

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)	OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS
)	STOKES COUNTY GOVERNMENT
COUNTY OF STOKES)	DANBURY, NORTH CAROLINA
)	AUGUST 25, 2003

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, August 25, 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.

Finance Director Julia Edwards 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 August 5th and the August 11th meetings.

Commissioner Inman moved to approve the minutes of the August 5th and the August 11th meetings.

Commissioner Mabe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following citizens spoke to the Board:

Linda Hicks
 1130 Rock Road
 Pine Hall, NC 27042
Topic: Stokes County Budget Fiscal Year 2003-04 (Hold Harmless Funding)

Ms. Hicks requested that the \$1,136,285.65 hold harmless funding that had been received by the County, but not yet allocated, be used for Human Services agents-Mental Health, DSS, Health Department, and Stokes Opportunity Center.

Sharon Bullins
 1314 Snow Hill Church Road
 Danbury, NC 27016
Topic: Centerpoint

Ms. Bullins spoke on behalf of the mentally and disabled adults and children in Stokes County. Ms. Bullins requested funding for Centerpoint to be able to staff qualified individuals for the Stokes Opportunity Center.

Dot Snipes
 Friendship Road
 Germanton, NC 27019
Topic: Additional Funding for Centerpoint

Ms. Snipes spoke on behalf of Centerpoint Mental Health. Ms. Snipes requested that \$300,000 be allocated from hold harmless funding to be used at the Stokes Opportunity Center.

Selwyn Matthews

1638 Sauratown Road
Germanton, NC 27019

Topic: Hold Harmless Funding – County Budget

Ms. Matthews requested that the Board reconsider the amount of funding that has already been budgeted for Social Services, Health Department, and for the folks in Stokes County who are suffering. Ms. Matthews requested that hold harmless funding be used to help these citizens of Stokes County.

Debra Cody

1557 Old Fulp Road
Danbury, NC 27016

Topic: Request for Additional Funding –Stokes Opportunity Center

Ms. Cody requested additional funding for Centerpoint to help fund the Stokes Opportunity Center. Ms. Cody expressed appreciation to Commissioner Mabe for his recent visit to the Stokes Opportunity Center. Additional funding is needed for the Stokes Opportunity Center for state requirements, which require (1) one supervisor per 10 clients.

Wanda Bennett

1060 Jones Road
King, NC 27021

Topic: Centerpoint

Ms. Bennett requested funding for Centerpoint, Senior Services, Social Services, and the Health Department. Ms. Bennett requested hold harmless funding be used for these four agencies that have a “dire” need for funding to provide services.

Krista Simmons

1477 Brown Mountain Road
Westfield, NC 27053

Topic: Centerpoint

Ms. Simmons spoke on behalf of her special brother who attends Stokes Opportunity Center and receives services provided by Centerpoint. Ms. Simmons invited any member of the Board who has not visited the Stokes Opportunity Center to please visit the Center to see first hand the services provided by the Stokes Opportunity Center. Ms. Simmons also spoke on the services provided by YVEDDI to the clients at the Stokes Opportunity Center.

Fredricka Cecile

1741 Marshall Smith Road
King, NC 27021

Topic: Fiscal Year 2003-04 County Budget

Ms. Cecile expressed concerns pertaining to the fiscal year 2003-04 County Budget and the cuts that had been made to Human Services-Centerpoint, Social Services, Senior Services, and the Health Department and other appropriations to the Sheriff's Department, Schools, Fire/Rescue, and the Jail. Ms. Cecile also expressed concerns over state and federal funding that could be possibility lost due to budget cuts. Ms. Cecile requested hold harmless funding be used for agencies that budgets have been cut.

Sherri Simmons

2126 Asbury Road
Westfield, NC 27053

Topic: Fiscal Year Funding-Stokes Opportunity Center

Ms. Simmons spoke on behalf of her brother who has attended the Stokes Opportunity Center for the past (17) seventeen years. Ms. Simmons requested additional funding for the Stokes Opportunity Center.

Kathy Kay

1000 Roy Lawson Road
Westfield, NC 27053

Topic: Fiscal Year Funding-Stokes Opportunity Center

Ms. Kay echoed the comments of her sister, Ms. Sherri Simmons, concerning the Stokes Opportunity Center.

