

December 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

The Chairman called the meeting to order and 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 Joe Wiggins, seconded by Mike Haddock, and unanimously carried **THAT** the minutes of November 19, 2012, for the regular meeting and work session, be approved.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Zack Koonce, Chairman, turned the meeting over to Jimmie Hicks, County Attorney.

Mr. Hicks explained the nomination and election process to the Board and opened the floor for nominations for Chairman. Sondra Ipock-Riggs nominated Joe Wiggins. Zack Koonce nominated Frank Emory. **MOTION** made by Frank Emory and seconded by Sondra Ipock-Riggs to close nominations. By a show of hands Mike Haddock, Frank Emory, and Zack Koonce voted for Frank Emory and Sondra Ipock-Riggs and Joe Wiggins voted for Joe Wiggins. Mr. Emory was appointed Chairman by majority vote.

The floor was opened for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Frank Emory nominated Mike Haddock. Joe Wiggins nominated Sondra Ipock-Riggs. **MOTION** made by Frank Emory and seconded by Zack Koonce to close nominations. By a show of hands Joe Wiggins and Sondra Ipock-Riggs voted for Sondra Ipock-Riggs and Frank Emory, Mike Haddock, and Zack Koonce voted for Mike Haddock. Mr. Haddock was appointed Vice-Chairman by majority vote.

At this time Frank Emory presided over the meeting.

2. APPOINTMENTS TO OFFICES

MOTION made by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by Joe Wiggins, and unanimously carried **THAT** the following appointments be approved:

County Manager – Franky Howard
Clerk to the Board – Jennifer King
Finance Officer – Melissa Moore-Freeman

County Attorney – Jimmie B. Hicks
Veterans Service Officer – Archie Hargett

3. LAYNE JENKINS – LOCAL AND STATE COMPETITION

Layne Jenkins, Distinguished Young Woman, thanked the Board for their support for the program over the last thirty-years. Ms. Jenkins explained that the program has helped her gain experience she would not otherwise have gained like the ability to speak in front of people. Ms. Jenkins discussed dates for the competitions in which she will participate at the state and local level. The Board congratulated Ms. Jenkins for her accomplishments.

4. 2010 CDBG-SS CONTINGENCY GRANT – PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION made by Zack Koonce, seconded by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, and unanimously carried **THAT** the Board go into public hearing.

Jayne Robb, Economic Developer, explained that the original property for Margie Peyton is no longer available due to the Highway 17 bypass. The County will need to apply for \$30,000 in contingency funds in order to purchase an existing home for Mrs. Peyton.

There were no public comments or questions.

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

MOTION made by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, seconded by Zack Koonce, and unanimously carried **THAT** the request to the Department of Commerce for contingency funds in the amount of \$30,000 be approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Micajah Bonner asked what the two types of water meters were in regard to the request for bids for the water meter replacement project. Franky Howard, County Manager, explained that there is a fixed base meter and a drive by meter. The fixed base meter is the most efficient, if we can afford it, because we could obtain the water usage by our customers without having to commute throughout the county to read the meters from a vehicle.

5. TAX REFUND – CORE LOGIC

MOTION made by Mike Haddock, seconded by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, and unanimously carried **THAT** a refund in the amount of \$4,408.87 for Core Logic, a company that services current escrow accounts held by their lending institution clients, be approved. A deposit was received on November 16, 2012, that was \$4,408.87 greater than the taxes owed by clients of this company.

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

MOTION made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Zack Koonce, and unanimously carried **THAT** an invoice for legal services rendered by Sumrell, Sugg, Carmichael, Hicks & Hart, P.A. be approved for payment as follows:

General Legal	\$1,224.60
Executive Medical Transportation v. Jones County	\$552.50
Economic Development General Legal	\$903.00

7. BOARD APPOINTMENT – EASTERN CAROLINA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

MOTION made by Zack Koonce, seconded by Mike Haddock, and carried **THAT** Frank Emory be reappointed to the Eastern Carolina Council of Governments for a one-year term to expire December 31, 2013. Sondra Ipock-Riggs **OPPOSED**.

MOTION made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Zack Koonce, and unanimously carried **THAT** John Simmons be reappointed to the Eastern Carolina Council of Governments for a one-year term to expire December 31, 2013.

8. NACO LEGISLATIVE GOALS CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

The Board discussed the 2013 NACo Legislative Conference to be held in Washington on March 2 through March 6, 2013. No decisions were made in regard to attendance.

9. NC LEGISLATIVE GOALS CONFERENCE

The Board discussed the NC Legislative Goals Conference to be held in Raleigh in January 2013. Jennifer King, Clerk to the Board, will register those commissioners that are interested in attending.

10. VOTING DELEGATE – LEGISLATIVE GOALS

MOTION made by Zack Koonce, seconded by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, and unanimously carried **THAT** Frank Emory be designated as voting delegate for the 2013 Legislative Goals Conference.

MOTION made by Zack Koonce, seconded by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, and unanimously carried **THAT** Mike Haddock be the alternate voting delegate.

11. PLANNER PADS

Information was presented to the Board in regard to planner pads for 2013. The Board decided not to purchase planner pads for 2013 due to the cost of the pads.

12. EXECUTIVE MEDICAL TRANSPORT VS. JONES COUNTY – UPDATE

Jimmie Hicks, County Attorney, updated the Board in regard to the Executive Medical Transport vs. Jones County lawsuit. The Court of Appeals ruled that the case be dismissed. The plaintiff has thirty-days in which to file with the Supreme Court. Mr. Hicks requested that the Board go into closed session before the meeting is over to discuss this case further.

13. PAY REQUEST NUMBER 4 – POLLOCKSVILLE INDUSTRIAL PARK

MOTION made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Mike Haddock, and unanimously carried **THAT** pay request number 4 for the Pollocksville Industrial Park be approved in the amount of \$122,536.71 using CDBG funds.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

The County has advertised a request for bids for the water meter project.

The 911 project is still moving along. We are waiting on an additional breakdown of the Motorola quote. Sondra Ipock-Riggs asked if Mr. Howard was keeping a check on Kinston's spending related to this project. Mr. Howard said yes and that no money has been spent because they are not finished with the plans.

Mike Haddock asked how plans were coming along with Beer Army. Mr. Howard explained that they were still working on keeping the plans within the budgeted amount for changes and additions to the facility.

Joe Wiggins asked if the Technical Controls project was on schedule. Mr. Howard stated that it is as far as we know.

There was a brief discussion concerning the fire tax that some fire departments in the county would like implemented.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

Mike Haddock-

Mr. Haddock would like for the Water Supervisor to show the fire departments how to paint fire hydrants. This was discussed a few years ago but hasn't been done yet.

MOTION made by Mike Haddock, seconded by Sondra Ipock-Riggs, and unanimously carried **THAT** the Board go into closed session under NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3).

MOTION was made by Joe Wiggins, seconded by Mike Haddock, and unanimously carried **THAT** the Board go out of closed session.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

There were no public comments.

MOTION made by Zack Koonce, seconded by Mike Haddock, and unanimously carried **THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Frank Emory
Chairman

Jennifer King
Clerk to the Board