

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 NOVEMBER 27, 2023

The Stokes County Board of County Commissioners, State of North Carolina, met for a Joint Meeting with the Stokes County Water & Sewer Authority on Monday, November 27, 2023 at 12:30 pm in the Commissioners' Chambers located in the Administrative Building in Danbury, North Carolina.

The following members for the Board of County Commissioners were present for the Joint Meeting: Chairman Rick Morris, Vice Chairman Brad Chandler, Commissioner Sonya Cox, and Commissioner Keith Wood. Commissioner Ronnie Mendenhall recused himself due to a potential conflict of interest and was absent.

The following Water & Sewer Authority Members were present for the Joint Meeting: Chairman John Hawkins, Member Joe Turpin, Member Adam Stewart, and Ex Officio Member Eddy McGee. Member Joe DelGuercio and Vice Chairman Scott Snow were absent.

County Administration present for the Joint Meeting: Interim County Manager/Clerk to the Board Amber Brown, Assistant Finance Director Lisa Lankford, Public Works Director Stewart Easter, and Administrative Aide/Clerk to the Water & Sewer Authority Sherry East.

Call to Order

Chairman Morris called the meeting for the Board of County Commissioners to order.

Invocation

Chairman Morris invited those in attendance to join the Boards in the invocation, if so desired. Chairman Morris delivered the invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Morris invited those in attendance to join the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda

Chairman Morris entertained a motion for the Board of County Commissioners to approve today's agenda.

Vice Chairman Chandler moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion.

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

With no discussion, the motion passed (4-0) with Commissioner Mendenhall absent.

Stokes County Water & Sewer Authority – Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

Chairman John Hawkins called the meeting for the Stokes County Water & Sewer Authority to order.

Chairman Hawkins moved to adopt the agenda presented by the Board of County Commissioners. Authority Member Turpin seconded the motion.

Chairman Hawkins opened the floor for discussion/questions/comments.

With no discussion, the motion passed (3-0) with Vice Chairman Snow and Member DelGuercio absent.

Joint Meeting Discussion

Chairman Morris turned the floor over to Public Works Director Stewart Easter for an update regarding Public Works and the water issues.

Public Works Director Easter presented the following information:

- **Germanton Water System**
 - Water & Sewer Authority to the Meadows Connection
 - \$18 million project – biggest project – American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding
 - Design for this project is in its final stages and almost completed
 - Plan is to have engineering to submit DEQ in early December
 - Once that is reviewed, easement work will begin – there will be several easements for this project due to the distance
 - Have a draft letter that has been sent to LKC – the letter will then be sent to potential property owners affected to let them know that surveying will begin
 - Once that is completed, it will be ready for bids and permits
 - Will probably be next summer when construction starts
- **Danbury Water Replacement of Main Water Lines**
 - It is in the final stages of being completed as far as the design is concerned
 - Will be replacing a 6-inch line with an 8-inch line which will give more volume, better flow, and better capacity
 - Have notified property owners regarding surveys being done
 - Hope to have all this ready to be sent to DEQ in December
 - Once review by DEQ is completed, the project will start
- **Meadows Project**
 - Started a couple of years ago – grant funding
 - Design part of the project is completed
 - Has been sent to DEQ for review with hopes that the environment review will be completed in mid-December
 - Yadkin Well has been contacted for the test well on Wall Loop Road with no set date to dig the well yet
 - Probably looking at a couple of months to get the well dug
 - All the easements, except two, have been signed - working on the last two easements

- Be glad to answer any questions

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

Chairman Morris confirmed with Director Easter that the Germanton Water System Project will connect Meadows to the Winston Salem Water System.

Chairman Morris confirmed with Director Easter that the term “test well” is used until the well is dug and confirmed to meet the needs of the project as far as volume of water.

Chairman Morris confirmed with Director Easter that when this well is added to the system, there will be three wells total to feed the Meadows System.

There were no further questions.

Closed Session

With no further discussion, Chairman Morris entertained a motion for the Board of Commissioners to enter closed session.

Vice Chairman Chandler moved to enter closed session for the following:

- To discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body, including agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations, or to discuss matters relating to military installation closure or realignment pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4)

Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. The motion passed (4-0) with Commissioner Mendenhall absent.

With no further discussion, Chairman Hawkins entertained a motion for the Water & Sewer Authority to enter closed session.

Member Stewart moved the enter closed session for the following:

- To discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body, including agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations, or to discuss matters relating to military installation closure or realignment pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4)

Member Turpin seconded the motion. With no discussion, the motion passed (3-0) with Vice Chairman Snow and Member DelGuercio absent.

Both Boards entered closed session.

Both Boards exited closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Boards, Chairman Morris entertained a motion for the Board of Education to adjourn the Joint Meeting.

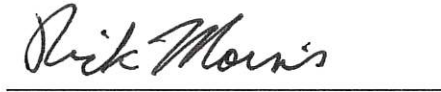
Vice Chairman Chandler moved to adjourn the Joint Meeting. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. The motion passed (4-0) with Commissioner Mendenhall absent.

With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Hawkins entertained a motion for the Stokes County Water & Sewer Authority to adjourn the Joint Meeting.

Authority Member Stewart moved to adjourn the Joint Meeting. Authority Member Turpin seconded the motion. The motion passed (3-0) with Vice Chairman Snow and Member DelGuercio absent.



Amber Brown
Clerk to the Board



Rick Morris
Chairman