

JULY 21, 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
Frank Emory, Commissioner

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Franky J. Howard, County Manager
Melissa Moore-Freeman, Clerk
Samuel Croom, Tax Collector

The Chairman called the meeting to order. Commissioner Joseph Wiggins gave the invocation.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Zack Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Frank Emory, and unanimously carried **THAT** the agenda be **APPROVED** as presented.

MOTION made by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Commissioner Zack Koonce, and unanimously carried **THAT** the minutes of July 7, 2014 Regular Session be **APPROVED**.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Citizen Walter Robinson expressed concerns in reference to the County, having a maintenance employee and contracting installation of light bulbs. Franky Howard indicated the County was not contracting with anyone to install light bulbs. Mr. Robinson asked if the job description was the same as other housekeepers. Franky Howard indicated the County would provide Mr. Robinson with a copy of job description for the maintenance position. Mr. Robinson also inquired if all departments through the County would be installing time clocks.

1. VOTING DISTRICTS

Citizen Daniel Johnson Willis presented a petition to the Board requesting the County consider developing a district system for the upcoming elections. Districts would provide a better opportunity for minorities to win elections. Mr. Willis explained he is petitioning the Town of Trenton as well. Mr. Willis would like to know any actions he could take to influence the Board to consider the district system.

2. PROPERTY VALUE APPRAISAL

Samuel Croom, Tax Collector, presented the Board with a request to lower the value on David Schell property with tax parcel identification number 5436-14-7114-00. The property was appraised at 120,000.00, however the tax office has discovered the property is uninhabitable due to flooding. Mr. Croom is requesting the property be reassessed with a value of 56,000.00. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Commissioner Zack Koonce and unanimously carried **THAT** the property value of 56,000.00 be **APPROVED**. Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs questioned why the property would have any value if the property is uninhabitable. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, and seconded by Zack Koonce and unanimously carried to **RESCIND** the previous **MOTION**. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Commissioner

Sondra Ipock-Riggs and unanimously carried **THAT** the property be assessed with a value of zero. Mr. Croom requested the Board consider reducing Angela Adams property with tax parcel identification number 5500-10-2827-00. The property was assessed with a structure. However, there is no structure and the value should be assessed for the land only. The new value would be 9,143.00. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins and unanimously carried the property be **ASSESSED** with the lower value.

3. PRESENT VALUE APPRAISAL

Samuel Croom presented a present use value request for Jane Mills tax parcel identification number 4427-42-1290-00, and William Mills, Jr. tax parcel identification numbers 4415-77-3268-00 and 4416-42-0476-00. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Sondra Ipock Riggs, seconded by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins and unanimously carried **THAT** these parcels be **APPROVED** for the present use values.

4. CAPITAL REQUEST-RECREATION

Franky Howard informed the Board the Recreation department would like to request the purchase of a storage building for storing equipment. The building would be located behind the administration complex. This purchase was included in the budget process. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Zack Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Frank Emory and unanimously carried **THAT** the purchase of a storage building in the amount of 3,400.00 be **APPROVED** using county capital.

5. CAPITAL REQUEST-EMS

Franky Howard informed the Board the EMS department had received several quotes for the purchase of an ambulance. The EMS department is requesting we purchase the McCoy Miller E450 Ford Chassis with a gas engine. They would also like to purchase the two year extended warranty. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs, and unanimously carried **THAT** capital request be **APPROVED** in the amount of 126,986.00 using funds budgeted for capital vehicle purchases. An additional 22,000.00 was budgeted to purchase a replacement emergency response vehicle. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs, and unanimously carried **THAT** an emergency response vehicle be **APPROVED** not to exceed 22,000.00 using funds budgeted for capital vehicle purchases.

6. CAPITAL REQUEST-WATER

Franky Howard presented the capital request for a 2014 Ford F-150 4x2 XL. The quote with tax and tags included totaled 22,534.16. This capital purchase was budgeted within the Water Enterprise fund. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Frank Emory, seconded by Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs and unanimously carried **THAT** the capital request for a 2014 Ford F-150 4x2 XL be **APPROVED** using funds budgeted for capital vehicle purchases from the Water Enterprise Fund.

7. CAPITAL REQUEST-DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Franky Howard presented the capital request for a 2015 Ford Police Interceptor to be operated by the Child Support Enforcement Officer. The cost of this vehicle will be covered by the contract between Jones County Sheriff and Department of Social Services. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by Commissioner Frank Emory and unanimously carried **THAT** the purchase of a 2015 Ford Police Interceptor be **APPROVED** using funds from the child enforcement officer contract.

8. CAPITAL REQUEST- SHERIFF

Franky Howard presented the capital request for two 2015 Ford Police Interceptors. This capital request was included in the budget. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Commissioner Zack Koonce and unanimously carried **THAT** the purchase of two 2015 Ford Police Interceptors be **APPROVED** using budgeted vehicle capital funds.

