

APRIL 7, 2014 8:30 A.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
Frank Emory, Commissioner
Zack Koonce, Commissioner

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order. Frank Emory gave the invocation. A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Commissioners Zack Koonce, and unanimously carried **THAT** the agenda be approved with the following amendments.

- 9. AFFORDABLE CARE ACT**
- 10. HEALTH DEPARTMENT**
- 11. CAPITAL REQUEST-ADMINISTRATION**

MOTION made by Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, and unanimously carried **THAT** the minutes of March 10, 2014 Regular Session, March 10, 2014 Closed Session, March 17, 2014 and March 24, 2014, be **APPROVED**.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Walter Robinson requested to know who received the applications for the elections job. Franky Howard reminded everyone this was public comment but he would respond to the question. Applications were turned into Franky Howard and he forwarded to the Board of Elections for evaluation. Walter inquired into certain employees handling the applications and Jimmie Hicks stated we were involving personnel and advised the discussion should be discontinued.

1. BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW

Eric Merritt administered the oath for the Board of Equalization and Review. Eric advised the Board to raise their right hand and place their left hand on the bible. The oath was administered. Samuel Croom provided a handbook to all commissioners on the Board of Equalization and Review. Samuel indicated this handbook provides an explanation of the functions and rules of the Board. Samuel also advised the Board of their duties and providing an upcoming schedule as advertised to the public. A copy of the Oath for the Board of Equalization and Review is marked Exhibit A and is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.

2. RECREATION & SCHOOL PROJECTS

Eileen Dove thanked the commissioners for the opportunity to speak. She stated representatives from the recreation department as well as individuals from the

Community Transformation Department would be speaking on possible funding as well as Recreation use of school facilities. Andrea Swain from the Pitt County Health Department provided information on the Community Transformation Grant available to Jones County Recreation Department. The grant could be used to form a use plan between Jones County Recreation and Jones County School System. David Blalock, Coach from Maysville, indicated two 15 passengers van would assist with transporting children to tournaments out of town. Coach Tony, from Pollocksville, expressed concerns on the Recreation Department using school gyms. The Recreation group requested the commissioners work with the School Board to resolve the issues.

3. APPOINTMENT CLERK TO THE BOARD

MOTION made by Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins and unanimously carried **THAT** Melissa Moore-Freeman be **APPOINTED** as Clerk to the Board.

4. ROAD CLOSING

Franky Howard advised the commissioners a citizen may be requesting their assistance with closing an undeveloped road.

5. AUTOMATIC METER READING PAY REQUEST NUMBER 7

MOTION made by Commissioner Joseph Wiggin, seconded by Commissioner Frank Emory, and unanimously carried **THAT** pay request number 7 be **APPROVED** in the amount of 46,088.17 using funds provided by the Public Water Supply Section of the Division of Water Resources.

6. INVOICE SUMRELL, SUGG, CARMICHAEL, HICKS & HART, P.A.

MOTION made by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Commissioner Frank Emory, and unanimously carried **THAT** invoices totaling 5,484.55 for Sumrell, Sugg, CarMichael, Hicks & Hart P.A. be **APPROVED** for payment.

7. CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Franky Howard informed the Board April has been declared Child Abuse Prevention Month. **MOTION** made by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs, and unanimously carried **THAT** proclamation declaring April "Child Abuse Prevention Month" be **APPROVED** as presented, a copy of which is marked Exhibit B and is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.

8. TAX DEBTSETOFF REFUNDS

MOTION made by Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by Commissioners Frank Emory and unanimously carried **THAT** the tax debt setoff 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.

9. COURTHOUSE FLOORS

Franky Howard advised the Board three quotes had been obtained for replacing the floors inside the courthouse. Frank Emory inquired had additional quotes been obtained for the removal of the current flooring. Franky indicated no additional quotes had been obtained for the removal. Commissioners indicated no action was to be taken until additional quotes are obtained.

