

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  
APRIL 26, 2010

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Stokes, State of North Carolina, met for regular session in the Commissioners' Chambers of the Ronald Wilson Reagan Memorial Building (Administration Building) located in Danbury, North Carolina on Monday, April 26, 2010 at 6:00 pm with the following members present:

Chairman Jimmy Walker  
Vice Chairman Ernest Lankford  
Commissioner J. Leon Inman  
Commissioner Ron Carroll  
Commissioner Stanley Smith

County Personnel in Attendance:  
County Manager K. Bryan Steen  
Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins  
Finance Director Julia Edwards  
Emergency Services Director Monty Stevens  
Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall  
Senior Services Program Director Lynn Martens  
DSS Director Jan Spencer

Chairman Jimmy Walker called the meeting to order.

Vice Chairman Ernest Lankford delivered the invocation.

#### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Walker opened the meeting by inviting the citizens in attendance to join the Board with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman Walker entertained a motion to approve or amend the April 26, 2010 Agenda.

Vice Chairman Lankford moved to approve the April 26, 2010 Agenda as submitted. Commissioner Inman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Walker entertained a motion to approve or amend the following items on the Consent Agenda:

**Minutes**

- Minutes of April 6, 2010 – Goals Planning Session
- Minutes of April 12, 2010

**Public Buildings - Budget Amendment #83**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #83.

To amend the General Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Current Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>As Amended</b>
<b>Public Buildings</b>				
100.4190.510	Equipment	\$6,320.00	\$8,820.00	\$15,140.00
<b>Contingency</b>				
100.9910.000	Contingency	<u>\$85,750.00</u>	<u>\$(8,820.00)</u>	<u>\$76,930.00</u>
	Totals	\$92,070.00	\$00.00	\$92,070.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To transfer funds from Contingency for the purchase of a replacement HVAC unit at the Southwestern Service Center.

This will result in a net increase of \$00.00 in the expenditures and other financial use to the County’s annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received this fiscal year.

**Sheriff’s Department and Solid Waste - Budget Amendment #84**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #84.

To amend the General Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Current Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>As Amended</b>
<b>Sheriff’s Department</b>				
100.4310.351	Maint. & Repairs –Auto	\$68,238.00	\$811.00	\$69,049.00
<b>Solid Waste</b>				
100.4720.353	Maint. & Repairs – Site	<u>\$15,000.00</u>	<u>\$890.00</u>	<u>\$15,890.00</u>
	Totals	\$83,238.00	\$1,701.00	\$84,939.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate funds from insurance claims.

This will result in a net increase of \$1,701.00 in the expenditures and other financial use to the County’s annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received this fiscal year.

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Current Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>As Amended</b>
100.3839.850	Insurance Claims	<u>\$65,933.00</u>	<u>\$1,701.00</u>	<u>\$67,634.00</u>
	Totals	\$65,933.00	\$1,701.00	\$67,634.00

**Dedicated Fund – Debt Service - Budget Amendment #85**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #85.

To amend the General Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Current Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>As Amended</b>
<b>Dedicated Fund–Debt Service</b>				
211.9100.000	Debt Service	\$00.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00
	Totals	\$00.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To transfer funds for General Fund for Debt Service. Budget Amendment #8 dated 09-14-09 transferred these funds, but the dedicated fund section was left off in error.

This will result in a net increase of \$1,000,000.00 in the expenditures and other financial use to the County’s annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received this fiscal year.

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Current Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>As Amended</b>
<b>Dedicated Fund-Debt Service</b>				
211.3981.000	Transfer from General Fund	\$00.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00
	Totals	\$00.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00

**Legal - Budget Amendment #86**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #86.

To amend the General Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Current Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>As Amended</b>
<b>Legal</b>				
100.4150.180	Professional Services	\$113,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$133,000.00
<b>Contingency</b>				
100.9910.000	Contingency	\$85,750.00	\$(20,000.00)	\$65,750.00
	Totals	\$198,750.00	\$00.00	\$198,750.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To transfer funds from Contingency to cover attorney fees related to the management transfer of Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital.

