

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS  
STOKES COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
DANBURY, NORTH CAROLINA  
JUNE 9, 2003

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Stokes, State of North Carolina, met in regular session in Courtroom "A" Government Center Complex, located in Danbury, North Carolina, on Monday, June 9, 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

Darlene Bullins, Clerk to the Board

Chairman McHugh called the meeting to order and 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.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Chairman McHugh called the Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2003-04 Proposed County Budget to order.

Chairman McHugh spoke to the audiences concerning the Public Hearing for the Proposed Fiscal Year 2003-04 County Budget stating that all individuals would be allowed to speak.

The following individuals spoke to the Board concerning the proposed 2003/04 County Budget:

**Dr. Ron Carroll** King, NC  
Comment: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education.

**Dan Wolber** Danbury, NC  
Comment: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education.

**Gerald Jones** Pinnacle, NC  
Comment: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education.

**Ramona Stewart** Germanton, NC  
Comment: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education  
(handout given to Board concerning school budget) –raise taxes if needed.

**Jo Ann Collins** King, NC  
Comment: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning mental health.

**Kevin Fisher** King, NC  
Comment: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education.  
Requested resignation of Interim County Manager.

**Lucy Cavendish** King, NC  
Comment: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education.  
Raise taxes if needed.

**Lydia Blume** King, NC  
Comment: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education.  
Requested resignation of Interim County Manager

**Stanley E. Smith** King, NC  
Comment: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education.  
Concerned about designating hold harmless funding.

**Robert Money** King, NC  
Comment: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education.  
Requested resignation of Interim County Manager.

**Raymond Key** King, NC  
Comment: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning funding for disabled and handicapped students.

**Ann Brown** King, NC  
Comment: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education.  
Requested resignation of Interim County Manager.

**Sarah Brown** King, NC  
Comment: Student – Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education.  
Requested resignation of Interim County Manager.

**Raymond Hall** King, NC  
Comment: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education.

**Pam Moore** King, NC  
Comment: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education.  
Requested resignation of Interim County Manager and Chairman to the Board of Commissioners.

**James Meachum** Westfield, NC  
Comment: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education.  
Requested resignation of Interim County Manager.

**Debbie Cromer** Germanton, NC  
Comment: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education.

**Aleta Lilly** Germanton, NC  
Comment: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education, disabled and handicapped students. Allow Board of Education to determine schools' funding.

**Diana Smith** King, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education.  
Requested resignation of Interim County Manager and Chairman of Board of County Commissioners.

**Jim Devenng** Pinnacle, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education and Boards work together.

**Mary Baker** King, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education, requested resignation of Interim County Manager, and no new taxes.

**Todd Martin** King, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education and requested the resignation of Interim County Manager.

**Joy Rutledge** King, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education and requested the resignation of Interim County Manager.

**Jessica Stump** King, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education and requested the resignation of Interim County Manager and Chairman of Board of Commissioners along with resignation of Commissioners John and Joe Turpin.

**Jim Smith** King, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education and allow Board of Education to determine schools' funding.

**Steve Smith** King, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning the Stokes Family Health Center stressing cuts could close the doors.

**Lillian Abbott** Walnut Cove, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education, DSS, mental health, and allowing Board of Education to determine schools' funding.

**Earl Voss** King, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education and allow Board of Education to determine schools' funding.

**Richard Newsome** King, NC  
Comments: Opposed for charging of the school facility to be used by SCYBL. Also presented handout concerning SCYBL statistics and cost. Opposed cuts in education.

**Vicki Baker** King, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education.

**S. Leroy Smith** Walnut Cove, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education and allow Board of Education to determine schools' funding.  
Opposed cuts in mental health.

**Louise Priddy** Danbury, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education especially the Sims Program.

**Ken Seiver** Germanton, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education and elderly.

**Linda Hicks** Pine Hall, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education, DSS, and health-family planning.

**Virginia Townshend** Walnut Cove, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education and allow Board of Education to determine schools' funding.

**Pam Fulp** Danbury, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education and allow Board of Education to determine schools' funding.

**Jane Williams** Walnut Cove, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education and allow Board of Education to determine schools' funding and also addressed cuts in arts, recreation, and DSS.

**Tim Flinchum** King, NC  
Comments: Recent high school graduate – Requested Board to look at all options before raising taxes. Some families in Stokes County live pay check to pay check.

**Theresa Edwards** King, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education.

**Susan Durant** Clemmons, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education.

**Amy Harris** King, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education and requested the resignation of Interim County Manager.

