

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF STOKES

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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS
STOKES COUNTY GOVERNMENT
DANBURY, NORTH CAROLINA
NOVEMBER 24, 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, November 24, 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

County Manager Richard Morris
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 November 10th meeting.

Commissioner Joe Turpin moved to approve the minutes of the November 10th meeting.

Commissioner Mabe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at the November 24th meeting.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-HEALTH DEPARTMENT –PROPOSED COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER-CONSULTANT

Health Director Steve Smith and Ms. Sandra Priddy – Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital presented information to the Board concerning the proposed Community Health Center, which has identified partners – Baptist Hospital and Novant Health who believe this one component an appropriate model of health care for Stokes County for the future.

All partners involved believe that a consultant who has expertise in this type of grant writing proposal would be very beneficial. Estimates for a consultant range from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

Director Smith requested the Board's consideration in participating with the cost of a consultant for this proposal by sharing a third of the cost. The consultant being considered is from North Carolina, an expert in this field with 15 years of experience, submitted a cost of \$10,000 for a complete grant proposal, and would be available the first of December 2003. The proposal is due by the first of May 2004 with feedback about the approval/disapproval being returned to the County by the middle of July 2004. Director Smith concluded that a Board of approximately 15 members would be formed for the project. There are now approximately 70 Community Health Centers in North Carolina with the closest one to Stokes County being located in Caswell County.

Commissioner Inman moved to approve the County proceed with the hiring of the recommended consultant at a cost of approximately \$3333 for the County's share.

Commissioner Mabe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT–ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT- PROPOSED NC CIVIL WAR TRAILS PROJECT-PERMISSION FOR TEMPORARY EASEMENT/ENTRY AGREEMENT

Economic Development Director Ron Morgan presented information for the proposed North Carolina Civil War Trails Project. The North Carolina Division of Tourism is a partner with the Department of Cultural Resources, the Department of Transportation, and the Virginia Civil War Trails, Inc. The North Carolina Civil War Trail will feature distinctive directional signs that lead travelers to sites where they will find large interpretive signs with an explanation of the time and significance behind the individual location. Director Morgan proposed to include Moratock Iron Furnace. The County's cost of participating is a fee of \$1,100 for the initial sign development and placement at the Moratock Iron Furnace. The fee will be matched by \$4,400 in federal funds through the North Carolina Department of Transportation. A \$220 annual maintenance fee will provide insurance coverage against damage to the sign due to accident or natural wear and tear, which includes replacement if necessary. Director Morgan concluded that funds for this proposed NC Civil War Trails Project which will include Moratock Iron Furnace were available in this fiscal year's 2003/04 Economic Development budget.

Director Morgan requested the Board's approval (landowner) for Permission for Temporary Easement/Entry Agreement, which grants the North Carolina Division of Tourism, Film and Sports Development and its contractors the right to enter upon the portion of County property and to install and maintain a historical marker as part of the North Carolina Civil War Trails Project.

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to grant the Permission for Temporary Easement/Entry Agreement with the North Carolina Division of Tourism, Film and Sports Development and its contractor.

Commissioner Mabe moved to approve the Permission for Temporary Easement/Entry Agreement Permission for Temporary Easement/Entry Agreement with the North Carolina Division of Tourism, Film and Sports Development and its contractor for the North Carolina Civil War Trails Project – Moratock Iron Furnace Application.

Vice Chairman John Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Permission for Temporary Easement/Entry Agreement

Permission is hereby granted this 24th day of **November, 2003**, by:

COUNTY OF STOKES

P.O. Box 20, Danbury, North Carolina 27016

to the North Carolina Division of Tourism, Film and Sports Development and its contractors to enter upon that portion of my/our land to install and maintain a historical marker as part of the North Carolina Civil War Trails project. I/we understand that I/we will be contacted prior to said installation and that I/we will have the final authority as to the marker's placement and location.

I/we understand that I/we have the right to be compensated for the use of my/our property, and I/we am/are waiving that right for the purpose of installing a Civil War Trail marker on my/our property.

I/we understand that NC Division of Tourism, Film and Sports Development or its contractors will maintain the marker as long as it remains on my/our property, and that the marker will be removed at anytime in the future if so requested by me/us or my/our successors.

