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The **Board of Commissioners** of the County of Stokes, State of North Carolina, met in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Administrative Building, located in Danbury, North Carolina, on **Monday, February 10, 2003, at 7:00 pm** with the following members present:

Chairman Sandy McHugh  
Vice-Chairman John Turpin  
Commissioner Howard Mabe  
Commissioner Leon Inman  
Commissioner Joe Turpin  
  
Craig Greer, County Manager  
Darlene Bullins, Clerk to the Board

Chairman McHugh called the meeting to order.

John Whitworth, Westfield, NC delivered the invocation.

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

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

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT –GOVERNING BODY-APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to approve or amend the minutes of the January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting and February 1<sup>st</sup> Board Retreat.

Commissioner Mabe moved to approve the minutes of the January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting and February 1<sup>st</sup> Board Retreat.

Commissioner Joe Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following citizen spoke to the Board:

**Brad Newsome**  
1055 Pine Ridge Road  
King, NC 27021

**Topic: Tax on Chicken House**

Mr. Newsome expressed concerns over the recent discovery that taxes had not been levied on chicken houses during the past two years (taxes had been levied on the equipment inside the chicken houses).  
Mr. Newsome stated the main concern was not the issue of paying the taxes on the chicken houses, but receiving a tax bill stating that it must be paid within 30 days.  
Mr. Newsome requested the Board allow the chicken house owners to be allowed to have until December 31, 2003 to pay the additional taxes without penalties and interest.

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT-E911 COMMUNICATIONS - UPDATE**

Interim E911 Communications Director Christi Fulp updated the Board concerning the day-to-day operation of the E911 Communications Center.

Ms. Fulp reported that there were 35, 978 (911 calls) ran during 2002. There has been 2,512 (911 calls) during January 2003. Ms. Fulp noted that since January 13<sup>th</sup>, communication with Sheriff Mike Joyce, Fire Marshal Brad Cheek, Fire Association, EMS Director Ricky Tuttle, Walnut Cove PD, and King PD to discuss any concerns or suggestions to help better serve the citizens of Stokes County.

An update on the Radio System by RCS revealed today (2-10-03) that FCCA has approved the sharing of frequencies and estimated to be up and running within 90 days.

#### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT-SENIOR SERVICES - UPDATE**

Accounting Technician II Lynn Martens updated the Board concerning Senior Services, which has been operating in Stokes County for 26 years. Ms. Martens expressed the importance of 55 volunteers who help delivered the following services:

- Congregate Meals Program (Walnut Cove, Francisco, & King)
- Home Delivered Meals Program (traveled 51,273 miles since July 1, 2002)
- Transportation Program
- Information & Assistance Program
- Senior Health Insurance Information Program
- Walnut Cove Senior Center

#### **Other Services:**

- o Senior Information Day (Health & Wellness)
- o NC Senior Tar Heels Cards
- o Elderly Legal Referrals
- o Piedmont Plus Senior Games
- o Operation Heat Relief
- o Health Promotion Activities
- o Volunteer Opportunities

Ms. Martens concluded that the Senior Services' mission is to provide comprehensive and timely services to the seniors of Stokes County to ensure they remain independent for as long as possible and to improve or maintain their quality of life.

#### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT-VEHICLE MAINTENANCE - UPDATE**

Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor Elwood Mabe and Support Service Supervisor Danny Stovall discussed vehicles that are assigned to each specific department within the County; outside agencies that purchase fuel/tires from the County; seized vehicles; and vehicle maintenance/fuel records.

Mr. Mabe concluded with information concerning the impoundment lot; the value of the rollback maintained by the department; and routine preventive maintenance inspection/repair done on vehicles.

#### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT-HEALTH DEPARTMENT-BUDGET ISSUES**

Health Director Steve Smith informed the Board that the February 6<sup>th</sup> Board of Health meeting adjourned prematurely due to inclement weather conditions. The Board is scheduled to meet again on March 20<sup>th</sup> to further discuss possible budget reductions.

The Board of Health voted unanimously on the 6<sup>th</sup> to revert the Board's stipend for Board of Health meetings back to the County for the remaining of this fiscal year.

Director Smith also noted the vacancy on the Home Health Advisory Committee. The vacancy requires the appointment to be a member from the Board of Commissioners.

#### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT-HEALTH DEPT.-BUDGET AMENDMENT #34**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #34, which is necessary appropriate funds from insurance claim of damaged vehicles.

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to approve Budget Amendment #34.

Commissioner Joe Turpin moved to approve Budget Amendment #34.

Commissioner Inman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>DECREASE</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Insurance Claims	100.3839.850 \$	141.00

#### **EXPENDITURES**

**Health Department**

Maintenance & Repairs Autos 100.5100.351 \$ 141.00

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT-HEALTH DEPT.-BUDGET AMENDMENT #35**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #35, which is necessary to unappropriate funds in the Health Department for the reduction of two staff from 80% to 60%.

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to approve Budget Amendment #35.

Commissioner Mabe moved to approve Budget Amendment #35.

Commissioner Joe Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL FUND		INCREASE	DECREASE
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Fund Balance	100.3991.000		\$ (4,099.00)

**EXPENDITURES**

**Health Department**

Salaries & Wages	100.5100.000		\$ (3,706.00)
Social Security	100.5100.090		\$ (233.00)
Medicare Tax	100.5100.091		\$ (53.00)
Retirement	100.5100.100		\$ (70.00)
BB&T 401(k)	100.5100.101		\$ (37.00)

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT-JCPC-BUDGET AMENDMENT #36**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #36, which is necessary to inappropriate funds due to a cut Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention funds and a transfer of funds.