**Joan M. White** Walnut Cove, NC  
Comments: Presented the Board with a petition with approximately 147 signatures of citizens who were unable to attend due South Stokes Baseball Team in State Finals.  
Petition requests support of recommended budget submitted by Board of Education to be fully funded.

**Ken Ballard** King, NC  
Comments: Opposed budget cuts in the education and supports Stokes County Schools.

**Gwen Fletcher** King, NC  
Comments: Opposed budget cuts in education and fire departments. Needs new industries in Stokes County to help budget.

**Bonnie O. Tuttle** Walnut Cove, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education and allow Board of Education to determine schools' funding

**Iris Mudd** Madison, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education and allow Board of Education to determine schools' funding

**Reba C. Elliott** King, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in education and DSS.

**Beth Berry** Madison, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in education, DSS, and family planning.

**P. J. Cash** King, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education.  
Raise taxes if needed, opposed cuts in DSS budget.

**Gina Brown** King, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education.

**Lonnie Bowman** Walnut Cove, NC  
Comments: Suggested a possible bond referendum for schools, increase taxes to provide services. Employ a grant writer for obtaining new funding sources.

**Gerald Spagh** Walnut Cove, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education and allow Board of Education to determine schools' funding.

**Janet Hall** King, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education and allow Board of Education to determine schools' funding.  
Community effort needed for the County.

**Pam Hall** King, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education.

**Darlene Lawless** Sandy Ridge, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education, health, and DSS.  
Allow Board of Education to determine spending needs for schools.

**Pat Erickson** King, NC  
Comments: Opposed budget cuts in education and fire departments. Requested resignation of Interim County Manager. Allow Board of Education to determine spending needs for schools.

**Randolph Pickell** King, NC  
Comments: Opposed budget cuts in education and requested resignation of Interim County Manager.

**Russell Slate** Lawsonville, NC  
Comments: Opposed budget cuts in education.

**Roger Tucker** Lawsonville, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education particularly in Sims Program and support staff for schools.

**Randall Russell** King, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education and recommended tax increases to help funds schools.

**Tim P Sands** Pinnacle, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education and allow Board of Education to determine schools' funding.

**Paula Jennings** King, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education and allow Board of Education to determine schools' funding.

**Fran Newsome** King, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education and allow Board of Education to determine schools' funding.  
Supported Dr. Carroll's recommended budget.

**Linda K. Lane** King, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education.

**Mickey Browder** Westfield, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning the best interest for the citizens of Stokes County, especially the children of the County.

**Carolyn Byerly** King, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in proposed budget concerning education, children, elderly, low income families and DSS.

**Sherry Crews** King, NC  
Comments: Support of Board of Education's recommended school budget. Allow the Board of Education to determine schools' funding.  
Do not support funding of supplements unless all groups are considered.

**Margaret Burnette** Madison, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in proposed budget concerning education and DSS.  
Support needed services for children with learning disabilities and medical conditions.

**Dwight Springthorpe** Pinnacle, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education and allow Board of Education to determine schools' funding.  
Find ways to collect delinquent taxes.

**Kim Wilkinson** King, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education, DSS, and fire departments.

**Sharon O'Connor** King, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education especially for students with learning disability and medical conditions.

**Marvin Cavanaugh** Danbury, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education. Requested the Board to re-examine expenditures being tied to hold harmless funding.

**Daniel Crawford** Mount Airy, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education.

**Barbara Anderson** King, NC  
Comments: Opposed budget cuts in education and DSS. Requested resignation of Commissioners McHugh, John and Joe Turpin.

**Rev. Jim Baldwin** King, NC  
Comments: Opposed cuts in the proposed budget concerning education, elderly, and low-income families. Suggested the county come together as a whole for the best interest of the citizens of the County.

**Sherri A. Smith** Walnut Cove, NC

Comments: Opposed budget cuts in education. Requested resignation of Commissioners McHugh, John and Joe Turpin.

**Deanne Moore** King, NC

Comments: Opposed budget cuts in education in the proposed budget. Supports the best for the students and try to attract new businesses to the County.

**Billy Joyce** Meadows, NC

Comments: Opposed recent terminations of county employees, opposed proposed budget cuts to DSS, health, and education. Support Board of Education determining schools' funding. Requested the majority of the Board's resignation.

**Jimmy Via** Walnut Cove, NC

Comments: Opposed budget cuts in education in the proposed budget.

**Jayson Duncan** Pine Hall, NC

Comments: Opposed budget cuts in education in the proposed budget.