Ms. Traci Royal

110 Misty Court

King, NC 27021

Topic: Stokes Opportunity Center

Ms. Royal spoke on behalf of the citizens of Stokes County with special needs. Ms. Royal requested that all citizens of Stokes County be treated equally. Ms. Royal stressed the importance of the Stokes Opportunity Center and requested the Board give assistance to those who are in need.

Ms. Jo Ann Collins

221 Whispering Creek Drive

King, NC 27021

Topic: ARC (Advocacy group for Mentally Handicapped)-Stokes Opportunity Center

Ms. Collins requested additional funding for mental health to provide services for Stokes Opportunity Center and Centerpoint. Ms. Collins stressed the need for funding for the Stokes Opportunity Center.

Ms. Jan Vernon

1567 Stewart Road

Walnut Cove, NC 27052

Topic: Stokes Opportunity Center

Ms. Vernon stressed the importance of the Stokes Opportunity Center and the need for the Center for Stokes County residents. Ms. Vernon expressed appreciation to Commissioner Mabe for the recent visit to the Center. Ms. Vernon requested additional funding to assure that the Stokes Opportunity Center maintains the same level of service that it currently provides to the residents of Stokes County.

Chairman McHugh reiterated to the citizens in attendance that there was no effort being made by the Stokes County Board of Commissioners to close the Stokes Opportunity Center. The County is currently in negotiations with Centerpoint to work out performance standards. The Board has committed to keep the Stokes Opportunity Center as it currently functions.

Commissioner Mabe commented on the recent visit to the Stokes Opportunity Center and the services provided by the staff to the clients who attend the Center. Commissioner Mabe also expressed the Board's commitment to keeping the Stokes Opportunity Center open.

Mr. John Bellow

1904 Bud Tilley Road

Pinnacle, NC 27043

Topic: Youth Center

Mr. Bellow requested funding for a Youth Center for the children of the northeast section of Pinnacle. Mr. Bellow stated that 443 Stokes County residents had signed a petition requesting a Youth Center for the community. Mr. Bellow did not present the petition to the Board. Mr. Bellow stressed the need for the children who have no place to go. Mr. Bellow requested the Board's commitment to join the community to provide a Youth Center.

Commissioner Joe Turpin commented on a possible Youth Center to be placed near Pinnacle in the near future.

Everette Boley

1964 Bud Tilley Road

Pinnacle, NC 27043

Topic: Youth Center

Mr. Boley stressed the need for a Youth Center for the community to help the children.

Styfon Barr

2032 Bud Tilley Road

Pinnacle, NC 27043

Topic: Youth Center

Mr. Barr stressed the need for a Youth Center for the community, which has grown rapidly. Mr. Barr requested the Board's assistance for help to establish a Youth Center.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT- STOKES-ROCKINGHAM VOL. FIRE DEPT.- PROCLAMATION- "FILL THE BOOTS DAYS"

Chairman McHugh presented the Proclamation- "Fill the Boots Days" on behalf of the Stokes-Rockingham Vol. Fire Department who annually works with the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Ms. Kim Kaufmann, MDA, was unable to attend the meeting.

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to approve the submitted Proclamation-"Fill the Boots Days" for Stokes-Rockingham Vol. Fire Dept. (September 4-6, 2003).

Vice Chairman John Turpin moved to approve the submitted Proclamation-"Fill the Boots Days" for Stokes-Rockingham Vol. Fire Dept. (September 4-6, 2003).

Commissioner Inman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Stokes-Rockingham Volunteer Fire Department will be working with the Muscular Dystrophy Association in their fight against neuromuscular disease; and,

WHEREAS, the Stokes-Rockingham Volunteer Fire Department will spend many hours collecting money on the streets for the MDA "Fill-the-Boot" campaign; and,

WHEREAS, Firefighters locally and nationally are the largest contributor to the MDA, collecting more than 16 million dollars in 2002 to help fight the forty-three neuromuscular diseases associated with the MDA.

THEREFORE, I, **Sandy McHugh**, Chairman of the Stokes County Board of Commissioners, and on behalf of Stokes County, do hereby proclaim **September 4, 2003** through **September 6, 2003** as:

STOKES-ROCKINGHAM VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT "FILL THE BOOT DAYS"

Adopted this 25th day of August 2003.

Sandy McHugh
Chairman

Darlene Bullins
Clerk to the Board

Ms. Vicki Hanes, Stokes Rockingham Vol. Fire Dept. accepted the Proclamation on behalf of Stokes Rockingham Vol. Fire Department.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-TAX ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Tax Administrator Wren Carmichael requested the Board's approval for July 2003 Itemized Releases (real and personal) in the amount of \$2,467.38.

