

Jones County Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting Minutes

June 30, 2026, 9:00 AM

Jones County Agricultural Building
110 Market Street
Trenton, NC 28585

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

Commissioners Absent:

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

Chairman Frank Emory

2. Invocation

Chairman Frank Emory

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comment Period

None

5. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by: Commissioner Michael Haddock

Seconded by: Vice-Chairman Charlie Dunn Jr.

Motion to Approve as presented.

Passed Unanimously

6. Review & Consideration of End-of-Year Budget Amendments

Blake Batchelor, Finance Officer, presented Budget Amendments #57- #62 to the Board for approval.

Motion made by: Commissioner Charlie Gray

Seconded by: Vice-Chairman Charlie Dunn Jr.

Motion to Approve as presented.

Passed Unanimously

7. Manager's Comments

- Briefly discussed the possibility of seeking a new lobbyist to represent the County.
- Presented the request to have an ice maker added as a potential agenda item for the July 2026 meeting. Mr. Smith shared information received from the Civic Center Coordinator regarding concerns regarding installing an ice maker. The primary concern is ensuring proper sanitation. Depending on the type of ice machine selected, maintaining appropriate sanitation standards could present challenges. To provide a safe and reliable solution, additional research is needed to determine what type of equipment would best meet the facility's needs and health standards. Because of these concerns and the need for further

research, it was determined that purchasing an ice maker is not feasible at this time. The topic may be revisited in the future if additional information supports a practical and sanitary solution. The Board will not be taking any action on the request for an ice maker.

8. Commissioner's Comments

Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs inquired about the East Carolina Council of Government.

Commissioner April Aycock spoke about the issues with Duke Energy in her area and the lights flickering several times an hour. Commissioner Aycock has been in contact with them but requested the County Manager reach out to them also to see about getting this issue resolved. Also, concerns about the Solar Farm by her house and who is inspecting it because there are no signs for contact information and requested that this issue be checked on.

Commissioner Charlie Gray expressed his concerns about the stream debris and the cleaning and stated that there needs to be money set aside to take care of the streams so we can protect the citizens.

9. Adjournment

Motion made by: Commissioner Charlie Gray

Seconded by: Commissioner Sondra Ipock-Riggs

Motion to Adjourn

Passed Unanimously

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