**David Martin** Lawsonville, NC

Comments: Opposed budget cuts in education in the proposed budget.

**Amy Musten** Danbury, NC

Comments: Opposed budget cuts in education in the proposed budget. It takes more than a teacher to run a school – it takes a community.

**Jonathan Tuttle** Walnut Cove, NC

Comments: Opposed budget cuts in education in the proposed budget.

**Hannah Orr** King, NC

Comments: Student - Opposed budget cuts in education in the proposed budget. Decisions effect the lives of the children of the County.

**Rebecca Newsome** King, NC

Comments: Recent high school graduate. Opposed budget cuts in education in the proposed budget. Boards should work together.

**Brittney Palmer** King, NC

Comments: Student – Supports the proposed school budget submitted to the County.

**Suzanne Shabdue** Westfield, NC

Comments: Opposed budget cuts in proposed budget concerning Health and Education. Preventive care saves money. Requested resignation of Commissioners McHugh, John and Joe Turpin.

**Sally Scott Armstrong** Danbury, NC

Comments: Opposed budget cuts in proposed budget concerning education.

**Josh Cook** Germanton, NC

Comments: Concerned whether there is the experience needed in the county government to prepare the county budget.

**Mark Twain Bullins** Walnut Cove, NC

Comments: Supports public education and opposes budget cuts in education. Public education is strong in Stokes County and believes anything can be destroyed by over regulation and under funding. Using hold harmless funding earmarked to Public Education is irresponsible.

**Jack Tally** Germanton, NC

Comments: Opposed budget cuts in the proposed budget concerning education and request resignation of interim county manager. Children are our future and education top priority.

**Kevin McCorkle** Walnut Cove, NC

Comments: Supports education in Stokes County. Opposes budget cuts in education in proposed county budget.

**April Moran** Walnut Cove, NC

Comments: Opposes budget cuts in education in proposed county budget and supports tax increase if needed.

**Brad Newsome** King, NC

Comments: Opposed budget cuts in education and health department in proposed budget.

**Colon Moore** King, NC

Comments: Supports Boards working together and Board of Education determining schools' needs and funding.

**Jim Mitchell** King, NC

Comments: Supports tax increase for education and tax incentives for new businesses. Opposed cuts in education.

**William Les Collins** King, NC

Comments: Supports tax increase if needed. Supports paid firefighters for County. Work together for all the citizens of the County.

**Karen O. Ring**

Danbury, NC

Comments: Opposes budget cuts in education in proposed county budget and supports Boards working together. Board members are elected to serve the people. Supplements should be given to all employees not just specific groups.

**Marilyn Willard**

Teacher

Comments: Opposed budget cuts in education in proposed county budget.

**Marsha Dunn**

Germanton, NC

Comments: Opposes budget cuts in education in proposed county budget.

**Joe Southern**

King, NC

Comments: Opposes budget cuts in education in proposed county budget. Board of Commissioners responsible for education for all children in Stokes County.

**Thomas Scott**

Comment: Opposes budget cuts in education in proposed county budget and supports more vocational education in the schools.

**Darlene Hartwig**

Walnut Cove, NC

Comments: Opposes budget cuts in education, DSS and Health in proposed county budget.

Chairman McHugh adjourned the Public Hearing and recessed the meeting to reconvene immediately in the Commissioners' Chambers, Administrative Building, Second Floor.

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

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to approve or amend the minutes of the May 27th and May 30th meetings.

Commissioner Joe Turpin moved to approve the minutes of the May 27<sup>th</sup> and May 30<sup>th</sup> meetings.

Commissioner Inman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following citizen spoke to the Board:

**P. J. Cash**

King, NC

Comments: Opposes budget cuts in education in proposed county budget.

**Joe Southern**

King, NC

Comments: Opposes budget cuts in education in proposed county budget..

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT –SOLID WASTE-SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT THREE YEAR UPDATE**

Public Works Director Jay Kinney presented an overview of the plan, which is prepared in accordance with NC General Statute 130-A309.09A (b) for the purpose of meeting local solid waste needs and protecting public health and the environment.

Director Kinney noted the following planning area goals:

1. To provide everyone in the community with waste disposal capacity, waste collection services, and waste reduction opportunities.
2. To increase the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the solid waste program.
3. To meet the established local waste reduction goals.
4. To decrease improper waste disposal.
5. To protect public health and the environment.

Solid Waste Management Plan for Stokes County (July 2003- July 2013) maintained in Public Buildings' Department and Clerk to the Board's office.

