

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF STOKES)
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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS
STOKES COUNTY GOVERNMENT
DANBURY, NORTH CAROLINA
MONDAY DECEMBER 5, 2022

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Stokes, State of North Carolina, met for an Organizational Meeting in the Commissioners' Chambers of the Ronald Wilson Reagan Memorial Building (Administration Building) located in Danbury, North Carolina on Monday, December 5, 2022 at 7:00 pm with the following members present:

Commissioner Brad Chandler
Commissioner Sonya Cox
Commissioner Ronnie Mendenhall
Commissioner Rick Morris
Commissioner Keith Wood

County Personnel in Attendance:
County Manager Shannon Shaver
Assistant County Manager/Clerk to the Board Amber Brown
County Attorney Ty Browder

Assistant County Manager/Clerk to the Board Amber Brown called the Organizational Meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed those in attendance.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Wood delivered the invocation.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Assistant County Manager/Clerk to the Board Amber Brown invited those in attendance to join the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY-INTRODUCTION

Assistant County Manager/Clerk to the Board Amber Brown congratulated Commissioner Morris on his re-election and welcomed Commissioner Brad Chandler, and Commissioner Keith Wood to the Board of Commissioners.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY-ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Assistant County Manager/Clerk to the Board Amber Brown opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the Stokes County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Chandler nominated Commissioner Morris to serve as Chairman of the Stokes County Board of Commissioners.

With no further nominations, Assistant County Manager/Clerk to the Board Amber Brown entertained a motion to close the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to close the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Cox seconded.

Assistant County Manager/Clerk to the Board Amber Brown opened the floor for any discussion/questions/comments.

Assistant County Manager/Clerk to the Board Amber Brown polled the Board:

Commissioner Chandler – Commissioner Morris
Commissioner Cox – Commissioner Morris
Commissioner Mendenhall – Commissioner Morris
Commissioner Morris – Commissioner Morris
Commissioner Wood – Commissioner Morris

The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Assistant County Manager / Clerk to the Board Amber Brown noted that Commissioner Morris would serve as Chairman for the Stokes County Board of Commissioners.

Assistant County Manager / Clerk to the Board Amber Brown turned the meeting over to Chairman Rick Morris.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY-ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Morris opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman of the Stokes County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Wood nominated Commissioner Chandler to serve as Vice Chairman of the Stokes County Board of Commissioners.

With no further nominations, Chairman Morris entertained a motion to close the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Cox moved to close the floor for nominations.

Commissioner Mendenhall seconded.

Chairman Morris polled the Board:

Commissioner Chandler – Commissioner Chandler
Commissioner Cox – Commissioner Chandler
Commissioner Mendenhall – Commissioner Chandler
Chairman Morris – Commissioner Chandler
Commissioner Wood – Commissioner Chandler

The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Chairman Morris noted that Commissioner Chandler would serve as Vice Chair for the Stokes County Board of Commissioners.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY

Chairman Morris opened the floor for comments from the Board of Commissioners:

Vice-Chair Chandler commented:

- Stokes is a great place.
- Historically, I am very impressed with the work ethic and with the “go get it done” attitude that you’ve had here in Stokes County.
- We’ve got to keep that in place with a strong work ethic, but I think what we need to do is a little bit more planning and foresight.
- We have to take into account different aspects especially when it comes to economic development.

Commissioner Cox commented:

- I would like to thank everybody for being here and for showing up and supporting the new Board.

- We appreciate your attendance, and I look forward to working with both Brad and Keith and to continue working with Rick and Ronnie.
- I think we can do some stuff to move this county forward and make some progress. It's exciting.

Commissioner Mendenhall commented:

- It's good to have everybody here; I see a lot of people I know.
- I see some of my former students from North Stokes and Sandy Ridge and that area.
- Thank you for coming out. Thank you for coming out to support the new Board.
- Brad, Keith, Rick, congratulations to all three of you.
- As we move forward, we have plenty of issues that we will be dealing with in the next two years.
- I'm looking forward to working with our new Board, and thank you once again for being here.

Commissioner Wood commented:

- Thank everybody for coming out.
- Like I said earlier, it has been a great ride.
- The most impressive, has been meeting a lot of people from all parts of the county.
- Being stuck in Danbury, I kind of got away from that and there are some great people.
- They all have a lot of the same views. The most common thing was, change but don't change the county.
- Change for the better but keep it our Stokes.
- That's what we want to do is to improve it but keep the charm of Stokes County.
- Thank you all for coming. Be safe going home.

Chair Morris commented:

- I'd like to thank everybody for coming and for the support my wife has given me to do another term.
- I'm going to do one more term and that will be it for me. I'll tell you that up front.
- I intend to work extremely hard in this next four years.
- I hope my legacy when that's all over will be promises made and promises kept.
- That will certainly be my objective.
- I am so grateful and honored to serve the folks of Stokes County.
- Every decision that I make will be to do what I think is in our citizens best interest.
- I look forward to working with the rest of the Board to try to accomplish and realize the giant potential that this county has.
- It really does have a lot of potential. It just needs some strong leadership and I think we can accomplish a lot.
- Thanks again for your support, for coming out to be with us tonight, and we look forward to working for you.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Morris entertained a motion to adjourn the Organizational Meeting.

Commissioner Mendenhall moved to adjourn the Organizational Meeting.

Vice-Chair Chandler seconded.

Chairman Morris opened the floor for any discussion/questions/comments.

The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm.



Amber Brown

Clerk to the Board



Rick Morris

Chairman