April 1, 2013      8:30 A.M.
JONES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JONES COUNTY OFFICE COMPLEX – COMMISSIONERS’ ROOM
MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:   OFFICIALS PRESENT:
Frank Emory, Chairman    Franky J. Howard, County Manager
Mike Haddock, Vice-Chairman    Jennifer King, Clerk to the Board
Sondra Ipock-Riggs, Commissioner    Melissa Moore-Freeman, Finance Officer
Joe Wiggins, Commissioner    Jimmie B. Hicks, County Attorney
Zack Koonce, III, Commissioner

The Chairman called the meeting to order and Zack Koonce gave the invocation. A MOTION was made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Mike Haddock, and unanimously carried THAT the agenda be approved with the following addition:

9. EAST CAROLINA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS – MEMBERSHIP

MOTION made by Mike Haddock, seconded by Zack Koonce, and unanimously carried THAT the minutes of March 18, 2013, be approved.

1. PUBLIC HEARING – ISLAND CREEK ESTATES/BEAR RUN FIRE DISTRICT

MOTION made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Zack Koonce, and unanimously carried THAT the board go into public hearing.

Franky Howard, County Manager, explained that the residents of Island Creek Estates and Bear Run had submitted a petition to the board in regard to their desire to be covered by Township 7 Fire Department, as opposed to Pollocksville. This change would allow these residents to be covered within the six-mile district of Township 7, thus positively affecting their homeowners insurance. Public Hearing notices were mailed to homeowners, and an advertisement was posted in the newspaper, to inform them of this hearing and the requirement to pay a small tax if the request was approved.

There were no comments from the public.

MOTION made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Zack Koonce, and unanimously carried THAT the board go out of public hearing.

MOTION made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Zack Koonce, and unanimously carried THAT residents of Island Creek Estates and Bear Run be covered under the Township 7 Fire Department’s District, as requested and petitioned by members of said communities and that the resolution in support of this change be approved. A copy of the resolution is marked Exhibit A and is hereby incorporated by reference and make a part of these minutes.
2. FIRE TAX DISCUSSION
Buddy Weatherington, Pollocksville Fire Department Volunteer, provided budget comparisons between Pollocksville, Township 7 and RHEMS Volunteer Fire Departments. Backup materials provided to the board are marked Exhibit B and are hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes. Mr. Weatherington explained that the Big Game Hunt, the department’s largest fund raiser, did not do well because it was held during the week of a hurricane. The department relies on fund raisers to meet budgetary needs. He stated that Pollocksville VFD petitioned the commissioners years ago for a substation that was not approved. Mrs. Ipock-Riggs stated that the members were polled and preferred that Township 7 be utilized because they felt it would be safer. Mr. Weatherington explained that the toughest part of volunteer service is having responders twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. He also stated that the fire department is very proud of their 5/9 fire rating. Mr. Weatherington requested that the board allow Pollocksville VFD petition for a special district tax to help reduce the deficit of the department. Frank Emory stated that the board agreed to allow the department to get 35% of the community’s signatures, which was what was originally asked of the fire department. Mr. Wiggins explained that while Mr. Weatherington explained the citizens would not vote for the increase, the citizens would have the responsibility for paying for the tax either way. Mrs. Ipock-Riggs questioned why the fire department can’t charge insurance companies like EMS charges. Mr. Weatherington explained that Medicaid and Medicare was a big difference between EMS and fire and that not all insurance companies pay for fire service. Everyone agreed that the number one concern is the citizens.

3. FORESTRY UPDATE
Wayne Bell, Jones County Ranger, spoke to the board about the forestry program. Mr. Bell discussed the programs offered to Jones County by the forestry service. Mr. Bell explained that the forestry service has asked since 2006 to fund a new truck and it hasn’t been funded as of yet. Mrs. Ipock-Riggs asked if they could lease and vehicle and was told that it wouldn’t be cost effective because of the mileage limitations.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:
Robert Masters, Greene County resident and a previous treasurer for East Carolina Council of Governments, spoke to the board concerning the Eastern Carolina Council. Mr. Masters explained that he had been questioned by a federal prosecutor as to the spending habits of the Eastern Carolina Council. Mr. Masters urged the commissioners to think about whether or not it was a good idea for Jones County to remain with the Eastern Carolina Council of Governments.

4. NURSING HOME ANNUAL REPORT
Mrs. Ipock-Riggs reviewed the 2012 Nursing Home Annual Report with the board.
5. DEBT SET-OFF REFUNDS
   MOTION made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, and unanimously carried THAT debt set-off refunds be approved as presented, a copy of which is marked Exhibit C and is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.