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT- SHERIFF'S DEPT.- BUDGET AMENDMENT #82**

Finance Director Julia Edwards requested the approval of Budget Amendment #82, which is necessary to appropriate fund for insurance claim for accident.

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to approve Budget Amendment #82.

Vice Chairman John Turpin moved to approve Budget Amendment #82.

Commissioner Joe Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>DECREASE</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Insurance Claims	100.3839.850	\$ (10,078.38)	

**EXPENDITURES**

Sheriff's Department			
Maintenance & Repairs-Auto	100.4310.351	\$ 10,078.38	

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT- SHERIFF'S DEPT.- BUDGET AMENDMENT #83**

Finance Director Julia Edwards requested the approval of Budget Amendment #83, which is necessary to un-appropriate funds from state fines and forfeitures for donations for drug operations.

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to approve Budget Amendment #83.

Commissioner Mabe moved to approve Budget Amendment #83.

Vice Chairman John Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>DECREASE</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
State Fines & Forfeitures	100.3301.413	\$ 10,000.00	

**EXPENDITURES**

Sheriff's Department			
Drug Operations	100.4310.520	\$ (10,000.00)	

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT- VEHICLE MAINT.'S DEPT.- BUDGET AMENDMENT #84**

Finance Director Julia Edwards requested the approval of Budget Amendment #84, which is necessary to transfer funds from Capital Reserve for fuel tank improvements at the Garage.

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to approve Budget Amendment #84.

Commissioner Mabe moved to approve Budget Amendment #84.

Commissioner Joe Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>DECREASE</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Transfer from Capital Reserve	100.3982.960	\$ (1,700.00)	

**EXPENDITURES**

Vehicle Maintenance			
Improvements	100.4250.590	\$ 1,700.00	

**CAPITAL RESERVE**

Vehicle Maintenance	201.4250.006		\$ (1,700.00)
Transfer to General Fund	201.9810.000	\$ 1,700.00	

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT- FINANCE DEPT.- BUDGET AMENDMENT #85**

Finance Director Julia Edwards requested the approval of Budget Amendment #85, which is necessary to transfer funds from Hold Harmless to refinancing proceeds for the refinancing of the principle payment on the general obligation debt payment for June and also appropriating funds for cost of refinancing.

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to approve Budget Amendment #85.

Commissioner Inman moved to approve Budget Amendment #85.

Vice Chairman John Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>DECREASE</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Refinancing Proceeds	100.3920.910	\$ (1,300,000.00)	
Hold Harmless	100.3327.100		\$1,300,000.00
Fund Balance-Appropriated	100.3991.000	\$ (7,608.00)	
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Debt Services			
Refinancing GO-Service Charges	100.9100.570	\$ 7,608.00	

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY - APPOINTMENT YVEDDI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS – ALTERNATE MEMBER**

The Board voted on submitted nominees Ms. Sylvia Jessup and Mr. James Dawson to serve as alternate member for the YVEDDI Board of Directors.

Chairman McHugh polled the Board.

The Board voted 3-2 for Mr. James Dawson to serve as Alternate Member for the YVEDDI – Board of Directors.

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY - APPOINTMENT NURSING HOME COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

There were no nominees for the appointment.

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY - APPOINTMENT BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS – ALTERNATE MEMBER**

There were no nominees for the appointment

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY - APPOINTMENT BOARD OF HEALTH – ENGINEER MEMBER**

The Board voted on submitted nominees Mr. Martin Page and Mr. Norman Clifford to serve on the Board of Health.

Chairman McHugh polled the Board.

The Board voted 3-2 for Mr. Martin Page to serve on the Board of Health.

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY – APPOINTMENT CHILD FATALITY PREVENTION TEAM**

Vice Chairman John Turpin moved to approve the appointment of Donna Wishon to serve on the Child Fatality Prevention Team.

Commissioner Mabe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY - APPOINTMENT NORTHEAST STOKES VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.  
–LOCAL FIREMEN’S RELIEF FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Commissioner Mabe moved to approve the appointment of Crystal Dodson to serve on Northeast Stokes Volunteer Fire Department Rescue Squad Inc. –Local Firemen’s Relief Fund Board of Trustees.

Commissioner Joe Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Mabe moved to recess the meeting until Wednesday, June 11, 2003 at 6:00pm.

Commissioner Inman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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**Darlene Bullins**  
Clerk to the Board

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**Sandy McHugh**  
Chairman