This will result in a net increase of \$00.00 in the expenditures and other financial use to the County’s annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received this fiscal year.

**Capital Reserve Fund/Capital Projects Fund - Budget Amendment #87**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #87.

To amend the General Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Current Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>As Amended</b>
<b>Capital Reserve Fund</b>				
201.4160.000	Superior Court	\$15,997.00	\$(15,997.00)	\$00.00
201.9840.000	Transfer Capital Projects Fund	\$103,000.00	\$15,997.00	\$118,997.00
	Totals	\$118,997.00	\$00.00	\$118,997.00

<b>Capital Projects Fund</b>				
Construction of Courtroom "C"				
400.5918.601	and District Attorney Offices	<u>\$129,751.00</u>	<u>\$15,997.00</u>	<u>\$145,748.00</u>
	Totals	\$129,751.00	\$15,997.00	\$145,748.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To transfer funds from Capital Reserve Fund to Capital Projects Fund for the Courtroom "C" Project.

This will result in a net increase of \$15,997.00 in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received this fiscal year.

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Current Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>As Amended</b>
<b>Capital Projects Fund</b>				
410.3982.003	Transfer from Capital Reserve Fund	<u>\$103,000.00</u>	<u>\$15,997.00</u>	<u>\$118,997.00</u>
	Totals	\$103,000.00	\$15,997.00	\$118,997.00

**Emergency Management - Budget Amendment #88**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #88.

To amend the General Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Current Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>As Amended</b>
<b>Capital Projects Fund</b>				
100.4430.510	Equipment	\$00.00	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00
<b>Contingency</b>				
100.9910.000	Contingency	<u>\$65,750.00</u>	<u>\$(10,360.00)</u>	<u>\$55,390.00</u>
	Totals	\$65,750.00	\$2,640.00	\$68,390.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To appropriate insurance claim funds and transfer funds from Contingency to replace vehicle for the Emergency Director due to an auto accident.

This will result in a net increase of \$2,640.00 in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received this fiscal year.

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Current Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>As Amended</b>
100.3839.850	Insurance Claims	<u>\$65,933.00</u>	<u>\$2,640.00</u>	<u>\$68,573.00</u>
	Totals	\$65,933.00	\$2,640.00	\$68,573.00

**Vehicle Maintenance and Capital Reserve Fund - Budget Amendment #89**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #89.

To amend the General Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows:

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Current Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>As Amended</b>
<b>Vehicle Maintenance</b>				
100.4250.510	Equipment	<u>\$00.00</u>	<u>\$5,800.00</u>	<u>\$5,800.00</u>
	Totals	\$00.00	\$5,800.00	\$5,800.00

**Capital Reserve Fund**

201.4250.006	Vehicle Maintenance	\$109,847.00	\$(5,800.00)	\$104,047.00
201.9810.000	Transfer to General Fund	<u>\$139,948.00</u>	<u>\$5,800.00</u>	<u>\$145,748.00</u>
	Totals	\$249,795.00	\$00.00	\$249,795.00

This budget amendment is justified as follows:

To transfer funds from Capital Reserve Fund to General Fund for the purchase of a metal building for Vehicle Maintenance.

This will result in a net increase of \$5,800.00 in the expenditures and other financial use to the County's annual budget. To provide the additional revenue for the above, the following revenues will increase. These revenues have already been received or are verified they will be received this fiscal year.

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Current Budgeted Amount</b>	<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>	<b>As Amended</b>
100.3982.960	Transfer from Capital Reserve	<u>\$139,948.00</u>	<u>\$5,800.00</u>	<u>\$145,748.00</u>
	Totals	\$139,948.00	\$5,800.00	\$145,748.00

**Tax Administration Report – March 2010**

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Present-Use Value Late

Application (March 2010) at the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting with a request for approval at the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting: (Tax Administrator Oakley recommended approval of the Present-Use Value Late Application)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Parcel Number</b>	<b>Acreage</b>
J. C. Campbell	598304645639	35.59
Katherine Campbell		Agricultural-Woodland has been under Forestry since 1988 and now qualifies for the Agricultural Deferment also

