highway 17 buyout. The home was a CDBG home awarded to McAuthor Cherry and Vanessa Powell in 2007. The County has previously released a home for the project and should release this one as well. However, management has discovered the homeowner may not have been paying the correct taxes over the past seven years. Mr. Howard requested the Board **TABLE** the release until further research could be completed. A special meeting will be scheduled for November 10, 2014 to approve the release once it is determined how much the taxpayer owes the County. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Frank Emory, seconded by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins and unanimously carried **THAT** the release be **TABLED** until additional information is collected.

5. CTP SURVEY

Mr. Franky Howard presented the Board with the Comprehensive Transportation Plan survey. It will be available to citizens for completion in the next couple of weeks. These surveys must be completed to develop our Comprehensive Transportation Plan. The plan is required to be considered in the priority ranking process for funding from the North Carolina Department of Transportation. Mr. Howard encouraged the Commissioners to complete the surveys and to encourage and inform citizens about the survey. A copy of which is marked Exhibit A and hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

6. GREEN RECYCLING INVITATION

Mr. Franky Howard informed the Board everyone was invited to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for Green Recycling Solutions on November 6, 2014 at 11:30am. The County has informed Green Recycling everyone is planning to attend.

7. CAPITAL REQUEST - HOUSEKEEPING

Mr. Franky Howard informed the Board the dryer used by housekeeping had recently broken. Mrs. Sherry Koonce is requesting to purchase an industrial dryer. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by Commissioner Zack Koonce and unanimously carried **THAT** the purchase of a dryer be **APPROVED** using housekeeping capital funds and is not to exceed 800.00.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Howard reminded the Board the Beauty is a Beast pageant is this Friday November 7, 2014 and will be at the Civic Center. Profits generated from the pageant are awarded as scholarships to Jones County residents attending classes at Lenoir Community College.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Commissioner Zack Koonce questioned the internet service available on White Oak River Road. Cellular service is terrible in this area as well. Mr. Howard indicated he had contacted Verizon. The Verizon representative instructed Mr. Howard to best address these issues, the citizens should be contacting Verizon directly, so each incident can be logged and researched. Commissioner Koonce wished everyone the best of luck in the upcoming election.

Commissioner Frank Emory emphasized the need for improvements to White Oak River Road. The road is very narrow and citizens are expressing great concern about the danger associated with farm equipment and the width of the road. Mr. Howard advised Mr. Emory it would be best for the citizens to present a petition requesting changes to the width as well as changes to the speed limit. Once the petition is completed it should be presented to the Board and will be forwarded to the Department of Transportation.

Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs expressed concerns about cellular service.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Walter Robinson inquired if the Board make up was to change with the election is there any rules that would prevent the new Board from eliminating or stopping current projects. Mr. Hicks advised there is not unless there are binding contracts.

MOTION made by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Commissioner Frank Emory, and unanimously carried **THAT** the meeting **ADJOURN** at 9:15am.

Mike Haddock
Chairman

Melissa Moore-Freeman
Clerk to the Board