Landowner Signature
Chairman
Board of Commissioners

NC Division of Tourism, Film
and Sports Development Representative

Witness Signature
Clerk to the Board

Witness Signature

This Agreement has been approved as to form and legal sufficiency.

County Attorney

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-PUBLIC WORKS-STOKES COUNTY WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT-REVIEW OF NEEDED REPAIRS

Public Works Director Jay Kinney presented information to the Board concerning the Stokes County Wastewater Treatment Facility, which was constructed in 1994. The Treatment Facility serves the Town of Danbury, Governmental Complex, Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital, and the Jail. Steve Cavanaugh was the original plant design engineer. Director Kinney presented a handout that detailed improvements that are needed at the facility. The following met at the Treatment Facility on November 18th to discuss the needed repairs as recommended by R&A Labs, which operates the treatment plan on a contract basis and is responsible for permit compliance operation as well as routine preventative maintenance activities:

Stokes County

Jay Kinney - Public Works Director
Bill Tesh – Maintenance Supervisor

Cavanaugh and Associates

Steve Cavanaugh

R&A Labs

Dennis Hodge
Richard Jenkins

Director Kinney concluded that the issue had been taken to the Stokes County Water and Sewer Authority, which had no available funding for the needed repairs.

Mr. Dennis Hodge, R&A Labs-Director of Field Services, discussed the following recommendations for needed repairs that continue to cause operational problems at the Waste Treatment Plant:

1. Replace deteriorated air lines and diffusers in the aeration basin and equalization basin.
2. Raise and stabilize and/or replace the sludge return lines. The cantilevered pipe supports are deflecting to the point where the lines are too close to the floor of the tank, which is causing frequent plugging.
3. Replace influent equalization pump with air lift type pumps. The treatment facility is experiencing serious clogging problems with these pumps due to the nature of the incoming waste.

Mr. Hodge concluded with an estimated cost of \$10,500 for the above three items. Although this is a significant cost, the cost of continued operational problems, frequent emergency repairs, and potential fines for permit violations will far exceed this amount if none of the needed repairs are done.

Mr. Steve Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh & Associates, also commented on the recommendations, the cost of stainless steel piping, and the needed routine maintenance to sustain the useful life of the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Chairman McHugh, with full support of the Board, requested County Manager Rick Morris to check on bidding specifications for this project, County's available funding, follow up on the County's responsibility for routine maintenance for the Waste Treatment Plant, and submit a recommendation at the December 8th meeting.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY-SEPARATION ALLOWANCE-LAW ENFORCEMENT

Captain Al Tuttle, Sheriff's Department, requested the Board review the option of rehiring retired law enforcement officers who are being paid a Separation Allowance by the County. The separation allowance must be paid for each officer who has: **(GS 143-166.42)**

- Completed (30) thirty or more years of "creditable service" or attained 55 years of age and completed five or more years of "creditable service; and
- Not attained 62 years of age; and
- Completed at least five years of continuous service as a law enforcement officer immediately prior to service retirement

Captain Tuttle noted the additional need for bailiffs with the new additional courtroom, the upcoming murder trial in January 2004 expected to be 3 months, and the need for transport officers. Captain Tuttle also noted that by rehiring a retiree, the County receives a trained officer, an officer that already has uniforms, an officer with knowledge of the courtroom system, and the availability of a retiree is more flexible. Captain Tuttle concluded this would be a very tremendous savings for the County.

Chairman McHugh noted that a recent survey of 14 surrounding counties revealed the following:

- o Two (2) counties who allow retirees to return to work in the office or jail
- o Two (2) counties who only allow retirees to return for emergencies
- o Eight (8) counties who do not allow retirees to return to work
- o One (1) county that has never been approached by retirees to return to work
- o One (1) county that allows retirees to return as a sworn deputy

County Attorney Tyrone Browder stated that the "gray areas" exists in the North Carolina General Statute 143-166.42 (Special Separation Allowances for Local Officers) which defines that the payment to a retired law enforcement officer shall cease upon the first day of re-employment with local government; but also defines that the governing body for each unit of local government shall be responsible for making determinations of eligibility for their retired officers. Attorney Browder noted the discrepancy between the reemployment with a local government and the responsibility of the governing body for making determinations of eligibility. Attorney Browder had confirmed his findings with Attorney Diane Jeffries- Institute of Government. The separation allowance is funded solely by the County.

