

August 20, 2012 7:05 P.M.

JONES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

JONES COUNTY OFFICE COMPLEX – COMMISSIONERS' ROOM

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Zack Koonce, Chairman
Frank Emory, Vice-Chairman
Joseph Wiggins, Commissioner
Sondra Ipock-Riggs, Commissioner

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Franky J. Howard, County Manager
Melissa Moore-Freeman, Acting Clerk
Michael Houston, Water Supervisor

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Mike Haddock

The Chairman called the meeting to order and gave the invocation. A **MOTION** was made by Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Frank Emory, and unanimously carried **THAT** the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION made by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by Frank Emory, and unanimously carried **THAT** the minutes of August 6, 2012, be approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Phil Moore spoke on behalf of Shady Grove Community Watch. The Watch group is concerned with cleaning up the county. Recently, he served on jury duty and is concerned about the end result of two cases. Mr. Moore is very upset about the fact individuals were allowed to plead down on several charges.

Jeff Brown emphasized Shady Grove Community Watch is a dedicated community watch. Their only concern is insuring the safety of the kids and future generations. The Watch's top priority is to remove the drug dealers from the communities of Jones County. He emphasized their concerns over the court system.

Sondra Ipock Riggs spoke as a citizen. Mrs. Ipock-Riggs indicated she does not like the policy the Board has been following the past 3 to 4 months with public comment. The public comment should be included at the end of the meeting. Citizens can then comment on the business conducted at the meeting.

MOTION made by Frank Emory, seconded by Sondra Ipock-Riggs and unanimously carried **THAT** the Board move public comment to the end of the meeting. Further discussion was held by the commissioners and Franky Howard commented on the process of public comment. Mr. Howard indicated the public comment period was held at the beginning of the meeting to give citizens a chance to express their concerns without having to wait for long periods of time.

MOTION made by Frank Emory, seconded by Sondra Ipock-Riggs and unanimously carried **THAT** the previous **MOTION** to move public comment be rescinded.

MOTION made by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by Joseph Wiggins and unanimously carried **THAT** public comment will be held for three minutes at the beginning of each meeting and add an additional public comment period at the end of the meeting for two minutes. The change is effective immediately.

1. HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT APPLICATION

Franky Howard presented the board with the application. Jayne Robb will complete the application process and Jones County has been approved for funding to buy out one citizen's home impacted by Hurricane Irene.

MOTION made by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by Joseph Wiggins and unanimously carried **THAT** Jones County complete the hazard mitigation grant application process.

2. CDBG 2012 UPDATE

Franky Howard informed the board it was time to apply for CDBG funding in the categories of Infrastructure, Small Business and Entrepreneurial Assistance and NC Catalyst. A public hearing must be held to inform the citizen about the potential funding.

MOTION made by Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Franky Emory, and unanimously carried **THAT** a public hearing be held September 4, 2012.

3. UPDATE SIX MILE FIRE MAPS

Franky Howard, County Manager, indicated with the Jones/Lenoir 911 consolidation, the maps need additional modifications. Timmy Pike is working closely with Lenoir officials to finalize the maps. Once final changes have been approved, Jones County's citizens living within the sixth mile should see a decrease in their fire insurance.

MOTION was made by Frank Emory, seconded by Sondra Ipock-Riggs and unanimously carried **THAT** this item be **TABLED** until changes have been finalized.

4. RESOLUTION LOCAL WATER SUPPLY PLAN

MOTION made by Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Frank Emory and unanimously carried **THAT** the local water supply plan resolution be approved, a copy is marked Exhibit A and is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.

5. CAPITAL REQUEST WATER

MOTION made by Franky Emory, seconded by Sondra Ipock-Riggs and unanimously carried **THAT** the Capital request for a 2013 F150 in the amount of 20,951.05, be approved and purchased using water enterprise funds.

6. TAX EXEMPTION REQUEST-CHURCH

MOTION made by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by Frank Emory and unanimously carried **THAT** the tax exemption request for Clinton Chapel Memorial AME Zion Church be approved.

7. COASTAL CAROLINA REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENT

MOTION made by Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Frank Emory **THAT** the Board appoint Jay Bender to the Coastal Carolina Regional Airport Authority Board Appointment. Zack Koonce and Sondra Ipock-Riggs **OPPOSED**. **MOTION** failed. Discussion was held concerning if it was legal for Mr. Bender to be appointed to this Board. Zack Koonce requested Franky Howard contact the School of Government for clarification. Sondra Ipock-Riggs indicated the Board of Elections should be contacted.

MOTION made by Frank Emory, seconded by Zack Koonce and unanimously carried **THAT** this item be **TABLED** until clarification was received.

8. HEALTH BOARD VACANCY

MOTION made by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by Joseph Wiggins and unanimously carried **THAT** the Board accept the resignation of Will Brower.

MOTION made by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by Frank Emory, and unanimously carried **THAT** the Board accept the resignation of Dr. James Gutai.

Both positions will be advertised.

9. SUPER BOOSTER REQUEST

MOTION made by Frank Emory and seconded by Joseph Wiggins and unanimously carried **THAT** the membership renewal be approved in the amount of 300.00.

10. ECC INFORMATION

Franky Howard informed the Board, the County had requested the By-Laws and Attorney fees from the ECC. Those documents were available for review in the county manager's office. Mrs. Ipock-Riggs feels the Board should review these documents before deciding to continue participating with the ECC next budget year.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

Franky Howard presented the Tax Collection report for July. The report is prepared monthly by Wayne Vanderford. He would also like to announce a public hearing notice the county received from the NCDOT. Meetings will be held in Maysville as well as Pollocksville several times in the month of September. Jones County has been invited to participate in a scope group to evaluate the need for a Highway 70 bypass. The bypass will connect with the Highway 17 bypass and route traffic around New Bern. If it was determine to pursue this bypass additional traffic would be routed into Jones County.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Frank Emory-

Mr. Emory informed the Board there is a tree across the river in Pleasant Hill. He has been contacted in reference to when the streams will be cleared. The county was awarded a grant to clean streams of debris. Mr. Emory express desire to insure this portion of the river was included in this cleanup process.

Mr. Emory requested information concerning the paving of Highway 41. Franky Howard informed the Board the paving was to begin in October 2012. The area to be paved would be from Highway 41/58 to Comfort.

Sondra Ipock-Riggs

Mrs. Ipock-Riggs wishes to remind everyone of the upcoming Heritage Festival on September 15, 2012. Mrs. Ipock-Riggs requested the County make sure the powerpoint presentation on local businesses be presented at the Heritage Festival.

Joseph Wiggins

Mr. Joseph Wiggins requested the start date for the river cleanup. The date has not been determined. Mr. Wiggins requested explanation of the filming for the Heritage Festival to be completed at Brock Motor Company. Franky Howard explained as the largest sponsor of the Heritage festival, the promotion would be filmed on location at Brock Motor Company. The episodes will air the week before the Heritage Festival to promote citizen participation.

Zack Koonce

Mr. Koonce would like the internet cafes researched with other counties to determine possible regulation.

PUBLIC COMMENT RECORD

Jeff Brown requested the Board reconsider purchasing the sheriff new vehicles. Mr. Brown expressed he concerns over the insurance rate. He has experienced a 1000.00 increase over the past year with his insurance.

Randy McDaniels expressed concerns about his neighbor that is a habitual felon.

Phil Moore expressed additional concerns over the judicial system.

Norman Casper expressed his support for the Sheriff. He is concerned with criminals being released.

MOTION made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Mike Haddock, and unanimously carried **THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Zack Koonce, III
Chairman

Melissa Moore-Freeman
Acting Clerk to the Board