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to approve July 2003 Itemized Releases (real and personal) in the amount of \$2,467.38.

Commissioner Mabe moved to approve July 2003 Itemized Releases (real and personal) in the amount of \$2,467.38.

Commissioner Joe Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Tax Administrator Wren Carmichael requested the Board's approval for July 2003 Motor Vehicle Releases in the amount of \$3,135.65.

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to approve July 2003 Motor Vehicle Releases in the amount of \$3,135.65.

Commissioner Joe Turpin moved to approve July 2003 Motor Vehicle Releases in the amount of \$3,135.65.

Vice Chairman John Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Tax Administrator Wren Carmichael requested the Board's approval to Refund Emma Lou Southern Mabe in amount of \$885.74.

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to approve the requested Refund for Emma Lou Southern Mabe in amount of \$885.74.

Commissioner Mabe moved to approve the requested Refund for Emma Lou Southern Mabe in amount of \$885.74.

Commissioner Mabe noted that there was no relation- Mabe.

Vice Chairman John Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Tax Administrator Wren Carmichael requested the Board's approval to Refund First American Real Estate in amount of \$456.34.

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to approve the requested Refund for First American Real Estate in amount of \$456.34.

Commissioner Joe Turpin moved to approve the requested Refund for First American Real Estate in amount of \$456.34.

Commissioner Inman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Tax Administrator Wren Carmichael requested the Board's approval to Refund Matt Dodson in amount of \$97.95.

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to approve the requested Refund for Matt Dodson in amount of \$97.95.

Commissioner Mabe moved to approve the requested Refund for Matt Dodson in amount of \$97.95.

Vice Chairman John Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Tax Administrator Carmichael informed the Board that as of August 25th, the Tax Department had collected \$4,136,374.74 since July 1, 2003. Tax Administrator Carmichael expressed his appreciation to the dedicated staff of the Tax Department.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY-STOKES COUNTY TOURISM COUNCIL-APPOINTMENTS

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to approve the nominations presented to Board at August 11th meeting or submit any further nominations to serve on the Stokes County Tourism Council.

Vice Chairman John Turpin nominated Ron Simmons –Farmers' CoOp-King.

Commissioner Joe Turpin nominated Tom New – Forrest Games -Danbury, NC.

Commissioner Inman moved to approve the following nominations presented at the August 11th meeting to serve on the Stokes County Tourism Council:

Last Name	First Name	Industry Sector	Representing
Allen	Joan	Food and Beverage	Danbury General Store
Barley	Dean	Events and Conferences	The Vineyard Camp
Bullins	Mark	Travel Trade	JD Cruises & Tours
Cavanaugh	Marvin	Citizens at Large	Northeast
Charleville	Jane-Priddy	Attractions	Priddy General Store
Clifford	Ron	Citizens at Large	Southwest
Cox	Todd	Public	King Planning Department
Fulk	Pat	Events and Conferences and Northwest	Wade Fulk Tours
Giroux	Sara	Events and Conferences	Arts Council
Hill	Sam	Events and Conferences	Silk Bouquets
Hoskins	Dave	Accommodations	Southwyck Farm
Hylton	Michael	Public	Cooperative Extension
Jolly	Jon	Sport/Recreation	Hanging Rock Outdoor Center
Landreth	Carolyn	Attractions	One Way Architectural Antiques
Meadows	Gareath	Public	Historical Society
Morgan	Ron	Public	Economic Development
Nichols	Wade	Public	Heritage Tourism
Reid	Sharon	Attractions	The Herb Merchant
Simpson	David	Attractions	Germanton Vineyard & Gallery

Commissioner Joe Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Ron Simmons and Tom New can be considered at the September 8th meeting.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT–GOVERNING BODY-AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD -APPOINTMENTS

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to approve the following nominations presented to the Board at the August 11th meeting to serve on the Agricultural Advisory Board :

Agricultural Advisory Board

Township

Name	
Big Creek Township	Grant
Christian	
Quaker Gap Township	Michael
Joyce	
Yadkin Township	Robert
P. Lindsay	
Snow Creek Township	Manley
Stovall	
Peters Creek/Danbury Township	Mark Pendleton
Meadows/Sauratown Township	Dale Hartman
Beaver Island Township	Tommy
Durham	

Commissioner Mabe moved to approve the submitted nominations for the Agricultural Advisory Board. Commissioner Joe Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT–SHERIFF’S DEPT.-BUDGET AMENDMENT #7

Finance Director Julia Edwards requested the approval of Budget Amendment #7 which was originally requested to transfer funds for two additional positions to be shared by the Sheriff’s Dept. and the Jail. The positions will be Bailiff/Transportation Officers.