Attorney Browder recommended that if the Board chooses to rehire retirees being paid a separate allowance, such as in the case of the upcoming murder trial, it would be cost effective on a short-term basis or an emergency basis. Attorney Browder noted that if the Board chose to rehire retirees being paid a separation allowance and a suit was filed against the County, the retiree would be responsible for paying back any separation allowance that was declared illegal. Attorney Browder concluded that rehiring retirees could set a bad precedent for the County considering the retiree is already being paid a special separation allowance by the County.

Chairman McHugh suggested the possibility of having the retiree sign an agreement that states the conditions that if a suit was filed against the County, the retiree would be responsible for paying back any separation allowance that was declared illegal. Attorney Browder and Captain Tuttle, along with the Board agreed this would make all parties aware of the possible conditions of being rehired while receiving the separation allowance.

Commissioner Inman moved to approve the motion to authorize Captain Tuttle to hire Mr. Parks who is receiving a separation allowance for the upcoming Surry County murder trial.

Vice Chairman John Turpin seconded the motion.

The Board discussed the motion of approving a specific individual, approving a specific time, and approving on an emergency basis.

Commissioner Inman amended his original motion to allow the Sheriff to hire a retired officer who is receiving separation allowance to come back part time as a bailiff transport officer adhering to all the rules thereof for the upcoming Surry County murder trial.

Vice Chairman John Turpin amended his second to the original motion.

The Board discussed the issue of allowing the Sheriff to hire more than one officer who is receiving separation allowance.

Commissioner Inman amended his amended motion to allow the Sheriff to hire retired officers who are receiving separation allowance to come back part time as a bailiff transport officer adhering to all the rules thereof for the upcoming Surry County murder trial.

Vice Chairman John Turpin amended his amended second.

The amended motion to allow the Sheriff to hire retired officers who are receiving separation allowance to come back part time as a bailiff transport officer adhering to all the rules thereof for the upcoming Surry County murder trial carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT–TAX ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Tax Administrator Wren Carmichael requested the Board's approval for the October 2003 Itemized Releases (real and personal) in the amount of \$2,214.51.

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to approve October 2003 Itemized Releases (real and personal) in the amount of \$2,214.51.

Vice Chairman John Turpin moved to approve October 2003 Itemized Releases (real and personal) in the amount of \$2,214.51.

Commissioner Joe Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Tax Administrator Carmichael requested the Board's approval for the October 2003 Motor Vehicle Releases in the amount of \$1,942.70.

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to approve October 2003 Motor Vehicle Releases in the amount of \$1,942.70.

Vice Chairman John Turpin moved to approve October 2003 Motor Vehicle Releases in the amount of \$1,942.70.

Commissioner Joe Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Tax Administrator Carmichael requested the refund approval for James & Rena Johnson in the amount of \$17.73.

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to refund James & Rena Johnson in the amount of \$17.73 due to landowner was being charged for a well-the property did not have a well on the property.

Vice Chairman John Turpin moved to refund James & Rena Johnson in the amount of \$17.73.

Commissioner Inman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Tax Administrator Carmichael updated the Board with the following collection information concerning the Tax Management Associates (TMA Audit Tax) and the (Poultry houses and hog farms discovered):

	Total Billed	Balance Due
TMA Audit Tax		
\$219,875.07	\$2,480.83	
Poultry houses/hog farms discovered	\$15,624.67	\$1,341.88

Tax Administrator Carmichael also noted the need for the Board to consider budgeting funding each year for future Revaluations for software/hardware and the future cost of the current Tax Administration software which will be obsolete in 2005/06.

EQUIPMENT REQUEST – Hewlett Packard Printer

Tax Administrator Carmichael requested the Board's approval to purchase a Hewlett Packard Color Laser Jet 5500 DTN Printer at a cost of \$5400. The existing printer in the Tax Office no longer operates in an efficient manner. The main function of this printer is to produce maps associated with the Revaluation process and to print Discovery and Adjustment Bills.

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to purchase the Hewlett Packard Color Laser jet 5500 DTN Printer.