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Exempt Property Late Application at the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting with a request for approval at the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting: (Tax Administrator Oakley recommended approval of the Exempt Property Late Application)

- Mountain Top Youth Camp
  - Parcel #599600302773 =1.86 acres
  - Parcel #599600301274 =1.49 acres
  - Parcel #599600209446 = .59 acre
  - Parcel #599600207134 = .65 acre
- Mountain Top Youth Camp already owns over 180 acres that has been exempt for many years, the above small recently acquired parcels are not part of their camp.

Tax Administrator Jake Oakley presented the following Refund/Release Request –

Discovery Appeal from Mr. Gabriel Juan Chavez at the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting with a request for approval from Mr. Chavez at the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting: (Tax Administrator Oakley recommended denial of the Refund/Release Discovery Appeal)

- Refund/release covering a portion of a discovery billing for the years 2005-2008 & an annual billing for 2009 covering a 14x70 single wide mobile home

**Proposed Resolutions – Delegate Approval of Pyrotechnics Permits to the Town of Walnut and the City of King**

Fire Marshal Frankie Burcham presented the following proposed Resolutions regarding Pyrotechnics Permits to the Town of Walnut Cove and the City of King at the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting with a request for approval at the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting:

**Resolution of Approval by the Stokes County Board of Commissioners to Delegate the Approval of Pyrotechnics Permits to the City of King**

**WHEREAS**, House Bill 701 and Senate Bill 563 have ratified General Statutes 14-410 and 14-413 to improve pyrotechnic safety in North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, General Statute 14-413 (a1) provides that a board of commissioners may authorize the governing body of any city in the county to issue permits pursuant to the provisions of General Statute 14-413 for pyrotechnics to be exhibited, used, or discharged within the corporate limits of the city for use in connection with the conduct of concerts or public exhibitions; and,

**WHEREAS**, the resolution granting the authority to the city shall remain in effect until withdrawn by the board of commissioners adopting a subsequent resolution withdrawing the authority; and

**WHEREAS**, this ratification became effective February 1, 2010.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Stokes County Board of Commissioners authorizes the governing body of the City of King to issue permits pursuant to the provisions of General Statute 14-413 for pyrotechnics to be exhibited, used, or discharged within the corporate limits of the city for use in connection with the conduct of concerts or public exhibitions.

Approved and adopted the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

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**Chairman Jimmy Walker**

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**Vice Chairman Ernest Lankford**

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**Commissioner J. Leon Inman**

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**Commissioner Ron Carroll**

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**Commissioner Stanley Smith**

Attest:

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**Darlene M. Bullins**  
**Clerk to the Board**

**Resolution of Approval by the Stokes County Board of Commissioners to Delegate the Approval of Pyrotechnics Permits to the Town of Walnut Cove**

**WHEREAS**, House Bill 701 and Senate Bill 563 have ratified General Statutes 14-410 and 14-413 to improve pyrotechnic safety in North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, General Statute 14-413 (a1) provides that a board of commissioners may authorize the governing body of any city in the county to issue permits pursuant to the provisions of General Statute 14-413 for pyrotechnics to be exhibited, used, or discharged within the corporate limits of the city for use in connection with the conduct of concerts or public exhibitions; and,

**WHEREAS**, the resolution granting the authority to the city shall remain in effect until withdrawn by the board of commissioners adopting a subsequent resolution withdrawing the authority; and

**WHEREAS**, this ratification became effective February 1, 2010.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Stokes County Board of Commissioners authorizes the governing body of the Town of Walnut Cove to issue permits pursuant to the provisions of General Statute 14-413 for pyrotechnics to be exhibited, used, or discharged within the corporate limits of the city for use in connection with the conduct of concerts or public exhibitions.

