

Ms. Hedgecock expressed concerns on the county budget and the need to continue to find ways to balance the budget.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT –GOVERNING BODY-APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to approve or amend the minutes of the December 12th, December 16th, and December 30th meetings.

Commissioner Inman moved to approve the minutes of the December 12th, December 16th, and December 30th meetings.

Commissioner Mabe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY-APPOINTMENTS

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion for the following appointment that were submitted at the December 16th meeting:

- Stokes County Board of Health: Chairman Sandy McHugh
- Northwest Piedmont Council of Governments: Vice Chairman John Turpin
- Northwest Piedmont Council of Governments (RPO): Commissioner Joe Turpin

Commissioner Inman moved to approve the following appointments:

- Stokes County Board of Health: Chairman Sandy McHugh
- Northwest Piedmont Council of Governments: Vice Chairman John Turpin
- Northwest Piedmont Council of Governments (RPO): Commissioner Joe Turpin

Vice Chairman John Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY-SALE OF CHERRY PARK

County Manager Craig Greer submitted information for Mr. Danny Stovall who was unable to attend the meeting. Manager Greer informed the Board that Mr. Stovall had two quotes from surveyors for Cherry Park - Norman Scott \$2100 and Marvin Cavanaugh \$2500; one surveyor responded that he was not available at the present time; and one surveyor who did not respond.

The Board had approved the survey contingent upon the cost not exceeding \$1500.

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to survey Cherry Park.

Vice Chairman John Turpin moved to approve the surveying of Cherry Park by Norman Scott for \$2100 to make it available for public sale.

Commissioner Inman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-SHERIFF’S DEPT.-BUDGET AMENDMENT #29

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #29, which is necessary appropriate funds from insurance claim of damaged vehicles.

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to approve Budget Amendment #29.

Commissioner Mabe moved to approve Budget Amendment #29. Vice Chairman

John Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL FUND		INCREASE	DECREASE
REVENUES			
Insurance Claims	100.3839.850	\$ 2,803.00	
EXPENDITURES			
Sheriff’s Department			
Maint. & Repairs Auto	100.4310.351	\$ 2,803.00	

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-SOLID WASTE-BUDGET AMENDMENT #30

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #30, which is necessary to appropriate funds from White Goods for repairs to front end loader.

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to approve Budget Amendment #30.

Commissioner Mabe moved to approve Budget Amendment #30.

Commissioner Inman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL FUND		INCREASE	DECREASE
REVENUES			
White Goods	100.3329.330	\$ 5,500.00	
EXPENDITURES			
Solid Waste			
Maint. & Repairs Equipment	100.4720.350	\$ 5,500.00	

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-FINANCE-BUDGET AMENDMENT #31

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #31, which is necessary to re-appropriate funds from the budget adjustments approved by the Board of Commissioners and savings from other line items.

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to approve Budget Amendment #31.

Commissioner Joe Turpin moved to approve Budget Amendment #31.

Commissioner Mabe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL FUND		INCREASE	DECREASE
REVENUES			
Investments	100.3831.450		\$ (235,000.00)
Solid Waste Fees	100.3472.000		\$ (8,000.00)
Elections	100.3714.450		\$ (5,000.00)
Sale of Materials	100.3835.820		\$ (7,000.00)
Senior Citizens Misc. Revenue	100.3839.004		\$ (15,000.00)
Sale of Equipment & Buildings	100.3839.820	\$ 25,000.00	
State Funds-Hold Harmless	100.3327.100		\$ (35,204.00)
EXPENDITURES			
Governing Body			
Travel	100.4110.310		\$ (3,000.00)
Administration			
Maint. & Repairs Equipment	100.4120.350		\$ (500.00)
Finance			
Departmental Supplies	100.4130.260		\$ (1,000.00)
Travel	100.4130.310		\$ (1,000.00)
Maint. & Repairs Equipment	100.4130.350		\$ (300.00)
		INCREASE	DECREASE
Tax Administration			
Salaries & Wages	100.4140.000		\$ (34,500.00)
Social Security	100.4140.090		\$ (3,000.00)

