

JUNE 16, 2014 7:00 P.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

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Frank Emory

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

7. JCPC BUDGET AGREEMENT

MOTION made by Commissioner Sondra Ipock Riggs, seconded by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, and unanimously carried **THAT** the minutes of June 2, 2014 Regular Session and June 9, 2014 Budget Meeting be **APPROVED**.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Viney Coombs expressed concerns about her water and the processing of payment. She came in with two hundred dollars to pay on her account. She was informed she owed two hundred thirteen dollars and if it was not paid by 5 pm her water would be disconnected. She feels she receives no respect from the staff. Franky Howard indicated to Miss Koonce he would take the documentation and review it with the water department to insure her account had been handled properly.

Glenn Burtling presented the Board with a petition to have Howard Heights Lane transferred to the North Carolina Department of Transportation, in an effort to have the road maintained. Currently the road is in ill repair. The citizens on the road cannot afford to continue to pay for the maintenance. Franky Howard indicated he would forward the requests to the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

Walter Robinson inquired for the site on Calvin Lane could be checked for asbestos to insure there was no build up from the duct work that was being destroyed there.

Charles Robinson complained the site on Calvin Lane was being used a dump site for several businesses. The businesses are bring loads of old duct work that has been removed from homes and businesses and dumping it on this property. It is an eyesore for the community and he is concerned from the community’s health.

1. EXEMPTION REQUEST

MOTION made by Commissioner Zack Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Sondra Ipock Riggs, and unanimously carried **THAT** the tax exemption for Wilbert McKay Greene be approved as presented.

2. ABC BOARD BUDGET

Jim Cejka, ABC Board representative, presented the budget for fiscal year 2014-2015. The Board is anticipating a profit of 2,328.00 in 2014-2015. The Board will be making repairs to the store in Pollocksville. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, and unanimously carried **THAT** the budget be accepted as presented.

3. ROAP FUNDING TRANSFER

Craven County has requested Jones County transfer unspent ROAP funding for fiscal year 2013-2014 in the amount of 35,000.00. If these funds are not transferred or spent they must be returned to North Carolina Department of Transportation. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Commissioner Zack Koonce, and unanimously carried **THAT** the ROAP funding be transferred to Craven County in the amount of 35,000.00.

4. TAX FORECLOSURE OFFER TO PURCHASE

Kyle Koonce presented an offer to purchase tax parcel 4488-53-0155-00 located on Greentown Road in Trenton, in the amount of 2,613.60. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, and unanimously carried **THAT** the offer to purchase be **APPROVED** as presented. The notice for upset bids will be run as soon as possible.

5. AUTOMATIC READ METER PROJCT PAY REQUEST 9

MOTION made by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Commissioner Zack Koonce, and unanimously carried **THAT** the pay request 9 be **APPROVED** in the amount of 94,276.39 using funds from the Public Water Supply Section of the Division of Water Resources.

6. MONTHLY REPORT CDBG CATALYST

Franky Howard presented the monthly catalyst report. Mr. Howard reminded the Board the bids would be opened on June 27, 2014 and presented to the Board for approval on July 7.

7. JCPC BUDGET AGREEMENT

Franky Howard presented the JCPC budget agreement. Questions arose in reference to meeting notices. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Zack Koonce, seconded by Sondra Ipock-Riggs to **TABLE** this item until answers could be obtained to these questions.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

Franky Howard reminded everyone the commissioners were invited to the Employee Appreciation on June 19th at the Civic Center.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs requested a joint meeting with Fire & Rescue for their annual appreciation. When attending scheduled events elected officials have reserved seating. Commissioner Ipock-Riggs indicated she had spoken to David Thompson with the NCACC and he pointed out School Systems are not required to maintain a fund balance. Schools do not have to make capital purchases with the allocation from the county as indicated in the newspaper article. Those purchases are made using capital funding from sales tax. Federal and State funding not spent by the School Board is returned. However, County dollars not spent are not returned and maintained as a fund balance.

Commissioner Joseph Wiggins Commissioners should be seated with other commissioners. Commissioner Wiggins expressed concern that if a private entity purchases the hospital in Craven County the requirements for Board membership would be impacted.

Commissioner Zack Koonce was very pleased with the graduation ceremony. Commissioner Koonce is proud as a citizen and a commissioner of the graduating class. Commissioner Koonce is very happy to see the improvements being made to the Brock Millhouse. Commissioner Koonce expressed concern that Jones County still has no representation on the Hospital Board in Craven County.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Walter Robinson expressed concerns about the School Board. Please let the public know. The School Board indicated the Gym was for the community and that is not the case. We just cannot afford a school.

MOTION made by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Commissioner Zack Koonce, and unanimously carried **THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Mike Haddock
Chairman

Melissa Moore-Freeman
Clerk to the Board