Approved and adopted the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

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**Chairman Jimmy Walker**

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**Vice Chairman Ernest Lankford**

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**Commissioner J. Leon Inman**

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**Commissioner Ron Carroll**

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**Commissioner Stanley Smith**

Attest:

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**Darlene M. Bullins**  
**Clerk to the Board**

**Proposed Schedule for Fiscal Year 2010-11 – Public Hearing and Budget Work Sessions**

The Board discussed the following dates and times for the Public Hearing and Budget Work Sessions regarding the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Budget at the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting and unanimously agreed to place the proposed dates and times on the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting for consideration:

- Public Hearing:** Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm (large courtroom)
- Work Sessions:** Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm
- Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm
- Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am
- Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm
- Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 am
- Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 pm
- Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am

Commissioner Inman moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted.

Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – INFORMATION AGENDA**

**Update – Manager and Board of Commissioners**

County Manager Bryan Steen noted the following:

- Quality Assurance Program Monitoring Review was performed by the State regarding the District Resource Program
  - Successful completion rate thus far for this fiscal year in the program is 59% which is higher than the State average for the same period of time
  - Overall, program is very well run and continues to play an important role in the Stokes County criminal justice arena
- Emergency Services Director Monty Stevens received a Certification of Appreciation from the National Weather Service for services provided during the recent storm in the Sandy Ridge area the first part of April

**Recognition – Eagle Scout Project – Dylan Flippin**

Emergency Services Director Monty Stevens introduced Scout Dylan Flippin who recently completed one of his Eagle Scout Projects (installation of a flagpole) at EMS Station #3. Scout Flippin coordinated and raised the funding for the entire project.

Director Stevens commended Scout Flippin for his dedication and hard work and noted the flagpole put the “finishing touches” to the new station.

Scout Flippin briefly explained the project. Scout Master Mark George, who was in attendance for the meeting, commented on Scout Flippin’s leadership regarding the project.

The Board expressed appreciation to Scout Flippin for his service to Stokes County and the accomplished Eagle Project. Members of the Board noted that they looked forward to presenting Scout Flippin a resolution upon his completion of Eagle Scout.

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – DISCUSSION AGENDA**

**Proposed Application for Juvenile Crime Prevention Council – Fiscal Year 2010-11 Funding**

JCPC Chairman Jan Spencer presented the following Juvenile Crime Prevention Council’s application for Fiscal Year 2010-11 for the Board’s consideration:

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>JCPC Request</b>	<b>County Match</b>
Children's Center	Emergency Shelter Program	\$ 9,777.00	\$ 2,933.00
Children's Center	Psychological evaluation Program	\$ 846.00	\$ 254.00
SCAN	Parents/Teens Together	\$ 22,199.00	\$ 6,870.00
Partnership for a Drug Free NC	Insight Human Services	\$ 26,092.00	\$ 7,801.00
Stokes Family Counseling	Family Counseling/Parenting Skills	\$ 82,559.00	\$ 24,768.00
	Restitution/Community Service		
	Restitution/Monetary Restitution		
		\$141,473.00	\$ 42,626.00

Chairperson Spencer noted the following:

- JCPC recommends seven programs from four providers
- The providers from fiscal year 2009-10 are providing good quality services which JCPC feels the programs are making a dent in juvenile crime
- The number of complaints has decreased in the County since fiscal year 2007 as well as the number of juveniles involved
- Approximately \$2,000 JCPC funding was not allocated in anticipation of state cuts

Vice Chairman Lankford noted the decrease in the numbers is very impressive.

Commissioner Smith, who serves on the JCPC, commented that he has found it very rewarding to serve on the JCPC and feels the current providers are dedicated to serving the youth in Stokes County and are making a difference in Stokes County. Commissioner Smith also noted the cost for a youth in a detention center is approximately \$107,000 per year, these programs have proven to help keep our youth from being sent to a detention center. Chairperson Spencer noted that last year no youth was committed to a detention center and that the detention rates are continuing to decrease.

Commissioner Carroll reiterated that he feels the goals set by each provider are still too low.

Chairperson Spencer noted that JCPC members had discussed the issue and feel that with each year there is a whole new set of kids which can always have a big impact on a provider



meeting their performance goal.