Medicare Tax	100.4140.091	\$	(900.00)
Retirement	100.4140.100	\$	(1,600.00)
401K Plan	100.4140.101	\$	(400.00)
Telephone & Postage	100.4140.320	\$	(5,000.00)
Misc. Contractual Services	100.4140.330	\$	(3,000.00)

Mapping/GIS

Departmental Supplies	100.4141.260	\$	(500.00)
Maint. & Repairs Equipment	100.4141.350	\$	(500.00)

Superior Court

Utilities	100.4160.330	\$	(2,000.00)
Rental on Office Space	100.4160.410	\$	(1,800.00)

Election

Salaries & Wages-Part Time	100.4170.020	\$	(900.00)
Social Security	100.4170.090	\$	(500.00)
Medicare Tax	100.4170.091	\$	(100.00)
Travel	100.4170.310	\$	(2,000.00)
Printing	100.4170.340	\$	(1,000.00)
Maint. & Repairs Equipment	100.4170.350	\$	(4,500.00)
Precinct Officials	100.4170.390	\$	(12,000.00)

Register of Deeds

Salaries & Wages-Part Time	100.4180.020	\$	(6,800.00)
Social Security	100.4180.090	\$	(1,000.00)
Medicare Tax	100.4180.091	\$	(250.00)
Retirement	100.4180.100	\$	(450.00)

Public Buildings

Travel	100.4190.310	\$	(500.00)
Auto Supplies	100.4190.250	\$	(300.00)
Departmental Supplies	100.4190.260	\$	(3,031.00)

Information Systems

Professional Services	100.4210.180	\$	(1,000.00)
Departmental Supplies	100.4210.260	\$	(1,000.00)

Vehicle Maintenance

Salaries & Wages	100.4250.000	\$	(6,500.00)
Social Security	100.4250.090	\$	(500.00)
Retirement	100.4250.100	\$	(300.00)
BB&T 401K	100.4250.101	\$	(400.00)

INCREASE DECREASE

Emergency Communications

Salaries & Wages	100.4325.000	\$	(8,000.00)
Social Security	100.4325.090	\$	(2,500.00)
BB&T 401K	100.4325.101	\$	(500.00)

Fire & Rescue

Departmental Supplies	100.4340.260	\$	(1,000.00)
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Solid Waste

Salaries & Wages Part Time	100.4720.020	\$	(1,000.00)
Social Security	100.4720.090	\$	(1,500.00)

Medicare Tax	100.4720.091	\$	(400.00)
Retirement	100.4720.100	\$	(250.00)
Planning			
Social Security	100.4910.090	\$	(900.00)
Medicare Tax	100.4910.091	\$	(300.00)
Departmental Supplies	100.4910.260	\$	(800.00)
Economic Development			
Travel	100.4920.310	\$	(1,000.00)
Advertising	100.4920.370	\$	(1,000.00)
Cooperative Extension			
Departmental Supplies	100.4950.260	\$	(3,000.00)
Misc. Contractual Services	100.4950.440	\$	(5,000.00)
Natural Resources			
Travel	100.4960.310	\$	(1,000.00)
Health Department			
Salaries & Wages	100.5100.000	\$	(9,200.00)
Social Services			
Salaries & Wages	100.5310.000	\$	(85,660.00)
Social Security	100.5310.090	\$	(4,398.00)
Medicare Tax	100.5310.091	\$	(1,700.00)
Retirement	100.5310.100	\$	(1,300.00)
BB&T 401K Plan	100.5310.101	\$	(200.00)
Group Insurance	100.5310.110	\$	(7,700.00)
Local General Assistance	100.5310.391	\$	(1,700.00)
Auto Supplies	100.5310.250	\$	(578.00)
Public Assistance			
IV-E Special Foster Care	100.5440.002	\$	20,000.00
		INCREASE	DECREASE
Senior Citizens			
Salaries & Wages	100.5860.000	\$	(24,000.00)
Social Security	100.5860.090	\$	(1,200.00)
Medicare Tax	100.5860.091	\$	(200.00)
Retirement	100.5860.100	\$	(700.00)
BB&T 401K Plan	100.5860.101	\$	(100.00)
Group Insurance	100.5860.110	\$	(1,250.00)
Arts Council			
Salaries & Wages	100.6150.000	\$	(17,000.00)
Social Security	100.6150.090	\$	(900.00)
Medicare Tax	100.6150.091	\$	(200.00)
Retirement	100.6150.100	\$	(900.00)
BB&T 401K Plan	100.6150.101	\$	(150.00)
Contingency	100.9910.000	\$	(10,987.00)