10. CAPITAL REQUEST ADMINISTRATION

MOTION made by Commissioner Frank Emory, seconded by Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs, and unanimously carried **THAT** a computer be purchased for the Administration Office not to exceed 1,000.00 from JNB Tek using County Capital Funds.

11. HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Franky Howard provided an update on funding returned to the Golden Leaf Foundation by the Health Department. The grant was 200,000.00 awarded to the Health Department to provide an adult health clinic. The previous health director had been awarded the grant. The grant required providing clinical results. The results were not documented. While reviewing the grant with the foundation it was determined the county would be required to provide 200,000.00 annually to maintain the clinic. It was also determined the services being provided were duplicating other services being provided in the county. It was determined it was in the best interest of the County to deobligate the funds for this grant. Funds were never received by the county, therefore the funds were not returned. The funding remains available for other projects in the county if the Foundation were to approve the project.

12. AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Franky Howard addressed concerns in reference to the Affordable Care Act. It was believed the county had opted out of the Affordable Care Act. Franky explained the County could not opt out and the Department of Social Services had been available to assist citizens with enrolling in the program.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

There were no additional reports from the County Manager.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

There were no reports from the Commissioners.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Walter Robinson wanted to know the salary of the previous Elections Director. Franky will provide the range and any other information that is public record.

MOTION made by Commissioner Frank Emory, seconded by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, and unanimously carried **THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 9:45 am.

Mike Haddock
Chairman

Melissa Moore-Freeman
Clerk to the Board

EXHIBIT A

**BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS**

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Trenton, NC 28585

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Pollocksville, NC 28573

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**OATH FOR BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW
JONES COUNTY**

I,(state your name)....., do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as a member of the Board of Equalization and Review, and that I will not allow my actions as a member of the Board of Equalization and Review to be influenced by personal or political friendships or obligations, so help me God.

Mike Haddock

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Sondra Ipock-Riggs

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Frank Emory

Frank Emory

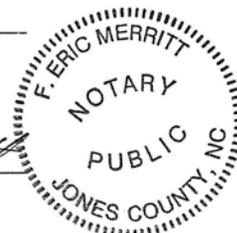
Joe Wiggins

Joe Wiggins

Zack Koonce, III

This Oath taken and subscribed before me this 7th day of April, 2014.

F. Eric Merritt
Notary Public



My commission expires _____ My Commission Expires June 6, 2017

EXHIBIT B

BOARD OF COUNTY
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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, children are vital to our state's future prosperity and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, all children deserve to have safe, stable, nurturing and healthy homes and communities that foster well-being; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a public responsibility affecting both the current and future quality of life in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, to prevent child abuse, parents need support and resources to help cope with stress and nurture their children to grow to their full potential; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed through partnerships created amongst citizens, human services agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community; and

WHEREAS, Jones County is committed to preventing child abuse and calls upon citizens from all walks of life to increase their participation in efforts to support families, and thereby prevent child abuse and strengthen communities;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Jones County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim April 2014, as "**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**" in Jones County, North Carolina, and encourage all citizens to participate in efforts to support families and strengthen the communities in which we live.

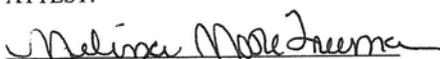
This the 7th day of April, 2014.



Mike Haddock, Chairman

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ATTEST:



Melissa Moore-Freeman, Clerk to the Board

EXHIBIT C

DEBT SETOFF REFUND REPORT
03/24/2014

<u>NAME & ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>ACCOUNT #</u>
Angela Bryant PO Box 22 Pollocksville, NC 28573	\$158.85	8619
Murphy Franklin 844 Wyse Fork Rd Trenton, NC 28585	\$114.74	9758
Ronald Thomas 1487 Hwy 41W Trenton, NC 28585	\$53.00	28279
Total Refund for Tax Office	\$326.59	

Summary:

Total Rec'd \$1,995.55

Tax:	1,414.78
Water:	233.4
EMS	122.49
Health	224.88
	1,995.55