State Consultant Rich Smith stated that the providers do not need to set their performance standards so high that they are unachievable, but that the Council could review this issue.

The Board commended the providers for the dedication and hard work to help youth in Stokes County.

Chairman Walker noted the possible shortfall this upcoming year in funding from the State.

The Board had no issues with the JCPC recommendation.

Chairman Walker, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the May 10<sup>th</sup> Action Agenda.

### **Proposed Bids – Senior Meals**

Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall presented the following bid information received for Senior Meals:

- Request for bids were mailed to Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital, Golden Corral and Bateman Senior Meal
- Golden Corral and Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center (Food & Nutrition Services) were the only providers who submitted bids
- Bids for furnishing meals to Senior Services were opened and read aloud on April 12<sup>th</sup>
- Contract will be for three years with an option for renewal each year
- **Golden Corral** - \$3.30 per meal with a total meal program cost = \$165,000 (decrease in cost by \$.15 per meal)
- **Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center** - \$3.41 per meal with a total meal program cost = \$170,500 (decrease in cost by \$.04 per meal)

Senior Services Program Director Lynn Martens, who was in attendance for the meeting, noted that the recent survey indicates an overall satisfaction from the clients being served by Golden Corral this past year.

The Board discussed the proposed bids with Mr. Stovall and Director Martens.

Chairman Walker, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the May 10<sup>th</sup> Action Agenda.

### **Proposed Resolution – Request to Declare Surplus Property – Hobe Kiser Property**

Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall presented the following request received from William Tedder, City of King Fire Department, for the Board's consideration:

- City of King Fire Department requests to use the houses on the Kiser Property located on Hobe Kiser Road for training
- Testing has been done to see what can actually be burned
- Training will be for forcible enter, salvage, overhaul, etc

Mr. Stovall noted that Operations Director David Burge, Stokes County Schools, has been notified of the request and has no issues with the request.

Mr. Stovall noted a resolution would need to be approved if the Board had no issues with the request.

The Board discussed the item with Mr. Stovall and had no issues with the request.

Chairman Walker, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on the May 10<sup>th</sup> Consent Agenda.

### **Early College Proposed Bids – Electrical, Plumbing, & Waste Water Collection System**

#### **Electrical**

Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall presented the following bid information:

- Bid information was sent to the following:
  - Bowman Electric
  - Jerry Wilkins Electrical, Inc.
  - Pinnacle Electric Electrical Co. Inc.
  - Harry's Electric Co. Inc.
  - TK's Electric Contractor, Inc.
  - Hicks Electric
- The following bids were opened and read aloud on April 13<sup>th</sup>:
  - TK's Electrical Contractors Inc. = \$32,975
  - Jerry Wilkins Electrical Inc. = \$33,700
  - Harry's Electric Co. Inc. = \$36,500
  - RD Franklin Electric Inc. = \$48,972
  - Pinnacle Electric Co. Inc. = \$49,650
- Request contract be awarded to the low bidder – TK's Electrical Contractors, Inc.
- Request item be moved to today's Action Agenda
- TK's Electric Contractor did the recent POD Project at Pinnacle Elementary
- Operations Director David Burge, Stokes County Schools, had no issues with the work performed by TK's

The Board discussed the item with Mr. Stovall.

#### **Waste Water Collection System (Sewer)**

Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall presented the following bid information:

- Bid information was sent to the following:
  - Tom Westmoreland
  - Frank Transou
  - Wayne Billingsley
  - Overby's Septic Tank
  - Ward Brothers
  - B&M Septic Tank
  - RE Griffin Plumbing
  - Gann Brothers Septic Tank
- The following bids were opened and read aloud on April 13<sup>th</sup>:
  - Overby's Septic Tank Inc. = \$39,608
  - Frank Transou Septic Tank Co. Inc. = \$53,750
  - J Westmoreland Inc. = \$56,119.50
- Request contract be awarded to the low bidder – Overby's Septic Tank Inc.
- Request item be moved to today's Action Agenda
- Overby's Septic Tank did the sewer system for the last POD placed at Pinnacle Elementary School – no issues with their work per Operations Director David Burge, Stokes County Schools

The Board discussed the item with Mr. Stovall.