Chairman McHugh informed the Board that Sheriff Mike Joyce had requested that only one position –Bailiff/Transportation Officer be budgeted at the present time. A revised Budget Amendment #7 for only one position was submitted to the Board to replace the original Budget Amendment #7, which was included in the agenda package.

Chairman McHugh moved to approve the revised Budget Amendment #7 for the one Bailiff/ Transportation Officer.

Commissioner Inman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL FUND	INCREASE	DECREASE
EXPENDITURES		
Sheriff's Department		
Salaries & Wages	100.4310.000 \$ 8,865.00	
Social Security	100.4310.090 \$ 550.00	
Medicare Tax	100.4310.091 \$ 130.00	
Retirement	100.4310.100 \$ 425.00	
5% 401(k) County Share	100.4310.102 \$ 450.00	
	INCREASE	DECREASE
Contingency	100.9910.000	\$ (10,420.00)

GENERAL GOVERNMENT–FINANCE-GRANTS- BUDGET AMENDMENT #8

Finance Director Julia Edwards requested the approval of Budget Amendment #8 which is necessary to appropriate unspent funds from fiscal year 2002-03 for grants.

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to approve Budget Amendment #8.

Commissioner Inman moved to approve Budget Amendment #8.

Commissioner Mabe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GRANT FUND		INCREASE	DECREASE
REVENUES			
Scattered Site Housing Rehab.	203.3301.004	\$ (311,700.00)	
Hazard Mitigation Grant	203.3301.007	\$ (9,764.00)	
Division of Emergency Management	203.3301.008	\$ (11,525.00)	
EOC Grant	203.3301.009	\$ (1,785.00)	
Rural Internet Access Grant	203.3301.005	\$ (48,640.00)	
Fund Balance	203.3991.000	\$ (47,937.00)	
		\$ (431,351.00)	
EXPENDITURES			
Emergency Management			
Departmental Supplies	203.4330.260	\$ 400.00	
Office Supplies	203.4330.261	\$ 1,540.00	
Travel	203.4330.310	\$ 259.00	
Telephone & Postage	203.4330.320	\$ 136.00	
Printing	203.4330.340	\$ 300.00	
Equipment	203.4330.510	\$ 10,485.00	
Equipment-Non Capitalized	203.4330.511	\$ 9,954.00	
Farmer's Market			
Misc. Contractual Services	203.4760.440	\$ 47,937.00	
Scattered Site Housing			
Departmental Supplies	203.4910.260	\$ 1,165.00	
Travel	203.4910.310	\$ 1,000.00	
Postage	203.4910.330	\$ 800.00	
Printing	203.4910.340	\$ 1,500.00	
Advertising	203.4910.370	\$ 1,920.00	
Misc. Contractual Services	203.4910.440	\$ 31,260.00	
Misc. Contractual Services	203.4911.440	\$ 18,000.00	
Misc. Contractual Services	203.4912.440	\$ 256,055.00	
Economic Development			
Schools	203.4920.441	\$ 48,640.00	
		\$ 431,351.00	

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-HEALTH DEPT.- BUDGET AMENDMENT #9

Finance Director Julia Edwards requested the approval of Budget Amendment #9 which is necessary to appropriate funds from the State for Bioterrorism to purchase a lab computer and printer.

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to approve Budget Amendment #9.

Commissioner Mabe moved to approve Budget Amendment #9.

Vice Chairman John Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GRANT FUND	INCREASE	DECREASE
REVENUES		
Bioterrorism Grant	203.3301.255	\$ (3,000.00)
EXPENDITURES		
Health Department		
Equipment Non Capitalized	203.5100.511	\$ 3,000.00

GENERAL GOVERNMENT–EOC- BUDGET AMENDMENT #10

Finance Director Julia Edwards requested the approval of Budget Amendment #10 which is necessary to appropriate grants funds from the Division of Emergency Management for the review and revision of Stokes County's Emergency Plan, electrical, network, and telephone work for the EOCenter. Budget Amendment #10 also appropriates funding from the American Red Cross for the EOCenter construction.