Commissioner Joe Turpin moved to approve Budget Amendment #45 which is necessary to increase tax use value audits revenue for the purchase of a Hewlett Packard Color LaserJet 5500 DTN printer for use in the Tax Department.

Commissioner Inman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL FUND	INCREASE	DECREASE
REVENUES		
Tax Use Value Audits	100.3100.112	\$ 5,400.00
EXPENDITURES		

Tax Administration

Equipment

100.4140.510 \$ 5,400.00

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-SOCIAL SERVICES-DISCUSSION OF SERVING THE NEEDS-SOUTHWEST SERVICE CENTER

DSS Director Jan Spencer and Social Services Chairman Reba Elliott discussed serving the needs of Stokes County residents at the Southwest Service Center. Chairman Elliott present an overview of the time frame of the Southwest Service Center which has been in operation since 1988. DSS originally maintained staff in 1988 four days a week. In 1992, services were cut to two days a week. Chairman Elliott explained the present difficulties of providing staff at the Southwest Service Center due to staff cuts.

Chairman Elliott stated that the DSS Board along with the staff is seeking dialogue between the two Boards on how DSS can meet the needs of the clients in King and Danbury in this climate of personnel shortages.

DSS Director Jan Spencer stated due to staff shortages and vacancies, it is virtually impossible to provide service two days a week at the King office. DSS Director Spencer also noted the DSS high turnover rate, unqualified applicants applying for vacancies, and at least a 6 month training period before employees can be used at the King Office. DSS Director Spencer requested the Board's expectations of DSS in relation to serving the clients in the King office two days a week.

Chairman McHugh suggested Director Spencer use her best discretion as the Department Head to use the DSS staff the best way to provide the services.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY-GERMANTON PARK – APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT, BY LAWS, AND RULES- APPROVAL OF PARKS AND RECREATIONAL TRUST FUND

County Manager Rick Morris informed the Board that the new Management Agreement was in the legal review and requested the agenda item be delayed until the December 8th meeting.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-HEALTH DEPT.- BUDGET AMENDMENT #38

Finance Director Julia Edwards present Budget Amendment #38 which was tabled at the November 10th meeting, which is necessary to transfer funds to cover on call pay for after hours medical calls for the Health Department.

Health Director Steve Smith presented information concerning the on call pay which has been an expense for the Health Department since 1998. Insurance companies require after hours on call services as a component of their credentialing process. The only alternative other than using County employees is to use a professional triage phone service that could cost \$6,000 more per year based on the number of calls that had to be routed to a provider.

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

Commissioner Mabe moved to approve Budget Amendment #38.

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

GENERAL FUND	INCREASE	DECREASE
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EXPENDITURES

Health Department

On Call	100.5100.081	\$	1,125.00	
Professional Services	100.5100.180			\$ (1,125.00)

King Clinic

On Call	100.5191.081	\$	1,500.00	
Professional Services	100.5191.180			\$ (1,500.00)

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-SHERIFF'S/SOLID WASTE DEPTS.- BUDGET AMENDMENT #43

Finance Director Julia Edwards requested the approval of Budget Amendment #43 which is necessary to increase revenue from insurance claims for deer hitting a Sheriff's Department vehicle and lightning damage at the Solid Waste Transfer Station. Accident claims are paid by Sedgwick James Insurance Company for Stokes County.

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to approve Budget Amendment #43.

Commissioner Inman moved to approve Budget Amendment #43.

Commissioner Mabe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL FUND	INCREASE	DECREASE
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REVENUES

Insurance Claims 100.3839.850 \$ 9,360.00

EXPENDITURES

Sheriff's Department

Maintenance & Repairs Auto 100.4310.351 \$ 1,535.00

Solid Waste

Maintenance & Repairs Equipment 100.4370.350 \$ 7,825.00

GENERAL GOVERNMENT–SOCIAL SERVICES- BUDGET AMENDMENT #44

Finance Director Julia Edwards requested the approval of Budget Amendment #44 which is necessary increase revenue for TANF Domestic Violence funds from federal government for providing services to participants in the TANF Program. Transferring funds for after hour services by Social Services employees to qualify participants in the Medicaid CAP-DA and CAP-C Programs.

Chairman McHugh requested additional information concerning the additional wages being paid to current employees.

