

**NOVEMBER 17, 2014 7:00 P.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 Frank Emory gave the invocation. **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs, and unanimously carried **THAT** the agenda be **APPROVED** as presented.

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Frank Emory, seconded by Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs, and unanimously carried **THAT** the minutes of November 3, 2014 Regular Session and November 10, 2014 Special Meeting be **APPROVED**.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

Jimmy Sutton expressed concern over cotton being all along the sides of the highways and in citizens’ driveways. If citizens littered they would receive a citation. Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs indicated it was not the farmers, instead it was coming off the truck during the transport of the module. Commissioner Mike Haddock advised the citizen he would speak to Thomas Waller, the manager at the cotton gin.

**1. CTP PRESENTATION**

Hemang Surti expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to speak. The purpose for the CTP is to identify roads in the County and if any improvements are needed to those roads. The plan is a thirty year plan and compares current data and future projections. The committee is currently in the preliminary planning phase. As the plan develops public hearings will be held to allow the general public to offer additional suggestions and make inquiries. It will take approximately two years to complete. The committee has developed a survey for the general public and the surveys are currently being distributed in several locations in the County. Mr. Surti indicated the plan must include growth rates and population projections. The growth rate suggested for population was .42% and for employment the rate suggested was .41%. Mr. Surti requested the Board endorse those rates. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Frank Emory, seconded by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins and **THAT** the rates be **ENDORSED**. Motion was **OPPOSED** by Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs and Commissioner Zack Koonce.

## 2. AUDIT EXTENSION REQUEST

Mr. Franky Howard advised the Board the audit would not be completed on time due to the dispute involving the forestry receipts. **MOTION** made by Frank Emory, seconded by Joseph Wiggins and unanimously carried **THAT** the audit extension request be **APPROVED** as request.

## 3. PAY REQUEST – AUTOMATIC READ METER #11

Mr. Franky Howard presented a pay request in the amount of 18,662.05. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Commissioner Frank Emory and unanimously carried **THAT** the pay request be **APPROVED**.

## 4. EMS WRITE-OFF REQUEST

Mr. Franky Howard informed the Board the County had received a bankruptcy notice for Miguel Garcia-Diaz. The individual has an outstanding balance for an EMS bill. Mr. Howard requested the Board approve writing off the balance of 13.00. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins and unanimously carried **THAT** the balance of 13.00 be **WRITTEN OFF**.

## 5. SCHOOL BOARD AGREEMENT

Mr. Franky Howard presented the Board with the School Board settlement agreement. The agreement developed a funding model for the next five years and settled all pending disputes in reference to forestry receipts. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Frank Emory, seconded by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins and unanimously carried **THAT** the agreement be **APPROVED** as presented. A copy of the report which is marked Exhibit A and is hereby incorporated and made a part of these minutes.

## 6. ABC BOARD IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Mr. Franky Howard informed the Board he was working closely with Jim Cekja to develop the performance improvement plan required by the NC State ABC Board. Mr. Howard informed the Board it would be completed and sent into the State by November 25, 2014.

## COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

There were no reports from Mr. Howard.

## COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

*Commissioner Zack Koonce* expressed concerns that lights were not operating outside the civic center at night and it was very dark. He had been approached by some citizens. Mr. Howard informed everyone the light had been repaired and the electric company had been contacted.

*Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs* expressed concerns that folks continued to drive under the canopy at the civic center and it is damaging the concrete. The County needs to install a column in the center to prevent folks from driving under the canopy.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Wayne Hurley stated he felt the meeting was very informative. Jimmie Sutton indicated since Highway 41 had been widened water was standing in a small hole not repaired by the NCDOT. He asked if anyone know where he could get some dirt to repair it. Commissioner Mike Haddock advised him to contact Clifton Mills with NCDOT and they will repair the driveway.

**MOTION** made by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Commissioner Zack Koonce, and unanimously carried **THAT** the meeting be **ADJOURNED** at 8:15 pm.

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Mike Haddock  
Chairman

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Melissa Moore-Freeman  
Clerk to the Board

EXHIBIT A

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

JONES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
AND  
JONES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
October 28, 2014

The Jones County Board of Commissioners ("County") and the Jones County Board of Education ("Board") agree to the following resolution of the dispute over funds received by the County pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 500 and the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act, 16 U.S.C. § 7101, et seq., in past fiscal years:

1. The County agrees to pay to the Board all funds the County receives under the Act, or any successor statute or program, for the 2014-2015 fiscal year within thirty (30) days of receipt. This/These payment(s) will be in addition to the local current expense funding of \$1,740,901.00 that the County has already agreed to provide the Board pursuant to the agreement dated July 29, 2014.
2. The County agrees to provide local current expense funding to the Board as set forth below:
  - 2015-2016 fiscal year: \$1,740,901.00
  - 2016-2017 fiscal year: \$1,775,719.02
  - 2017-2018 fiscal year: \$1,820,112.00
  - 2018-2019 fiscal year: \$1,874,715.36
  - 2019-2020 fiscal year: \$1,940,330.40

The County agrees to provide capital outlay funding to the Board as set forth below:

- 2015-2016 fiscal year: \$55,000.00
- 2016-2017 fiscal year: \$60,000.00
- 2017-2018 fiscal year: \$65,000.00
- 2018-2019 fiscal year: \$70,000.00
- 2019-2020 fiscal year: \$75,000.00

In addition to the amounts set forth above, the County agrees to pass through to the Board the full amount of any funds it receives under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act, 16 U.S.C. § 7101, et seq., or any successor statute or program.

3. In exchange for the promises by the County herein, the Board agrees that it will not institute litigation regarding the allocation of funds received by the County pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 500 and the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act, 16 U.S.C. § 7101, et seq., to the Board

for any past years as of the date of this Agreement.

The parties understand that this Agreement is a compromise of a disputed claim, and that this is not to be construed as an admission of liability on the part of either party, by whom liability is expressly denied.

4. In exchange for the promises by the County herein, the Board further agrees not to institute any challenge to the current expense or capital outlay budget allocations of the County for any of the fiscal years set forth above in section (2) pursuant to N.C. General Stat. § 115C-431.
5. The County and Board approved the terms of this agreement at their respective meetings on October 27, 2014 and October 28, 2014.
6. The County and Board agree that in the event of any future litigation between the parties, this Settlement Agreement may be plead as a basis for a cause of action or as a bar or limitation to recovery and introduced into evidence for any relevant purpose related to said litigation.

Jones County Board of County Commissioners

By: Michael Haddock  
Michael Haddock, Chairman

Date: 10/29/14

Pre-audit Certification: This instrument has been preaudited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

By: Melissa Moore-Jreeman  
Finance Officer  
Jones County

Jones County Board of Education

By: Billy Griffin  
Billy Griffin, Chairman

Date: 10-29-14

Pre-audit Certification: This instrument has been preaudited in the manner required by the School Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

By:   
Finance Officer  
Jones County Board of Education