Economic Development Director Ron Morgan presented a comprehensive report entitled "Stokes County Economic Development Business Plan. (Plan available in the Clerk's Office)

Director Morgan spoke to the Board concerning the Economic Development Business Plan, health care occupations, need for satellite community college in Stokes County, and what impact the proposed Federal Express Hub in Guilford County could possibly have for Stokes County.

Director Morgan expressed one of the most critical needs in Stokes County right now is the improvement of our work force.

Director Morgan commented on the following grants obtained during fiscal year 2002/2003:

Successful Projects

Fiscal Year 2002-2003

- Secured \$10,000 Planning Grant for e-stokes initiative with the Rural Internet Access Authority (www.e-nc.org)
- Secured \$20,000 Digital Literacy Training Grant with FTCC to offer two Basic Computer and Internet Skills Training Courses, free of charge to any Stokes County resident, at the Danbury Library. Both classes were full within three days of opening registration. One participant has gained employment as a result of taking the course.
- Secured \$12,000 Public Access Grant to replace outdated Public Access Internet Access computers at all three Stokes County Libraries.
- Secured \$63,000 Implementation Grant, in conjunction with Stokes County Schools TechPrep Grant, that will provide all new Distance Learning Centers with North Carolina Information Highway accessibility at North and West Stokes High Schools.
- Drafted Stokes County Center Report that detailed FTE population, facility size, cost and location analysis for use in securing adequate funding.
- Assisted in securing \$75,000 Duke Endowment Grant to expand facilities and capabilities of Stokes County Growers Co-op.
- Finalized contractual arrangements for Architectural and Engineering Services for Stokes County Welcome Center Project.
- Actively served on Executive Committee with the Northwest Piedmont Council of Governments and Mount Airy Chamber of Commerce to secure \$400,000 Community Economic Development Strategy Grant. Grant will produce for Stokes County:
 - Workforce Development Plan
 - Entrepreneurship Plan
 - Marketing and Public Relations Plan for Business Recruitment and Retention
 - Community Development Plan
 - Metrics for Measuring Success

Director Morgan concluded with comments on the Projects in Planning:

Projects in Planning

Improve existing, establish and market new image for Stokes County on the web, in pre-printed form, and local and regional articles. Effort should be focused on building pride both internally and externally.

Continue development of Stokes County Welcome Center with staffing by Stokes County Arts Council.

Pursue development of Stokes County Center in vicinity of proposed new hospital, with satellite facilities located at Meadows site.

Establish strong, positive, professional relationship with Wake Forest Bowman Gray School of Medicine, City of Winston-Salem and Forsyth Technical Community College.

Determine market and potential marketing efforts to businesses that would find location near new hospital and Stokes County Center attractive.

Promote new Distance Learning Centers as community asset.

Champion, with focus and direction from Stokes County Commissioners, latest technologies to deploy affordable hi-speed Internet access through out Stokes County.

Redesign www.stokescounty.org with primary focus of supplying up to date information useful to site location consultants, and (may require establishment of new website) tourism and tourism amenities. Expand this with more details.

Establish organization that could function as Internet based clearinghouse for products made in Stokes County. Stokes County Arts Council and Stokes County Growers CO-Op would be strong allies in this effort.

Develop a Comprehensive Stokes County Recreation Plan focused upon making Stokes County competitive for PARTF funding.

Secure signage along US Highway 52/I-74 identifying Stokes County Business Park.

Secure "Certified Site Status" with the North Carolina Department of Commerce for the Stokes County Business Park.

Continue efforts to assist expansion of Stokes County Growers Co-Op program both with products and with presence on the Internet.

Secure directional signage to Hanging Rock State Park from US Highway 52 / I-74.

Develop an on-line "Homeowners Handbook for Living In Stokes County", providing information about how new and existing citizens can make informed choices that will minimize their impact on the natural and cultural resources of Stokes County.

