

JUNE 23, 2014 7:00 P.M.
JONES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
JONES COUNTY OFFICE COMPLEX – COMMISSIONERS’ ROOM
MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mike Haddock, Chairman
Sondra Ipock-Riggs, Vice-Chairman
Joseph Wiggins, Commissioner
Zack Koonce

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Frank Emory

The Chairman called the meeting to order and gave invocation.

Budget Adoption

MOTION made by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Commissioner Zack Koonce and unanimously carried **THAT** the Board go into public hearing for public comment related to the 2014-2015 Budget.

Wayne Hurley expressed his appreciation to the commissioners for holding the budget flat. He expressed his concerns in reference to the Board of Education and he feels they are wasting money. The County has too many schools for the student count. Can the Board of Commissioners order the School Board to consolidate some of these schools? Other budgets seem to be in line. Please add sales taxes back to the next election.

MOTION made by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Sondra Ipock-Riggs and unanimously carried **THAT** the Board go out of public hearing.

Franky Howard described the budget presentation. Mr. Howard reminded everyone the tax revaluation was completed for 2014 and the growth was much less than in the past. The revenue neutral tax rate will be published on the resolution. The anticipated tax collection rate used was ninety-three percent. The school allocation was increased by five percent. The anticipated fund balance percent should remain above twenty percent. There will be an addition of the fire tax to those four districts. All districts were requested at three cents.

Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs wants to insure Comfort Library is actually open fourteen hours a week and feels the Neuse Regional Library requiring them to pay an additional one hundred fifty dollars a month should not be allowed.

Commissioner Joseph Wiggins wants to point out he does like this budget.

MOTION made by Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins and unanimously carried **THAT** the 2014-2015 Budget be approved as presented. A copy of the 2014-2015 Budget resolution is marked Exhibit A and is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes.

JCPC Budget Agreement

MOTION made by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Commissioner Zack Koonce and unanimously carried **THAT** the Budget agreement between the State of North Carolina Division of Public Safety and Jones County be approved as presented.

Senior Center Van Budget Request

The 1994 Ford van at the senior center is having mechanical problems again. The air conditioner has gone out again. Repairs are estimated to cost one thousand three hundred dollars. Franky Howard pointed out we are investing more money in this van than it is worth. Discussion was from Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs and Commissioner Zack Koonce, if the HCCBG funding could cover the cost of the purchase of a new vehicle. They were advised it could not.

MOTION made by Commissioner Zack Koonce, seconded by Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs and unanimously carried **THAT** a vehicle be purchased for the senior center. The vehicle is not to exceed 22,000.00 and is to be purchased using general fund balance.

MOTION made by Commissioner Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs and unanimously carried **THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Mike Haddock
Chairman

Melissa Moore-Freeman
Clerk to the Board