

November 4, 2013 8:30 A.M.

JONES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

JONES COUNTY OFFICE COMPLEX – COMMISSIONERS’ ROOM

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Frank Emory, Chairman
Sondra Ipock-Riggs, Commissioner
Joe Wiggins, Commissioner
Zack Koonce, III, Commissioner

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Franky J. Howard, County Manager
Jimmie B. Hicks, County Attorney

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Mike Haddock, Vice-Chairman

OFFICIAL ABSENT:

Jennifer King, Clerk to the Board

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 addition:

4. CLOSING OF 4-H CAMP

MOTION made by Zack Koonce, seconded by Joe Wiggins, and unanimously carried **THAT** the minutes of October 21, 2013, be approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

There were no public comments.

1. POLLOCKSVILLE INDUSTRIAL PARK/TECHNICAL CONTROLS - TRANSFER OF WATER/SEWER

MOTION made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Zack Koonce, and unanimously carried **THAT** the transfer of water and sewer for Pollocksville Industrial Park from Jones County to the Town of Pollocksville be approved.

2. INVOICE - SUMRELL, SUGG, CARMICHAEL, HICKS & HART, P.A.

MOTION made by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by Joe Wiggins, and unanimously carried **THAT** an invoice for services rendered by Sumrell, Sugg, Carmichael, Hicks & Hart, P.A. be approved for payment as follows:

General Legal	\$1,458.48
EDC - Project Communications	\$3,971.85

3. AUTOMATIC METER READING PROJECT - PAY REQUEST NUMBER 2

MOTION made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Zack Koonce, and unanimously carried **THAT** Pay Request Number 2 for the Automatic Meter Reading System Project be approved for payment using Automatic Meter Reading Project funds.

4. CLOSING OF 4-H CAMP

Betsy and Jeff Penn informed the board of their concerns in regards to the closing of a 4-H camp that is attended by Jones County 4-H members.

MOTION made by Zack Koonce, seconded by Joe Wiggins, and unanimously carried **THAT** a resolution be drafted and submitted to NC State, the Governor's Office, and the UNC School System opposing the closing of this facility.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Walter Robinson, citizen, asked if the fire tax would be used to hire an employee for the fire departments, if passed. Mr. Howard stated that Maysville Volunteer Fire Department had mentioned hiring a Public Safety Officer. Jimmie Hicks explained that the county has no authority over how the funds are spent by the departments. Mr. Robinson also questioned the press release regarding the Ambassador Program and Zack Koonce. Mr. Koonce stated that the release came from the NCACC and was meant for all of the commissioners.

Joey Collins, citizen and founder of Prison Ministries, asked if the new owners of the recently purchased Hofman Forest would pay taxes on this land. He suggested the revenue be used for a shelter for prisoners that have been released who are homeless. Mr. Collins asked if Jones County would provide tax breaks for development. Jimmie Hicks, County Attorney, explained that this was not possible and is illegal. Mr. Collins would like for the county to use revenue generated by the Hofman Forest taxes to pay for this facility.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Howard informed the commissioners that he had received a citizen complaint in regards to the intersection of Ten Mile Fork Road and Highway 41. The concerned citizen had a vehicle accident at this intersection. Mr. Howard has contacted the Department of Transportation for suggestions on safety improvements at this intersection.

Mr. Howard informed the board that construction for the 911 Project has been started.

Mr. Howard informed the board that the Maysville Parade is on December 7, 2013, and reminded them of the registration process.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Sondra Ipock-Riggs -

Mrs. Ipock-Riggs asked why there are no flu shots at the Health Department. Frank Emory, Chairman for the Health Board, stated that there are flu shots at the Health Department. Mr. Howard will check into this matter. Mrs. Ipock-Riggs also questioned why employees are going to school at the county's expense. Mr. Howard stated that we are required to maintain certifications for certain grants and funding.

Zack Koonce -

Mr. Koonce asked if the Health Director position has been posted. Mr. Howard explained that this position is posted until filled. We are currently concentrating on the accreditation process. Rebecca Anderson was present in the audience and requested information concerning the qualifications for this position. Ms. Anderson gave a brief history of her education, qualifications, and interest in this position.

MOTION made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, and unanimously carried **THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Frank Emory
Chairman

Franky J. Howard
Acting Clerk to the Board