Establish periodic visits with statewide economic developers.

Host hospitality event for site selection community.

Participate in Piedmont Triad Partnership marketing events and sales calls.

Encourage maximum participation from Stokes County stakeholders in Community Economic Development Strategy (www.northwestnc.com) Program.

Chairman McHugh requested Director Morgan to return to the Board after the Board has had time to review the submitted Economic Development Business Plan.

McDonald Building-Newsome Road

Vice Chairman John Turpin requested Director Morgan to explain the lease pertaining to the McDonald Building-Newsome Road.

Director Morgan explained a market study performed in 2000 (for the previous five years) indicated that 90% of those who had been interested in Stokes County during that five year period had a need for 20 to 30 thousand square foot of space and would possibly employ 15 to 50 people. This led to the development of the McDonald Building. The building and 10 acres is owned by Mr. Wayne McDonald. The Stokes County Development Corporation, Inc. owns the adjoining 10 acres. Mr. McDonald developed the property and constructed 20,000 the square ft. building, which could be divided into two 10,000 square ft. sections. The building was available September 2001. The County's obligation is to pay the lease from September 2001 until the building is leased or August 31, 2004, which ever comes first.

Director Morgan noted that even though the building has not been leased, it has brought traffic to Stokes County with the leasing of other vacant buildings. Director Morgan commented that incentives had been offered, ads have been done, but felt that visibility from Highway 52 could have a favorable impact on the Stokes Industrial Park.

PUBLIC HEARING –GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS

Chairman McHugh called the Public Hearing to Order.

Public Comments

Steve Carroll
King, NC 27021

Mr. Carroll expressed comments concerning the opportunity to adjust the tax structure by January 1, 2003 to help pay for these bonds. Mr. Carroll expressed concerns over borrowing Funds to pay off such debts and offered the better proposal to invoke the 2/3 rule which would allow the Board to borrow funds up to \$2 million to pay off 2/3 of a note with financing from five to ten years. Spreading the payment would allow the County time to build up the fund balance.

Chairman McHugh adjourned the Public Hearing.

The Board reconvened to the regular meeting.

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion on the Bond Order Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,300,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds of the County of Stokes, North Carolina.

Vice Chairman John Turpin moved to approve the Bond Order Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,300,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds of the County of Stokes, North Carolina.

Commissioner Inman seconded the motion.

Commissioner Joe Turpin expressed concerns over the possibility that the Governor might take more funds next year and the possibility of not having to borrow as much.

County Manager Greer confirmed that there was no prepayment penalty and that the 2/3 Bond mentioned by Mr. Carroll was the County's first option, but the County confirmed with LGC (Local Government Commission) and County's Bond Council that the County was not eligible for the option.

Commissioner Mabe noted that even though this is not the best solution, this will allow the County to make it until next year's budget giving time to plan and evaluate.

The motion carried (3-2) with Vice Chairman John Turpin and Commissioner Joe Turpin voting against the motion.

**BOND ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,300,000
GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS
OF THE COUNTY OF STOKES, NORTH CAROLINA**

WHEREAS, the County of Stokes, North Carolina has issued its General Obligation School Bonds, Series 1996 and its General Obligation School Bonds, Series 1998;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Stokes, North Carolina deems it advisable to refund (1) \$400,000 in aggregate principal amount of the General Obligation School Bonds, Series 1996 maturing on June 1, 2003 and (2) \$850,000 in aggregate principal amount of the General Obligation School Bonds, Series 1998 maturing on June 1, 2003;

WHEREAS, an application has been filed with the Secretary of the Local Government Commission of North Carolina requesting Commission approval of the bonds hereinafter described as required by the Local Government Bond Act, and the Secretary of the Local Government Commission has notified the Board of Commissioners that the application has been accepted for submission to the Local Government Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Stokes, North Carolina as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Commissioners of the County of Stokes, North Carolina has ascertained and hereby determines that the County should refund (1) \$400,000 in aggregate principal amount of the General Obligation School Bonds, Series 1996 maturing on June 1, 2003 and (2) \$850,000 in aggregate principal amount of the General Obligation School Bonds, Series 1998 maturing on June 1, 2003, in order to obtain restructure the debt service thereon.

