

Additional
Item

FORSYTH COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: July 15, 2013 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 23

SUBJECT: Resolution Recognizing the Accomplishments of Arthur E. (Ed) Jones on the Occasion of His Retirement as Deputy County Manager

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS:

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION: See attached

ATTACHMENTS: YES NO

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: July 15, 2013
COUNTY MANAGER

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF
ARTHUR E. (ED) JONES ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT
AS DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER**

WHEREAS, Arthur E. (Ed) Jones began his 39 year career in local government as a Management Analyst in the Budget Office with Forsyth County in July 1974; based on his demonstrated knowledge and ability to lead, four years later he was first appointed to serve as Interim County Manager; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with Forsyth County, Mr. Jones advanced through the Manager's Office to Deputy County Manager and was appointed twice to serve as Interim County Manager and once as Interim Budget Director; he will retire from Forsyth County on July 31, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones assisted the County Manager with all aspects of planning and administration of County Government, including oversight of and coordination with the largest County departments, supervision and guidance of department heads to improve working relationships and organizational efficiency, budget preparation to reduce County costs, and resolution of interdepartmental conflicts and issues; and

WHEREAS, under Mr. Jones' guidance, Forsyth County successfully planned and managed the construction of the County's capital projects, which included the fire headquarters, the Emergency Medical Services facility, the Law Enforcement Detention Center, the Sheriff's Administration Building, two Hall of Justice renovation projects, the Linville General Services Complex, renovation of the Social Services Building as well as the County's largest capital projects, the Detention Center and Government Center, in addition to the ongoing adaptive renovation of the former Phillips Building as the Public Safety Facility; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones led the development and management of the County's economic development program, which has resulted in more than 50 companies locating or expanding in Forsyth County, new taxable investment in the County of more than \$1 billion, and the creation or relocation of more than 8,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones has been very active in the local community; he chaired the Forsyth County Criminal Justice Partnership Board and the Facilities Committee of the Enrichment Center Board of Directors, served as Treasurer on the board of the Liberty Community Development Corporation, served as the County Manager representative on the SciWorks Board of Directors, and is a founding member and officer of the Washington Park Neighborhood Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones' professional commitment extended to the State level where he served on the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) Legislative Goals Committee, the NCACC Human Services Steering Committee, the NCACC Public Safety Steering Committee, the Governor's Domestic Violence Task

Force, and the Joint Legislative Committee for Reorganization of Mental Health Services; he was also affiliated with the North Carolina City and County Management Association and the International City and County Management Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa, and later graduated with a Masters in Public Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and also completed Leadership Winston-Salem; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones is a veteran of the United States Air Force, in which he served honorably, achieving the rank of Captain; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones is a dedicated family man, who is devoted to his wife, Laura, and their son and daughter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes and thanks Arthur E. (Ed) Jones for his outstanding and distinguished years of service to this nation, State, Forsyth County and its citizens.

Adopted this the 15th day of July 2013.