

January 3, 2012 8:30 A.M.

JONES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

JONES COUNTY OFFICE COMPLEX – COMMISSIONERS’ ROOM

MINUTES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Zack Koonce, Chairman
Frank Emory, Vice-Chairman
Sondra Ipock-Riggs, Commissioner
Joseph F. Wiggins, Commissioner
Mike Haddock, Commissioner

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Franky J. Howard, County Manager
Jennifer King, Clerk to the Board
Jimmie B. Hick, County Attorney

The Chairman called the meeting to order and Mike Haddock gave the invocation. A **MOTION** was made by Frank Emory, seconded by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, and unanimously carried **THAT** the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION made by Mike Haddock, seconded by Frank Emory, and unanimously carried **THAT** the minutes of December 19, 2011, be approved.

1. 2012 CALENDAR PRESENTATION

Ivy Reid, Extension Director, presented each board member with a copy of the NC Cooperative Extension Jones County Center 2012 Calendar. Mrs. Reid expressed her appreciation for the support that the Board has provided the Extension.

2. WELL 8 UPDATE

Mike Houston, Water Supervisor, provided the Board with an update on the Well 8 Project. The final walkthrough is scheduled for January 11, 2012, but this project will not be complete until the telemetry system is installed.

3. ANNUAL CRETACEOUS WATER WITHDRAWAL STATEMENT

Mike Houston, Water Supervisor, discussed a letter from the NC Department of Environmental and Natural Resources concerning water withdrawals for 2011. The County has exceeded the permitted annual water usage rate by 1,786,700 gallons. Mr. Houston explained that we will most likely see the monetary information in February or March related to fines for this overage. Mr. Houston explained that the Well 8 Project will help us with this issue but won't be sufficient after the new regulations in 2018 and suggested that the County begin to think about the addition of another well.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

There were no public comments.

4. BOARD APPOINTMENT – JONES COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

MOTION made by Frank Emory, seconded by Sondra Ipock-Riggs and unanimously carried **THAT** Norwood Mills be reappointed to the Planning Board. This term will not expire.

Mr. Howard discussed the vacancy left by the resignation of James Franck. This vacancy has been advertised, however there has been no interest from the public. The Board discussed the possibility of Myron Meadows serving on this board. Mr. Howard will discuss with Myron Meadows.

5. BOARD APPOINTMENTS – BOARD OF HEALTH

MOTION made by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by Frank Emory, and unanimously carried **THAT** the following board members be reappointed to the Board of Health for a three-year term to expire January 31, 2015:

Don Campbell	Veterinarian Position
Shivon Cannon	Public Member
Will Brower	Public Member

The Board did not reappoint Laverne Baker due to attendance issues. There are currently two vacancies on the Board of Health. One vacancy is the public member position previously held by Mrs. Baker and the other is the physician position previously held by Dr. Gutai. Advertisements were placed in the newspaper prior to reappointment of the above board members but the County did not receive any calls or letters of interest from the public.

6. 2012 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

The Board discussed the upcoming 2012 Legislative Conference scheduled for March 3, 2012, through March 7, 2012, in Washington, D.C.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Howard and Larry Meadows, Economic Development Consultant briefly discussed the sprinkler system project at the Business Center.

MOTION made by Frank Emory, seconded by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, and unanimously carried **THAT** the Board approves proceeding with preliminary work on the sprinkler system installation at the Business Center, and authorizes Larry Meadows to accept the lowest bid for this project. The bid information will be presented at the next regular meeting of the Board. This project is funded through a Golden Leaf Grant.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Mike Haddock –

Mr. Haddock suggested that the County prepare for the resignation of Larry Meadows, Economic Development Consultant, at the end of the fiscal year.

Sondra Ipock-Riggs –

Mrs. Ipock-Riggs expressed her concerns with phone calls she has received in regard to the Board of Education telling citizens that the Commissioners cut the salaries of aides and bus drivers. The Commissioners would like to make sure the citizens are aware that the Board does not set salaries for the Board of Education.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION made by Frank Emory, seconded by Mike Haddock, and unanimously carried **THAT** the Board go into Closed Session under NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6).

MOTION made by Joseph Wiggins, seconded by Frank Emory, and unanimously carried **THAT** the Board go out of Closed Session.

MOTION made by Mike Haddock, seconded by Frank Emory, and unanimously carried **THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Zack Koonce
Chairman

Jennifer King
Clerk to the Board