## Plumbing

Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall presented the following bid information:

- Bid information was sent to the following:
  - C&H Plumbing
  - Dease Plumbing
  - Advance Plumbing
  - Merritt Plumbing
  - Stanley Plumbing
  - RE Griffin Plumbing
  - Gopher Utility Services
- The following bids were opened and read aloud on April 13<sup>th</sup>:
  - C&H Plumbing = \$9,500
  - Gopher Utility Services = \$11,725.61
  - RE Griffin Plumbing = \$15,860
- Request contract be awarded to the low bidder – C&H Plumbing
- Request item be moved to today's Action Agenda

The Board discussed the item with Mr. Stovall.

Chairman Walker, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place all three bid items on today's Action Agenda.

Support Services Supervisor Danny Stovall presented the Board with a brief update regarding the Early College Project.

Mr. Stovall noted the following:

- Pre-bid meeting for the well water system (pumps, piping, chlorination. etc.) is scheduled for this Thursday at 3:30 pm
- Approximately 15 vendors have been notified
- Requested members to notify Purchasing if a vendor that was interested in the well water system bid had not been notified
- Rock has been discovered, testing company is scheduled for Tuesday to evaluate the amount of rock that must be moved

## Public Hearing – Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital, Inc. – Further Discussion

Chairman Walker opened the floor for discussion regarding the Public Hearing scheduled for May 27<sup>th</sup> regarding Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital.

Commissioner Carroll noted the following:

- **Additional Option** – To maintain the hospital as a separate corporation controlled by the County

Commissioner Carroll requested someone on behalf of the county (attorney, manager, HMC, etc.) explore what would be involved in separating the Certificate of Need the county presently has into three separate components (if it can be done). Commissioner Carroll noted that could have a major bearing on where the County might want to go.

Chairman Walker directed the manager to follow up on Commissioner Carroll's request to determine if the County could separate the Certificate of Need into three separate components.

Commissioner Carroll noted the three components would be the acute care hospital, outpatient clinic, and long term care facility.

Commissioner Carroll reiterated the need to have the item on each agenda prior to the Public Hearing.

Chairman Walker directed the Clerk to place the item on the May 10<sup>th</sup> Discussion Agenda.

Clerk Darlene Bullins requested direction on advertising the Public Hearing as to the specific dates and contents of the advertisement.

Commissioner Carroll requested the Public Hearing be advertised every Thursday in the month of May.

The Board discussed advertising as all other Public Hearings, the need to advertise in order to make the public aware of the date and time, and making sure the notice is on the county's website.

Chairman Walker, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on today's Action Agenda.

**Job Vacancy**

County Manager Bryan Steen recommended the following permanent position be filled:

- EMS Paramedic – vacated on April 15, 2010

Emergency Services Director Monty Stevens noted that the position was currently being staffed by part time employees and would request the position be moved to the today's Action Agenda if possible.

Chairman Walker, with full consensus of the Board, directed the Clerk to place the item on today's Action Agenda.

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – ACTION AGENDA**

**Proposed Bids – Health and Dental Coverage for Fiscal Year 2010-11**

County Manager Bryan Steen presented the following bid information regarding health and dental coverage for Fiscal Year 2010-11 at the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting with a request for approval at the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting:

**Health**

<b>Insurance Provider</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Estimated County</b>
<b>HMO</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Annual Increase</b>
<b>NCACC-CIGNA</b>		
Renewal-Current Plan	4.2%	\$50,517.12
Alternate 1	3.1%	\$37,887.84
Alternate 2	3.0%	\$36,594.48

- ❖ **Renewal- Current Plan** – 4.2% increase would give the County employees the same exact coverage – no changes
- ❖ **Alternate 1** - 3.1% increase changes the current \$150 co-pay for an emergency room visit to \$250
- ❖ **Alternate 2** - 3.0% increase changes the current \$25/\$40 co-pays for prescription drugs to \$30/\$45