DSS Director Spencer stated that additional wages are being paid for one CAP worker for after hours and weekend work for the CAP Program due to the vacancies.

Chairman McHugh moved to table Budget Amendment #44 until the December 8th meeting.

Commissioner Mabe seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL FUND

INCREASE

DECREASE

REVENUES

Domestic Violence 100.3301.202 \$ 7,928.00

EXPENDITURES

Social Services

CAP-DA & CAP-C 100.5310.083 \$ 30,000.00

Professional Services-CAP-DA 100.5310.182 \$ 30,000.00

Public Assistance

Domestic Violence-TANF 100.5470.004 \$ 7,928.00

GENERAL GOVERNMENT–TAX ADMIN.-BUDGET AMENDMENT #45

Budget Amendment #45 carried unanimously. Approved during the Tax Administration Report.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT–EMS-HOMELAND SECURITY- BUDGET AMENDMENT #46

Finance Director Julia Edwards requested the approval of Budget Amendment #46 which is necessary to increase revenue from the State Homeland Security Grant for training, exercises, and equipment for the King Fire Department, King Police Department, Stokes County Emergency Communications, Stokes County Emergency Management, Stokes County Sheriff's Department, Stokes County Fire & Rescue Association, Stokes Reynolds Memorial Hospital and Walnut Cove Fire Department. Equipment, training, and expenses for exercises will be spent up front with a request for reimbursement.

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to approve Budget Amendment #46.

Vice Chairman John Turpin moved to approve Budget Amendment #46.

Chairman McHugh seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GRANT FUND

INCREASE

DECREASE

REVENUES

State Homeland Security Grant 203.3301.257 \$ 51,946.00

EXPENDITURES

Emergency Management

Travel	203.4330.310	\$	2,513.00
Misc. Contractual Services	203.4330.440	\$	7,548.00
Equipment-Non-Capitalized	100.4720.580	\$	41,885.00

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-LEGAL- BUDGET AMENDMENT #47

Finance Director Julia Edwards requested the approval of Budget Amendment #47 which is necessary to transfer savings from staff attorney's position for health insurance and travel expenses to purchase a computer for the staff attorney.

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to approve Budget Amendment #47.

Vice Chairman John Turpin moved to approve Budget Amendment #47.

Commissioner Joe Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL FUND		INCREASE	DECREASE
EXPENDITURES			
Health Insurance	100.4111.491		\$ 1,200.00
Legal			
Travel	100.4150.310		\$ 350.00
Equipment-Non-Capitalized	100.4150.511	\$ 1, 550.00	

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-SHERIFF'S DEPT.- BUDGET AMENDMENT #48

Finance Director Julia Edwards requested the approval of Budget Amendment #48 which is necessary to increase State Fines & Forfeitures revenue to cover overtime pay for part time employees and to purchase coats, hats, etc for officers.

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to approve Budget Amendment #48.

Commissioner Mabe moved to approve Budget Amendment #48.

Commissioner Joe Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL FUND		INCREASE	DECREASE
REVENUES			
State Fines & Forfeitures	100.3301.413	\$ 1,080.00	
EXPENDITURES			
Sheriff's Department			
Salaries & Wages-Overtime	100.4310.002	\$ 72.00	
Uniforms	100.4310.291	\$ 1,008.00	

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-PLANNING BOARD - APPOINTMENT

There no were nominations for the Planning Board from the Meadows Township.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-AGING PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS-APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Joe Turpin moved to appoint the following to serve on the Stokes County Aging Planning Committee: (nominated at the November 10th meeting)

- Rebecca Maser
- Cleo Covington
- Lou Charland
- Clinard Merritt
- Elizabeth McHone
- Ralph Mitchell
- Rachel Richardson
- Madalene Watkins
- Barbara Wright
- Kenneth Wright
- Helen Mallard
- Billy Greenwood
- Louise Flynt
- Lynn Martens
- Vicky East

Christine Green
Barbara Watkins
Margaret Avery
Sheriff's designee
DSS designee
Health Dept. designee

Vice Chairman John Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY-COMMUNITY CHILD PROTECTION TEAM

