

September 17, 2012 7:00 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
Mike Haddock, Commissioner

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

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

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 Joseph Wiggins, and unanimously carried **THAT** the minutes of September 4, 2012, be approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

There was no public comment.

1. CRAVEN COUNTY'S 300TH ANNIVERSARY

Franky Howard presented the board with an announcement from Craven County with the scheduled festivities. He also informed the board, Craven was requesting letters or resolutions of congratulations. **MOTION** made by Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Frank Emory and unanimously carried **THAT** Jones County present a letter of congratulations.

2. AUGUST TAX COLLECTION REPORT

Franky Howard informed the board the tax collection rate for August 2012 was 22.23%. This is a drastic decrease from the previous year, however in years past a discount was offered and the discount was eliminated in the budget process. Collections should increase as the year draws close to the end.

3. BUILDING INSPECTIONS INTER LOCAL AGREEMENT

Franky Howard provided the Board with an updated Inter Local agreement between the county building inspections department and local towns. Franky asked the Board to please review the agreement to insure the Board agreed with the terms in the agreement. The Town Boards will also be reviewing the agreement to insure it meets their needs as well. This is information only. No action is to be taken at this time.

4. CONCERNED CITIZEN LETTER (STOPLIGHT)

Franky Howard presented a letter from Edna Barfield concerning a stoplight at the intersection of Hwy 41 and 1002. **MOTION** made by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by

Joseph Wiggins and unanimously carried **THAT** the county prepare a letter to NCDOT presenting this request as well as prepare a response to Edna Barfield.

5. CASWELL DEVELOPMENT CENTER REQUEST

Franky Howard presented the Board with a request from the Caswell Developmental Center requesting a donation to assist with Operation Santa Claus Project. **MOTION** made by Zack Koonce, seconded by Frank Emory and unanimously carried to **TABLE** this request.

6. HIGHWAY 70 BYPASS UPDATE

Franky Howard informed the Board the NCDOT would be conducting a feasibility study on the Highway 70 bypass. The NCDOT has requested his membership with the feasibility board. He has accepted their request and wanted to make the Board aware of his decision.

7. HIGHWAY 17 PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES

Franky Howard reminded the Board on September 18th at Pollocksville Elementary School the final Highway 17 project public hearing meeting will be held.

8. LAND DONATION UPDATE

Franky Howard presented the Board with an appraisal quote to determine the value of the land located behind the Administration building. The owner had requested to donate the land to the county. The Board requested additional information before awarding the appraisal bid to a bidder.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

Franky Howard informed the Board the county had recently had an individual place a sign on top of the county road sign. The individual was contacted and removed the sign. Franky advised the Board they should consider reviewing the county sign ordinance to insure no future occurrences. The Technical Controls project is under way and Economic Development will be assisting with a ground breaking ceremony.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Mike Haddock

Mr. Haddock requested additional information on the additional public comment period added to each meeting. He feels one session of public comment is suitable.

Frank Emory-

Mr. Emory informed the Board a citizen had contacted him about her concerns with KEMP recyclers in Pollocksville. She is concerned they may not be following proper procedure for some recycling.

Zack Koonce

Mr. Koonce expressed his appreciation to everyone that made the Heritage Festival possible. Mr. Koonce would also like to see the addition of work sessions to their schedule.

Sondra Ipock-Riggs

Mrs. Ipock-Riggs expressed her concerns about bid packets. She would like more detailed specifications concerning qualifications. Possibly add the requirement for bidders to submit financial statements as well.

PUBLIC COMMENT RECORD

Jeff Brown informed the Board he provided an update to the Shady Grove Community Watch Group after the last meeting. He informed the group the Board had added an additional public comment period and the group was very grateful. Mr. Brown is concerned Mr. Haddock may not approval of the second comment period. Mr. Brown also inquired if the commissioners had been in contact with Harry Brown concerning the insurance rate. He asked the commissioners to please keep the pressure on this issue.

Phil Moore expressed his concern over the paving of Highway 58. The NCDOT continues to repave 58, while others with greater need are not being paved. He, as well as many others, has contacted NCDOT concerning the conditions of Middle Road. He would like any assistance the commissioners could provide with getting Middle Road paved.

Norman Casper expressed his concerns over mowing the sides of the highway. They are horrible this year. He indicated the NCDOT did a much better job before contracting this service out to contractors.

MOTION made by Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, and unanimously carried **THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Zack Koonce, III
Chairman

Melissa Moore-Freeman
Acting Clerk to the Board