**Dental**

<b>Dental</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Estimated County</b>
	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Annual Increase</b>
<b>NCACC-CIGNA</b>		
Renewal –Current Plan	3.5%	\$2,377.20
Alternate 1 (without Orthodontic benefits)	1.0%	\$950.88

Commissioner Inman confirmed the following:

- ❖ With the renewal of the current coverage, there would be a 4% increase
- ❖ With Alternate #1, the only change is the current \$150 co-pay for an emergency room visits increases to \$250

Vice Chairman Lankford stated that during this very uncertain economic time, it is very important to maintain the current coverage for the employees.

Vice Chairman Lankford moved to renew the current health and dental coverage for employees. Chairman Walker ruled the motion dead for lack of a second.

Commissioner Carroll moved to approve the health insurance presented as Alternate #1 and the dental insurance maintaining the current plan. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion.

Vice Chairman Lankford reiterated maintaining the current plan is only a 1.1% increase over Alternate #1 and feels it is very important to maintain the current plan for county employees.

The motion carried (4-1) with Vice Chairman Lankford voting against the motion.

**Appointments – Board of Health**

Chairman Walker noted David Smith was nominated at the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting to fill the unexpired term of an at large appointment (Jerry Mitchell was appointed to the professional engineer appointment).

There were no further nominations.  
Chairman Walker polled the Board:

Commissioner Smith: David Smith  
 Commissioner Inman: David Smith  
 Chairman Walker: David Smith  
 Vice Chairman Lankford: David Smith  
 Commissioner Carroll: David Smith

Chairman Walker noted the Board unanimously appointed David Smith to fill the unexpired term of the at large appointment on the Board of Health.

### **Early College Proposed Bids – Electrical, Plumbing, & Waste Water Collection System**

Chairman Walker entertained a motion regarding the proposed bids discussed at today's meeting.

Vice Chairman Lankford moved to accept the low bid for electrical, plumbing, and sewer for the Early College Project. Commissioner Carroll seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Public Hearing – Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital, Inc. – Further Discussion**

Chairman Walker entertained a motion regarding the advertising of the Public Hearing discussed at today's meeting.

Commissioner Carroll moved to advertise on May 6<sup>th</sup> and May 13<sup>th</sup> a typical generic advertisement that there would be a Public Hearing on May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in Courtroom "A" and at the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Board would officially identify options that the Board is aware of and advertise those options on May 20<sup>th</sup> and May 27<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Lankford noted the need for further discussion before voting on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Inman reiterated the need to advertise in order to make the public aware of the Public Hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Job Vacancy**

Chairman Walker entertained a motion regarding the EMS vacancy discussed at today's meeting.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the request from Manager Steen to fill the vacant paramedic position. Vice Chairman Lankford seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Closed Session**

Chairman Walker entertained a motion to enter Closed Session for the following:

- To consider and take action with respect to the position to be taken by the county in negotiating the price or other material terms of an agreement or the acquisition or lease of real property pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5)
- To discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the County pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4)

Commissioner Inman moved to enter Closed Session for the following:

- To consider and take action with respect to the position to be taken by the county in negotiating the price or other material terms of an agreement or the acquisition or lease of real property pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5)

- To discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the County pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4)

Commissioner Carroll seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board re-entered the regular session of the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Purchase of Land**

Chairman Walker questioned if there was any further business to come before the Board.

Commissioner Inman moved that the County of Stokes, as buyer, offer to purchase from Charles M. Martin, Suzann D. Martin, N. Alex Martin, Lynne Martin, Kimberly Johnston, and Michael Johnston, as sellers, 1.263 acres more or less identified as parcel 6946-06-29-1794, at a total sales price of \$7,638.00 for the purpose of a well and tank site for the Danbury Water System and easements thereon. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Walker entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Vice Chairman Lankford moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Smith seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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**Darlene M. Bullins**  
**Clerk to the Board**

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**Jimmy Walker**  
**Chairman**