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to approve Budget Amendment #10.

Commissioner Inman moved to approve Budget Amendment #10.

Commissioner Joe Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GRANT FUND	INCREASE	DECREASE
REVENUES		
Division of Emergency Management	203.3301.008	\$ (28,140.00)
Division of Emergency Management	203.3301.008	\$ (10,809.00)
EOC-American Red Cross	203.3301.009	\$ (500.00)
EXPENDITURES		
Emergency Management		
Maintenance & Repairs Buildings	203.4330.352	\$ 11,309.00
Misc. Contractual Services	203.4330.440	\$ 28,140.00

GENERAL GOVERNMENT–SHERIFF'S DEPT- BUDGET AMENDMENT #11

Finance Director Julia Edwards requested the approval of Budget Amendment #11 which is necessary to appropriate funds from the State Fines and Forfeitures for the difference in the purchase price of 10 guns that are being traded in.

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to approve Budget Amendment #11.

Commissioner Mabe moved to approve Budget Amendment #11.

Vice Chairman John Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL FUND	INCREASE	DECREASE
REVENUES		
State Fines & Forfeitures	100.3301.413	\$ (600.00)
EXPENDITURES		
Sheriff's Department		
Departmental Supplies	100.4310.260	\$ 600.00

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-FINANCE-PROJECTED FUND BALANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003

Finance Director Julia Edwards informed the Board that the undesignated fund balance for fiscal year 2002-03 is estimated to be \$1,867,347, which would be 5.92%. Last year's final audit fund balance was 3.56%. A final fund balance will be presented to the Board upon completion of the audit. Finance Director Edwards stated that the fund balance could possibly change due to ending audit entries for the fiscal year.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-LIQUIDATION OF EMS/JAIL CHARGE

Jail Captain Craig Carico requested the approval for liquidation of the following EMS charges for an inmate who was incarcerated at the Stokes County Jail: (Due to the recent Privacy Act- names of individuals are not allowed to be revealed)

Date of Call – March 20, 2003 \$355.47

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to approve the liquidation of the requested EMS charge.

Commissioner Mabe moved to approve the liquidation of the requested EMS Invoice dated March 20, 2003 in the amount of \$355.47.

Commissioner Inman seconded and the motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Joe Turpin voting against the motion.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-STOKES COUNTY SCHOOLS-ADM PROJECT

Chairman McHugh presented a request from Superintendent Ron Carroll for approval to allow the Stokes County Schools to delete the replacement of the roof of "D" Building at South Stokes High School and use the ADM funding (\$105,000- ADM funds of \$78,750 and local match of \$26,250) for a replacement of a roof on the "T&I" Building at South Stokes High School.

After a review of the school systems' roofing needs with an architectural consultant, the Operations Department concluded that the "T&I" Building is a higher priority need. The Stokes County Board of Education took official action to delete South Stokes "D" Building roof replacement from the Capital Outlay Budget and to substitute South Stokes "T&I" Building roof replacement as an ADM Project with no change in funding.

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to approve the Stokes County Schools' ADM Funding request –replacement of the roof of the "T&I" Building instead of the "D" Building at South Stokes High School.

Commissioner Inman moved to approve the request submitted from the Stokes County Schools for ADM funding- replacement of roofs-South Stokes.

Commissioner Mabe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-COOPERATIVE EXTENSION-BONUS/LEAVE REQUEST

Chairman McHugh presented a request from Jeffrey Boyles, Cooperative Ext. to approve County participation for 2003-04 Legislative Granted Bonuses for the staff members of the Cooperative Extension Agency. The State of North Carolina General Assembly's final budget for 2003-2004 approved a provision for two bonuses to State employees: a one-time \$550 bonus and an annual leave bonus of 80 hours. Each member of the Cooperative Extension staff would receive a \$550 one-time bonus who is on the payroll as of October 1, 2003. The county would be responsible only for the county's share of the amount of the \$550 bonus and of the 80 hours leave bonus.

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to approve the one-time bonus of \$550 for each member of the Cooperative Extension Agency who is on the payroll as of October 1, 2003.

Commissioner Mabe moved to approve the one-time bonus of \$550 for the members of the Cooperative Extension Agency who are on the payroll as of October 1 2003.

Vice Chairman John Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to approve the 80-hour annual leave bonus for the members of the Cooperative Extension staff.