Chairman McHugh presented a request from DSS Director Jan Spencer for a replacement on the Community Child Protection Team (CCPT). Don George has recently resigned from the CCPT. The Board can submit nominees at the December 8th meeting.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT –GOVERNING BODY-SCATTERED SITE HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM-SELECTION COMMITTEE

Commissioner Mabe nominated Leonard Hicks to serve on the Selection Committee for the Scattered Site Housing Rehabilitation Program. Mr. Hicks can be considered at the December 8th meeting.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY-RESOLUTION -STOP LIGHT AT THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH MAIN & SIXTH STREET, WALNUT COVE

County Manager Rick Morris presented a proposed Resolution in Support of a new stoplight at the intersection of Main Street (US 311) and Sixth Street in Walnut Cove. Manager Morris noted the need for the new stoplight for safety concerns and for the possibility of a new CVS Drug Store at the intersection.

Commissioner Joe Turpin read the proposed Resolution.

Commissioner Joe Turpin also noted the new CVS Drug Store can help revitalize downtown Walnut Cove, help with traffic from London Elementary, and the incurred cost would be provided by CVS.

Chairman McHugh entertained a motion to approve the Resolution in Support of a New Stoplight at the Intersection of Main Street (US 311) and Sixth Street in Walnut Cove.

Commissioner Joe Turpin moved to approve the Resolution in Support of a New Stoplight at the Intersection of Main Street (US 311) and Sixth Street in Walnut Cove.

Vice Chairman John Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE COUNTY OF STOKES IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED
IN SUPPORT OF INSTALLATION OF A NEW STOPLIGHT AT THE INTERSECTION OF
MAIN STREET (US 311) AND SIXTH STREET IN WALNUT COVE, N. C.**

WHEREAS, the **Board of Commissioners** for the **County of Stokes** is aware of the need for a stoplight at the Main Street (U.S. 311) and Sixth St. intersection in Walnut Cove, N.C.; and

WHEREAS, the Board is also aware of major safety concerns at the intersection of Main Street (US 311) and Sixth Street in Walnut Cove that would be corrected by the addition of a stoplight at this intersection; and

WHEREAS, the Board is aware of the CVS Corporation's desire to build a new store at the intersection of Main Street (US 311) and Sixth street in Walnut Cove which could further add to the current safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the City of Walnut Cove's request for this stoplight and fully supports said request,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the **Stokes County Board of Commissioners** does hereby lend its wholehearted support and requests that the North Carolina Department of Transportation approve the installation of a new stoplight at the intersection of Main (US 311) Street and Sixth Street in Walnut Cove, N.C. as requested by the City of Walnut Cove.

ADOPTED by **THE STOKES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** this 24th day of November, 2003.

Sandy McHugh
Chairman

Darlene Bullins
Clerk to the Board

GENERAL GOVERNMENT-GOVERNING BODY-COUNTY PARADES

Chairman McHugh noted the following upcoming parades in the County:

City of King Christmas Parade – Saturday – December 6th –2:00 pm
2003 Walnut Cove Christmas Parade – Saturday – December 13th – 2:00 pm

The Board unanimously agreed to participate in the upcoming parades.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT –GOVERNING BODY-SURRY COMMUNITY COLLEGE REQUEST FOR SURPLUS AMBULANCES

County Manager Rick Morris presented the Board with a request from Kirk Killon, Director of Emergency Medical Program –Surry Community College who submitted a letter to the County interested in obtaining two ambulances that are no longer in use by the County. These ambulances would give Surry Community College an opportunity to more effectively train the providers of EMS, Rescue, and Fire Services and in the event of a major emergency, the surrounding counties would have access to the training ambulances that are maintained and stocked for use.

Manager Morris requested guidance from the Board concerning the donation or sale of these two surplus ambulances. General Statute 160A-274 allows the sale/transfer of these items to any city, county, school administration unit, etc. The estimated revenue at a county sale could range from \$1500 to \$2000 per ambulance.

Vice Chairman John Turpin requested Manager Morris to seek any arrangement for continuation education for Stokes County EMS personnel in lieu of donating/selling the surplus ambulances.

Chairman McHugh requested the Manager Morris return to the Board at the December 8th meeting with possible options for donating/selling the surplus ambulances.

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

Commissioner Joe Turpin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Darlene Bullins
Clerk to the Board

Sandy McHugh
Chairman