6. COUNTY ASSEMBLY DAY
   Mr. Howard provided information to the board for County Assembly Day, which will be held on May 22, 2013, at the Quorum Center in Raleigh. All board members requested to be registered for this event.

7. AGENDA REQUEST PROCESS
   MOTION made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, and unanimously carried THAT the Agenda Request Form be approved as presented. This form will be required for any item that will be included on agenda, one-week in advance.

8. BUDGET AMENDMENTS #5 AND #6
   MOTION made by Mike Haddock, seconded by Joe Wiggins, and unanimously carried THAT Budget Amendments #5 and #6 be approved, copies of which are marked Exhibit D and are hereby incorporated by reference and made a copy of these minutes.

9. EAST CAROLINA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS - MEMBERSHIP
   There was some discussion about the membership of Jones County with the East Carolina Council of Governments. Mrs. Ipock-Riggs feels that Jones County should no longer be a member of this organization, except for the aging program. Mr. Howard, Frank Emory, and Mike Haddock were concerned that if we are no longer members we will lose our vote and input for issues in the future. Joe Wiggins and Sondra Ipock-Riggs were concerned that we may be held liable for any wrongful spending by the East Carolina Council of Governments. It was determined that even if the county is not a member in the future, we are still responsible for anything that happened while we were a member. Mr. Masters stated that there were a number of loans that did not have payments made for years and the auditor wrote it up after several years of telling the East Carolina Council of Governments.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:
   There were no public comments.

COUNTY MANAGER’S REPORT
   Mr. Howard had no additional reports.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS
   Zack Koonce -
   Mr. Koonce shared items from his calendar with the board.

Zack Koonce left the meeting at this time for a previously scheduled appointment.
Joe Wiggins –
Mr. Wiggins was concerned with the fact that Sondra Ipock-Riggs stated the deadline for getting out of the East Carolina Council of Governments was April 1.

**MOTION** made by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by Joe Wiggins, and carried **THAT** Jones County get out of the East Carolina Council of Governments, except for the aging program. Zack Koonce was not present at this time, and therefore his vote was counted as a yes vote. Mr. Koonce was contacted after the meeting and requested that these minutes reflect the fact that his vote would have been against this motion if he was present. Frank Emory and Mike Haddock **OPPOSED**.

**MOTION** made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, and unanimously carried **THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

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Frank Emory     Jennifer King
Chairman     Clerk to the Board
EXHIBIT A

RESOLUTION

ISLAND CREEK ESTATES/BEAR RUN FIRE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the majority of property owners from Island Creek Estates and Bear Run have presented a signed petition to the Jones County Board of Commissioners, and

WHEREAS, these communities are currently served by Pollocksville Volunteer Fire Department which is outside of the six-mile fire district which has a negative impact on insurance ratings; and

WHEREAS, the Township 7 Fire Department has offered to serve these communities in exchange for a small fire tax, which the community has been made aware of and will be levied by the Jones County Tax Collector; and

WHEREAS, the Island Creek Estates and Bear Run communities are within the Township 7 Fire Department’s six mile district and serving these communities would have a positive impact on their insurance ratings.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Jones County Board of Commissioners approves the boundary lines of Township 7 Fire District as shown on the attached map for insurance rating purposes only.

This the 1st day of April 2013.

ATTEST:

Frank Emory, Chairman
Jones County Board of Commissioners

Jennifer King, Clerk to the Board
Furthermore described as those certain tracts of parcels of land lying and being situated in Pollocksville Township, Jones County, North Carolina and being more particularly described as follows: Being all the Lots as shown and delineated on a map of Island Creek Estates, said map being recorded in Plat Cabinet B, Slide 271 Page 2, in the Jones County Register of Deeds office.
EXHIBIT B

POLLOCKSVILLE VFD BUDGET COMPARISONS AND FIRE RATINGS

POLLOCKSVILLE VFD:

FIRE RATING: 5/9 (BEST IN JONES COUNTY)
BUDGET (INCLUDING FUNDRAISERS) 2010-2011 ($12,969.69)
2011-2012 ($9267.03)
2012-2013 ($15,067.00)

FIRE TAX IS: $0.00 PER $100.00

#7 TOWNSHIP VFD:

FIRE RATING: 6/9
BUDGET (WITHOUT FUNDRAISERS) 2012-2013 ($327,422.00)
FIRE TAX IS .0177 PER $100.00

RHEM’S VFD:

FIRE RATING: 5/9 (SAME AS POLLOCKSVILLE VFD)
BUDGET (WITHOUT FUNDRAISERS) 2012-2013 ($216,442.00)
FIRE TAX IS .0414 PER $100.00
2012-13 Jones County Taxable Valuation (Estimated)

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In addition, there is approximately $129,738,697 in valuation that is not broken down by township. This valuation total includes registered motor vehicles, discoveries, and deferred taxes.