No motion was made pertaining to the request to approve the 80-hour annual leave bonus for the members of the Cooperative Extension staff.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT- OPTIONAL COVERAGE RELOCATION BENEFITS POLICY –CDBG-SCATTERED SITE HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM-RESOLUTION

Mr. Richard Zamani, Scattered Site Housing Administrator , requested the approval of the Board to provide optional coverage relocation benefits for Stokes County residents being served by the Stokes County CDBG Scattered Site Housing Rehabilitation Program.

Mr. Zamani stated that this would allow the following options for Stokes County residents whose homes are determined to be in a condition to dilapidated to be economically feasible to rehabilitate and would be demolished:

Find three homes equal to or better to their existing home.Demolish the home and replace with another home.

Mr. Zamani requested the Board's approval of the following Optional Coverage Relocation Plan Resolution for Stokes County, North Carolina in order to be able to assist a Tuttle family located on the Seven Island Bridge Road:

**OPTIONAL COVERAGE RELOCATION PLAN RESOLUTION
STOKES COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

A Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of an Optional Coverage relocation Plan for the Stokes County Community Development Block Grant Program.

Be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Stokes County, North Carolina, That:

WHEREAS, Stokes County is participating in the Community Development Block Grant Program under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, administered by the North Carolina Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the relocation of individuals and families is an eligible activity under this program,

WHEREAS, Stokes County has been allocated funds under Title 1 of the housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

WHEREAS, it is the objective, spirit and intent of the Community Development Block Grant to achieve the revitalization of neighborhoods through the improvements of housing conditions for low and moderate income citizens; and

WHEREAS, the rehabilitation of some dwellings units is so extensive that The work cannot be accomplished without temporarily dislocating the residents from their properties; and

WHEREAS, some occupied dwelling units are unfit for human habitation, financially and structurally no feasible rehabilitation, and require demolition; and

WHEREAS, it is often undesirable to permanently dislocate some residents from their properties, change their status from homeowners to tenants, or increase their financial burden for housing costs, and

WHEREAS, Section 105(a)(11) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, permits a CDBG grantee to design and administer an "Optional Coverage" relocation program which can provide benefits to displaces of dilapidated units which are subject to removal through local code enforcement activities (without real property acquisition), voluntary demolition, or provide assistance to residents that are temporarily dislocated from their properties, and

WHEREAS, such relocation benefits must be utilized by the qualified recipient to obtain standard housing, cover moving expenses and related costs for those individuals displace by grant activities, and

WHEREAS, and Optional Relocation Plan has been prepared and had been reviewed by the Board of Commissioners of Stokes County, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire for Stokes County to foster such worthy objectives with the Community Development Block Grant Program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Stokes County, North Carolina herby adopt the attached policy of Optional Coverage Relocation Plan, as Set forth in Section 105(a)(11) of the Housing and Community development Act of 1974, as amended. Such plan is to cover any and all financial obligations incurred during any necessary relocation of affected citizens.

Adopted this **25th** day of **August 2003**.

Sandy McHugh, Chairman
Stokes County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Clerk To the Board

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to approve the Optional Coverage Relocation Plan Resolution for Stokes County, North Carolina.

Commissioner Inman moved to approve Optional Coverage Relocation Plan Resolution for Stokes County, North Carolina.

Commissioner Mabe seconded and the motion carried 3-2 with Vice Chairman John Turpin and Commissioner Joe Turpin voting against the motion.

Mr. Zamani stated that the \$400,000 Grant has a remaining balance of \$270,000 with 3 homes just being approved by the State, which would exhaust an additional, estimated \$160,000 and two remaining bids for homes, which would exhaust the remaining funding which ends September 15, 2003.

Mr. Zamani requested guidance from the Board concerning reapplication to the State for the Scattered Site Housing Rehabilitation Program for the upcoming three years.

Planning and Community Development Director David Sudderth informed the Board that a Public Hearing would need to be held before any decision could be made by the Board.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNING BODY – CLOSED SESSION

Chairman McHugh moved to enter closed session to consider the performance and conditions of appointment of an individual public employee pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11.

Vice Chairman John Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board reconvened to the regular meeting of August 25, 2003.

The September 8th meeting will be at the Mountain View Community Center-Slate Road-King, NC.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Inman moved to recess the meeting until Friday, September 5, 2003 at 8:30 am.

Commissioner Mabe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Darlene Bullins
Clerk to the Board

Sandy McHugh
Chairman