Section 2. In order to raise the money required to pay the costs of refunding (1) \$400,000 in aggregate principal amount of the General Obligation School Bonds, Series 1996 maturing on June 1, 2003 and (2) \$850,000 in aggregate principal amount of the General Obligation School Bonds, Series 1998 maturing on June 1, 2003, in addition to any funds which may be made available for such purpose from any other source, General Obligation Refunding Bonds of the County of Stokes, North Carolina are hereby authorized and shall be issued pursuant to the Local Government Bond Act of North Carolina. The maximum aggregate principal amount of such General Obligation Refunding Bonds authorized by this bond order shall be \$1,300,000.

Section 3. A tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said General Obligation Refunding Bonds when due shall be annually levied and collected.

Section 4. A sworn statement of the County's debt has been filed with the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and is open to public inspection.

Section 5. This bond order shall take effect on its adoption.

READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of January, 2003.

Adopted at a regular meeting
this 13th day of January, 2003.

ATTEST:

Darlene Bullins, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

J. Tyrone Browder, County Attorney

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-WILDLIFE/HUNTING ISSUES

Ms. Georgie George, Westfield, NC requested the Board to review and reintroduce the local hunting laws to the NC House for ratification changing the offense from a Class I Misdemeanor to a Class III Misdemeanor, which would increase the fines.

Ms. George presented the Board with a copy of the NC Inland Fishing, Hunting, and Trapping Regulations Digest –NC Wildlife Resources Commission.

Ms. George expressed concerns involving illegal hunters who trespass and the response time from local/wildlife officials during a recent incident. Ms. George concluded that adding Pasquotank County’s local law: Discharge a centerfire rifle on another’s land, or on or across such land from a public road, without have in possession written permission of the owner or lessee would benefit landowners in Stokes County.

Staff Attorney John McGrath informed the Board the Wildlife Commission has total authority for wildlife laws and that the Board of Commissioner does not have the authority to pass local laws.

Anthony Rogers, concerned citizen, also spoke concerning the problems local landowners incur with hunters using dogs to run deer, hunters trespassing, and wildlife officials not being available when needed.

Chairman McHugh noted the possibility of a town meeting with wildlife officials in order address the problems.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-SHERIFF’S DEPT.-SAFE SCHOOLS/HEALTHY STUDENTS OFFICER

Lt. Junior Palmer, Sheriff’s Dept. requested the Board’s approval to establish a School Safety Officer position. Lt. Palmer explained the Stokes County Public Schools had obtained a Federal Grant which includes a School Safety Officer which will spend time in eleven elementary schools and Meadowbrook School. The grant is for a (3) three-year period which has no County funding. At the end of the grant period, if there is no other grant funding, the position will be eliminated.

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion for the School Safety Officer.

Commissioner Inman moved to approve the School Safety Officer.

Commissioner Mabe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY-BUDGET CUTS

Chairman McHugh noted the following proposed budget cuts for Social Services:

Social Work Supervisor III	100%	Services Supervision	\$35,080
Income Maint. Caseworker II	90%	Medicaid/Admin 10% Special Asst/Admin	\$25,174
Income Maint. Supervisor III	100%	Income Maintenance Superv.	\$37,423
Income Maint. Supervisor I	100%	Income Maintain Admin.	\$32,948
Income Maint. Caseworker II	100%	Food Stamp Prog. Admin.	\$24,505
Office Support III	100%	Administration	\$17,021

Freeze Open Positions.

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to the proposed budget cuts for Social Services.

Vice Chairman John Turpin moved to eliminate the Social Services’ positions in order to help balance the budget.

Commissioner Joe Turpin seconded the motion.

Commissioner Mabe noted this information was not available when agenda was delivered and should not be included in this agenda.

The motion carried (3-2) with Commissioners Mabe and Inman voting against the motion.

Commissioner Joe Turpin moved to make the eliminated positions in Social Services effective January 31, 2003 and as well freeze all open position that are currently available in that department.

Vice Chairman John Turpin seconded the motion.