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to approve Budget Amendment #36.

Commissioner Mabe moved to approve Budget Amendment #36.

Vice Chairman John Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL FUND		INCREASE	DECREASE
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council	100.3301.263	\$ 1,665.00	
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Fund Balance	100.3991.000		\$ (383.00)

**EXPENDITURES**

**Special Appropriation**

Juvenile Services	100.5830.692		\$ (1,660.00)
Step One	100.5830.691		\$ (1,071.00)
Stokes/Friends of Youth	100.5830.690		\$ (1,072.00)
NWPCOG	100.5830.694		\$ (4,000.00)
Stokes/Friends of Youth	110.5830.690	\$ 1,665.00	

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT-FINANCE-BUDGET AMENDMENT #37**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #37, which is necessary to appropriate funds from insurance claims for damaged vehicles and lightning damage.

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to approve Budget Amendment #37.

Commissioner Joe Turpin moved to approve Budget Amendment #37.

Vice Chairman John Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL FUND	INCREASE	DECREASE
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Insurance Claims	100.3839.850 \$	19,839.00
 <b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
<b>Sheriff's Department</b>		
Maintenance & Repairs Autos	100.4310.351 \$	1,871.00
<b>Vehicle Maintenance</b>		
Maintenance & Repairs Equipment	100.4250.350 \$	108.00
<b>Emergency Medical Services</b>		
Maintenance & Repairs Autos	100.4370.351 \$	17,310.00
<b>Solid Waste</b>		
Maintenance & Repairs Equipment	100.4720.350 \$	550.00

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT-HEALTH DEPT.-BUDGET AMENDMENT #38**

Finance Director Julia Edwards submitted Budget Amendment #38, which is necessary to inappropriately fund for the Board of Health meeting.

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to approve Budget Amendment #38.

Chairman McHugh moved to approve Budget Amendment #38.

Commissioner Mabe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL FUND	INCREASE	DECREASE
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Fund Balance	100.3991.000	\$ 1,650.00
 <b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
<b>Health Department</b>		
Travel	100.5100.310	\$ (1,650.00)

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY – RESOLUTION SUPPORT OF VILLAS ON MAIN**

Commissioner Inman requested the Board's approval to adopt the Resolution to support the Villas on Main Housing Project, which was rejected by the Surry County Housing Consortium due to miscalculation of figures.

Commissioner Inman noted the housing project is a \$250,000 low interest loan @2% which would be in the proximity of the Walnut Cove Senior Center.

County Manager Greer noted the Board had supported this project last year.

Commissioner Inman concluded that there would be no County obligation for funding.

Commissioner Joe Turpin moved to adopt the Resolution to Support Villas on Main.

Commissioner Inman seconded and the motion carried (4-1) with Vice Chairman John Turpin voting against the motion.

Commissioner Inman read the Resolution:

**RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FOR THE COUNTY OF STOKES  
IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED  
IN SUPPORT OF VILLAS ON MAIN**

**WHEREAS**, the **Board of Commissioners** for the **County of Stokes** is aware that affordable housing for Seniors within our county is much needed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board further acknowledges that Walnut Cove and the proximity to the Walnut Cove Senior Center is a desirable location for

such housing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has reviewed the Villas on Main project and finds it to be a highly attractive and extremely functional plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board understands that a \$250,000 low interest loan @ 2% from the Surry County Housing Consortium would allow a \$4,300,000 project to continue and save on reduced financing costs for the project,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the **Stokes County Board of Commissioners** does hereby lend its wholehearted support and requests that the Surry County Housing Consortium approve the request from the Rural Initiative Project, Inc. for the Villas on Main project.

**ADOPTED** by **THE STOKES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of **February, 2003**.

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**Sandy McHugh**  
Chairman

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**Darlene Bullins**  
Clerk to the Board

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY – RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STATE ASSUMPTION OF LOCAL SHARE OF MEDICAID**

Chairman McHugh introduced and read a Resolution submitted by Michael Bennett Supporting State Assumption of Local Share of Medicaid.

Finance Director Julia Edwards noted that this year's budget amount of \$1,550,000 had already expended \$783,313.31 as of December 31, 2002.

Chairman McHugh moved to adopt the Resolution State Assumption of Local Share of Medicaid.

Commissioner Mabe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION  
SUPPORTING STATE ASSUMPTION OF  
LOCAL SHARE OF MEDICAID**

**WHEREAS**, the Counties' share of Medicaid reimbursements in North Carolina has increased tremendously in the past few years; and

**WHEREAS**, forty-eight states do not require County contributions to Medicaid; and

**WHEREAS**, local budgets have been adversely affected by recent decisions by the Governor to withhold reimbursements due to cities and Counties, effectively depleting fund balances; and

**WHEREAS**, demands on local governments to fund County infrastructure, public schools, community colleges and other public facilities and services have grown, thus creating an increased burden on ad valorem taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina General Assembly passed legislation to allow Counties to raise sales taxes by one-half cent, but this was, at best in most cases, revenue neutral; and

**WHEREAS**, the increase in ad valorem taxes discourages the location of new business and industry to North Carolina.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the **Board of Commissioners** of the **County of Stokes** does hereby petition the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina to support a plan to phase out County contributions to Medicaid for all Counties in the State of North Carolina.

Adopted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of **February 2003**.

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**Sandy McHugh**  
Chairman

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**Darlene Bullins**  
Clerk to the Board

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.

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**Darlene Bullins**  
Clerk to the Board

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**Sandy McHugh**  
Chairman