

Jones County Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2026, 12:00 PM

Jones County Agricultural Building
2314 Wyse Fork Road
Trenton, NC 28585

Commissioners Present: Chairman Frank Emory, Vice-Chairman Charlie Dunn Jr.,
Commissioner Michael Haddock, Commissioner James Harper,
Commissioner April Aycock

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs, Commissioner Charlie Gray

Officials Present: Kyle Smith, County Manager, Angelica Hall, Clerk, Ross Hardeman,
County Attorney, Blake Batchelor, Finance Officer, Jennifer King,
Deputy Director of Administration

1. Call to Order

2. Invocation

Vice-Chair Charlie Dunn Jr.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comment Period

None

5. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by: Commissioner James Harper

Seconded by: Vice-Chairman Charlie Dunn Jr.

Motion to Approve the Agenda as presented.

Passed Unanimously

6. Presenters

6.1. Public Hearing - CDBG Application

The public hearing is to provide an explanation and description of funding available under the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, which is sponsored and administered by the North Carolina Department of Commerce, Rural Economic Development Division.

Motion made by: Vice-Chair Charlie Dunn Jr.

Seconded by: Commissioner Mike Haddock

Motion to Approve to go into Public Hearing —
CDBG Application

Passed Unanimously

There were no public comments.

Motion made by: Commissioner Michael Haddock

Seconded by: Commissioner James Harper

Motion to Approve to go out of Public Hearing

Passed Unanimously

6.2. Public Hearing - CDBG-CV Application

The public hearing was scheduled to discuss Jones County's intention to submit a Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus (CDBGCV) application to the North Carolina Department of Commerce.

Motion made by: Commissioner Mike Haddock

Seconded by: Commissioner James Harper

Motion to Approve to go into Public Hearing —
CDBG-CV Application

Passed Unanimously

There were no public comments.

Motion made by: Commissioner April Aycock

Seconded by: Commissioner James Harper

Motion to Approve to go out of Public Hearing

Passed Unanimously

6.3. Resolution - Application for CDBG-CV Funding

A Resolution to authorize the submission of a CDBG-CV funding application was presented to the Board.

Motion made by: Commissioner Mike Haddock

Seconded by: Vice-Chair Charlie Dunn Jr.

Motion to Approve the Resolution as presented.

Passed Unanimously

6.4. Public Hearing - CDBG-ED Application

The public hearing was scheduled to discuss Jones County's intention to submit a Community Development Block Grant-Economic Development (CDBG ED) application to the North Carolina Department of Commerce.

Motion made by: Commissioner April Aycock

Seconded by: Commissioner Charlie Dunn Jr.

Motion to Approve to go into Public Hearing —
CDBG-ED Application

Passed Unanimously

There were no public comments.

Motion made by: Commissioner Mike Haddock

Seconded by: Commissioner James Harper

Motion to Approve to go out of Public Hearing

Passed Unanimously

6.5. Resolution to authorize the submission of a CDBG-ED funding application.

The Board was presented with a Resolution to authorize the submission of a CDBG-ED funding application.

Motion made by: Commissioner Mike Haddock

Seconded by: Commissioner James Harper

Motion to Approve the Resolution as presented.

Passed Unanimously

6.6. Final Approval to Sell Property parcels #543892292100 & #442776768400

Mr. Kyle Smith, County Manager, provided the following recommendation to the Board to vote on the final approval of the sale of property parcel #543892292100 for \$10,200.00 and property parcel #442776768400 for \$3,450.00. The properties were listed for sale through an electronic auction on GovDeals.com, and the high bid must be accepted within 30 days of the electronic auction closing.

6.7. AA 403 Additional WIC Funding

Mrs. Jennifer King, Deputy Director of Administration, presented the Board with a funding authorization for an additional \$337 in WIC program funding. Because the health department exceeded 100% of their caseload for the period August-September 2025, the State awarded additional funding.

Motion made by: Commissioner Michael Haddock

Seconded by: Commissioner April Aycock

Motion to Approve as presented.

Passed Unanimously

6.8. CASHVEST by three+one update

Mr. Mike Abbott, provided the Board with a brief overview of the county's progressive investment and banking strategies. Mr. Abbott also presented an award to the Jones County Board of Commissioner.

6.9. Jones County Fire Protection Service Delivery System Analysis

Chief Gregory Gryson provided the Board an overview of the Jones County Fire Protection Service Delivery System Analysis.

6.10. Emergency Services Update

Mrs. Ryan Mills, ES Director, provided an update and reviewed statistical trends from the Emergency Services department.

6.11. Utilities Update

Mr. Gareth Harvell, Public Works Director, briefed the Board on Lead and Copper regulations and, in coordination with the County Manager, discussed the intent behind potential utility system mergers with municipalities within the County.

6.12. Health & Human Services Update

Mrs. Jennifer King, Deputy Director of Administration, provided the Board with updates and initiatives from Health & Human Services.

6.13. Recreation & Wellness Complex Update

Mr. Kyle Smith, County Manager, provided the Board with an update on the current and future plans for the Recreation & Wellness Complex.

6.14. Economic Development Update

Mr. Kyle Smith, County Manager, discussed ongoing projects within the Economic Development and Administration Offices.

6.15. Brunch Bill Ordinance

Mr. Kyle Smith, County Manager, informed the Board that the Piggly Wiggly of Trenton has asked the board to reconsider the Brunch Bill Ordinance that was presented in early 2024. There was some discussion from the Board. This item will be added to the Agenda for the next meeting.

6.16. Capital Improvement Projects Update/Goals

Mr. Kyle Smith, County Manager, provided an update on capital projects currently underway and those planned for the future.

6.17. Commissioner Short & Long Term Goals

There was discussion among the Board regarding short- and long-term priorities for Jones County, including priorities for the FY 2027 budget and departmental initiatives and goals.

7. Manager's Comments

Mr. Kyle Smith, County Manager, requested the Board's support to terminate the contract with the lobbyist that was retained for strategic consulting and planning.

Motion made by: Vice-Chairman Charlie Dunn Jr.

Seconded by: Commissioner April Aycock

Motion to Approve the termination of the contract.

Passed Unanimously

8. County Attorney's Comments

None

9. Commissioner's Comments

None

10. Public Comment Period

None

11. Closed Session

11.1. Closed Session — § 143-318.11.(a)(3) Attorney-Client Privilege

Motion made by: Commissioner April Aycock

Seconded by: Vice-Chairman Charlie Dunn Jr.

Motion to Approve to go into Closed Session.

Passed Unanimously

Motion made by: Vice-Chairman Charlie Dunn Jr.

Seconded by: Commissioner James Harper

Motion to Approve to go out of Closed Session.

Passed Unanimously

12. Adjournment

Motion made by: Commissioner April Aycock

Seconded by: Vice-Chairman Charlie Dunn Jr.

Motion to Adjourn

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Passed Unanimously