The motion carried (3-2) with Commissioners Mabe and Inman voting against the motion.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY-EMS LIQUIDATION

County Manager Greer requested the liquidation of EMS Invoice #0204768 in the amount of \$355.47, which was incurred by John O. Lee who was incarcerated at the Stokes County Jail.

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to liquidate EMS Invoice.

Commissioner Joe Turpin moved to liquidate EMS Invoice #0204768 in the amount of \$355.47.

Vice Chairman John Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY-PROPOSED ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF SR 1437, LUM HALL ROAD

County Manager Greer presented a proposal submitted by NC Department of Transportation to abandon a portion of SR 1437, Lum Hall Road, from the Secondary Road System.

Manager Greer noted the recent problems incurred when abandoning a secondary road.

Marvin Cavanaugh expressed concerns in abandoning any portion of a road referring to the recent abandonment of a portion of Old Sheppard Mill Road.

Chairman McHugh moved to take no action this at present, advertise a Public Hearing for the January 27th meeting to receive citizen input concerning the proposed abandonment of a portion of Lum Hall Road, and to obtain any additional information available from DOT.

Commissioner Joe Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY-FEBRUARY PLANNING MEETING

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins requested the Board's approval for the February 4th Planning Meeting to be held at the Stokes Rockingham Vol. Fire Department in Pine Hall, NC.

Vice Chairman John Turpin moved to hold the planning/zoning meeting on February 4th at the Stokes Rockingham Vol. Fire Department at 7:00pm.

Commissioner Inman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-HEALTH DEPARTMENT-SWII POSITION

County Manager Greer submitted a request from Health Director Steve Smith to unfreeze the Social Worker II position for the Family Care Coordination program which includes Child Service/Maternal Care. This position has no county funding and is supported entirely from the reimbursements associated with the services.

Chairman McHugh moved to postpone consideration of this request until discussion with the Health Department concerning budget cuts and how this position would be effected.

Vice Chairman John Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY-PROPOSED PLANNING RETREAT

County Manager Greer requested input from the Board concerning a Planning Retreat for the Board.

Commissioner Mabe moved to approve February 1st beginning 8:30 am for a Planning Retreat for the Board.

Commissioner Inman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-E911-COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

County Manager Greer submitted a proposal to establish a temporary position titled Communications Coordinator to help provide the needed services for this vital position in the Communications Department. The position would be under the Sheriff's Dept. and would exist until July 1, 2003. This proposal would save county funding, provide day-to-day needed supervision, and provide a contact person for the radio systems upgrade project currently underway. At the end of this period, a permanent Communications Director would be named.

Sheriff Mike Joyce noted the job would be posted and hired by the Review Board in the Sheriff's Department. Major James Joyce would oversee this position.

Christi Fulp, E911 Supervisor, requested that the Board allow the Communications Department to stand alone as one department, save County funding by not creating a temporary position, and allow the department to continued as it has in the past.

Lucille Wall, Telecommunicator, requested that the Board allow the Communications Department to remain a separate department.

Tammy Whitner and Terri Isbell, Telecommunicators, spoke in favor of the Communications Department being able to remain as a separate department.

Marvin Cavanaugh, concerned citizen, requested that instead of using the Sheriff's Dept. Review Board, use a panel that consist of one member from EMS, Communications, Sheriff's Dept., the County Manager, and another person.

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion concerning the proposal.

Commissioner Mabe moved to deny the request submitted by County Manager Greer and leave the department as is.

Commissioner Joe Turpin seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Joe Turpin moved to approve the supervisor in the Communications Department to serve as Interim Director and allow the position to be posted and hired by the County Manager.

Vice Chairman John Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Joe Turpin moved to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Joe Turpin withdrew the motion.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY-COMMISSIONERS' SCHEDULE

Clerk to the Board Darlene Bullins requested the approval for the July 14th Commissioners' meeting to be held in the Lawsonville area.

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to approve the July 14th meeting to be held in the Lawsonville area.

Vice Chairman John Turpin moved to approve the July 14th meeting to be held in the Lawsonville area with the place to be designated at a later date.

Commissioner Joe Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Inman moved to adjourn meeting.

Commissioner Joe Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Darlene Bullins
Clerk to the Board

Sandy McHugh
Chairman