The estimated total 2012-13 taxable county wide valuation is ($630,280,429 + $129,738,697) or a total of $760,019,126.
POLLOCKSVILLE VFD REQUEST AND POSSIBLE OPTIONS APRIL 1, 2013 BOCC MEETING

REQUEST:

1. IMPLEMENT A SPECIAL DISTRICT FIRE TAX AS WE HAVE ASKED FOR SINCE FEBRUARY, 2012. (NC GENERAL STATUTE 153A-301)

2. TREAT THE CITIZENS IN OUR FIRE DISTRICT THE SAME AS YOU HAVE FOR ROCK CREEK, ISLAND CREEK ESTATES, AND BEAR RUN. (SPECIAL DISTRICT FIRE TAX)

3. DO NOT MAKE US GET 35% SIGNATURES (FREEHOLDERS) ON A PETITION TO IMPLEMENT A RURAL DISTRICT TAX FOR A SPECIAL VOTE SO OUR CITIZENS INSURANCE PREMIUMS WILL NOT INCREASE DUE TO LACK OF BUDGET AND LOSS OF CURRENT FIRE RATING. (NC GENERAL STATUTE 69-25-1)

NOTE: TREAT ALL CITIZENS THE SAME AND DO NOT USE DOUBLE STANDARDS WHEN IT COMES TO PROVIDING FIRE PROTECTION BUDGET (SPECIAL DISTRICT FIRE TAX VS RURAL DISTRICT TAX) TO HELP MAINTAIN OR REDUCE THEIR HOMEOWNERS PREMIUMS WHICH ARE LINKED TO VFD FIRE RATINGS!

AN EMAIL RESPONSE I RECEIVED STATES THAT THE BOCC WANTS EVERY HOMEOWNER IN JONES COUNTY TO HAVE THE BEST INSURANCE RATE POSSIBLE. (THIS REQUIRES APPROVED BUDGET EACH YEAR!)
SPECIAL THANKS AND DISAPPOINTMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE POLLOCKSVILLE VFD APRIL 1, 2013 BOCC MEETING

SPECIAL THANKS TO: ZACK KOONCE
WAYNE VANDIFORD
JENNIFER KING
FRANKIE HOWARD

THE ABOVE REFERENCED INDIVIDUALS HAVE GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND HELPING THE POLLOCKSVILLE VFD WHEN I HAVE SENT EMAILS OR CALLED ASKING FOR INFORMATION ON THIS LONG PROJECT CONCERNING A FIRE TAX IMPLEMENTATION THAT I HAVE BEEN WORKING ON FOR OVER 18 MONTHS.

DISAPPOINTMENT:

THE DISAPPOINTING PART ABOUT THIS WHOLE PROJECT PROPOSAL IS THAT OUR DEPARTMENT FEELS WE DO NOT HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE BOCC AS WE ALSO DID NOT HAVE DURING THE REQUESTED 6 MILE IMPLEMENTATION AND APPROVAL.

THANK EACH OF YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE POLLOCKSVILLE VFD. AS I STATED DURING THE FIRST PRESENTATION, ALL WE ARE ASKING IS FOR BUDGET FUNDING EACH YEAR SO WE CAN MAINTAIN OUR CURRENT FIRE RATING AND PROVIDE THE BEST POSSIBLE FIRE PROTECTION TO ALL OF THE CITIZENS IN OUR FIRE DISTRICT.
EXHIBIT C

DEBT SETOFF REPORT 03/25/2013

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Total received from DS 2,324.61
Less refunds 259.89
Received for Tax Dept 2,064.72
EXHIBIT D

Budget Amendment

Date: 4/1/2013
Fund: Fund 28
Fiscal Year: 2012-2013 Amendment #5

Decrease Revenues
TC2 Local Match 28-0214-4587-00 281,000.00
TOTAL 281,000.00

Increase Revenues
TC2 Rural Center EIP Grant 28-0214-4903-00 281,000.00
Total 281,000.00

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Chairman

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County Manager

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Clerk to the Board

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Finance Officer
## Budget Amendment

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