9. CAPITAL REQUEST-HVAC CONTROLS

Franky Howard presented the Board with a quote to replace the HVAC controls for the administration complex. Mr. Howard reminded the Board all quotes in the past have been greater than 100,000.00. Envirocon based in Wilson North Carolina has proposed to replace the current system controls for 53,486.00. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Frank Emory, seconded by Commissioner Zack Koonce and unanimously carried **THAT** the request to replace HVAC controls be **APPROVED** as requested in the amount of 53,486.00 using building improvement funds.

10. CAPITAL REQUEST-TELECOM ROOM

Franky Howard presented a quote from JNB Tek to upgrade the Telecom room. The upgrade is estimated not to exceed 14,500.00. The initial scope and purpose the telecom room was designed for has been surpassed due to technological upgrades and additions made to the building. Due to this we have outgrown many systems and have had to do temporary patches to allow continued growth. We have reached the point where continuing to add to the existing infrastructure is becoming cost prohibitive and inefficient. It is to this end that the telecom room is being overhauled and upgraded to allow for future expansion and to allow efficient repair and modifications going forward. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs and unanimously carried **THAT** the upgrade to the telecom room be **APPROVED** as presented using county capital funds.

11. REFUND-TAXES

Franky Howard presented the yearend tax refunds requested by the Tax Office. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Commissioner Zack Koonce and unanimously carried **THAT** the refunds be **APPROVED** as presented, a copy of which is marked Exhibit A and hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

12. CLOSED SESSION 143.318.11(a) (3)

MOTION made by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Commissioner Frank Emory and unanimously carried **THAT** the Board go into Closed Session 143.318.11(a) (3).

MOTION made by Commissioner Zack Koonce, seconded by Frank Emory and unanimously carried **THAT** the Board go out of Closed Session 143.318.11(a) (3).

COUNTY MANAGER REPORT

Franky Howard reminded the commissioners the Annual Conference is August 14-17. Reservations were made for everyone and if anyone cannot make it let us know so we can cancel reservations.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs indicated she had received several calls on the trash service. The trash truck was letting trash fall out of the truck for two miles. The service is leaving trash in the containers.

Commissioner Frank Emory requested the water be checked in the Hargett's Crossroads area. It has a strong smell and taste.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Walter Robinson questioned could the County build a school and not increase taxes. Franky Howard responded no. The County would have to increase taxes to cover the cost of a new school. Mr. Robinson also indicated School Board members are informing the community the Board will not give them money they have. Mr. Robinson also expressed concerns that special interest groups are controlling what we can do as a county.

Charles Robinson inquired if the county lost NCDOT jobs in the county, and if so, are those positions permanently eliminated from Jones County. The County has a serious drainage problem and something needs to be done to correct this problem.

MOTION made by Commissioner Zack Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, and unanimously carried **THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Mike Haddock
Chairman

Melissa Moore-Freeman
Clerk to the Board

EXHIBIT A
Year End Tax Refund Request

Barnett, David Lee	\$49.83
925 Spann Rd	
Trenton, NC 28585	
Carpenter, James Marty	\$2.64
418 Greentown Rd	
Trenton, NC 28585	
Turner, Christy Lynn	\$14.38
574 Watering Pond Rd	
Pink Hill, NC 28572	
Johnson, Frank Raymond JR	\$2.64
899 Harriett Lane	
Pollcoksville, NC 28573	
Griffin, Robert Lee JR	\$13.06
335 Guinea Town Rd	
Kinston, NC 28501	
Foy, Troy Lee Heirs	\$1.72
C/O Minnie & G Grant	
PO Box 2974	
Kinston, NC 28501	
Hill, Barbara J Bishop	\$16.09
510 E. Front St	
Plainfield, NJ 07060	
Ingram, Allen Heirs	\$2.45
C/O William Allen Ingram	
839 Pearson Rd	
Kinston, NC 28504	
Jones, Ida Jones, Soloman	\$1.10
840 Hunters Creek Rd	
Maysville, NC 28555	
Marshall, Kent E	\$14.03
113 Mullens Rd	
Hubert, NC 28539	
Brimage, Alphonso Mack	\$47.84
71 Crest Circle	
Worcester, MA 01603	

EXHIBIT A
Year End Tax Refund Request

Mattocks, Christine Lumumba	1.31	
500 Springhill Rd		
Maysville, NC 28555		
Jackson, Gladys Lucille	\$3.23	
104 Arthur Ave		
Colonia, NJ 07067		
Murrell, Kimblin Aileen	\$3.23	TAX OFC
118 Murrell St		
Trenton, NC 28585		
Santiago, Mikel Christopher	\$31.13	TAX OFC
7437 W NC Hwy 41		
Trenton, NC 28585		
Turner, Christy Lynn	\$50.33	
574 Watering Pond Rd		
Pink Hill, NC 28572		